

Tentative Program of BPW International ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2018

“Empowering Women to Realize Sustainable Development Goals”

Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
29 October – 1 November 2018

(Last update: 12 August 2018)

Monday 29 October 2018	
10:00 – 20:00 hrs	Registration Open Venue: Lecture Hall of the Campus, Ground floor of Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	BPW International Asia-Pacific Presidents’ Meeting (invitation only) Venue: To be Announced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Message from Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Sub-regional Coordinators’ Plan & Reports Bid for venue of Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2021 Other Business Matters
18:30 hrs	The Opening of BPW APRC 2018 Trade Show (Tentative) Venue: MBK Center Locate 2 BTS stations from Grand Hyatt Erawan
Tuesday 30 October 2018	
7:00 – 16:00 hrs	Registration Open Venue: The Campus, Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel Ground Floor
8:00 – 10:00 hrs	Participants meet in Grand Ballroom to prepare for HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn arrival in accordance to Royal protocol.
10:00 – 11:40 hrs	Opening Ceremony Graciously presides by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Venue: Grand Ballroom
	Group Photo Session
11:40 – 12:40 hrs	Lunch in assigned restaurants/rooms in Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel
12:40 – 13:40 hrs	BPW Business Session I: Venue: Grand Ballroom Chair by: Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports from BPW International Executives

13:40 – 14:40 hrs	<p>Panel I: “Women Accelerating toward Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific” Venue: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Catherine Bosshart, BPW International Vice President for United Nations</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Porametee Vimolsiri, Permanent Secretary of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand • Dr. Amany Asfour, President of BPW International • H.H. Shaikha Dr. Hissah Saad AlAbdullah Alsaleem Alsubah, President of BPW Kuwait and President of Council for Arab Business women (TBC) • Ambassador Delia Domingo-Albert, former ASEAN Director General and the first Career Women Foreign Minister in Asia • Asia-Pacific Regional Director for UN Women (TBC)
14:40 hrs	Coffee Break served in the room
14:40 – 15:40 hrs	<p>Panel II: “The Keys to Open New doors for Business and Employment Opportunities for Women”</p> <p>Venue: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Moderator: Judith Van Unen, Past President BPW Australia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Natividad, President of Global Summit of Women • Arancha González, Chief Executive of International Trade Center • Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of BPW Bahrain • Dr. Cindy R. Pace, Ed.D., CPL, Assistant Vice President, Global Diversity & Inclusion, METLife
15:40 – 16:30 hrs	Buses depart Grand Hyatt Erawan to Siam Nirimitr
17:30 – 21:30 hrs	<p>Dinner and Cultural Show Venue: Siam Nirimitr</p> <p>Enjoy Thailand’s spectacular arts and cultural show (duration: 80 minutes without intermission). Also include buffet dinner and pre-show entertainment.</p> <p>Dress Code: Casual (bring scarf or sweater for air-condition theatre)</p>
Wednesday 31 October 2018	
8:00 – 10:00 hrs	Participants meet in Grand Ballroom to prepare for HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha arrival in accordance to Royal protocol.
10:00 – 11:00 hrs	<p>Keynote Speech:</p> <p>HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, UNODC’s Goodwill Ambassador on the Rule of Law for South East Asia</p>
11:00 – 11:30 hrs	Speech by Prime Minister of Thailand (TBC)
11:30 hrs	Coffee Break serves in the room

11:30 – 13:00 hrs	BPW Business Session II: Venues: Grand Ballroom Chair by Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Reports by presidents of BPW Affiliates in Asia-Pacific
13:00 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch in assigned restaurants/rooms in Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel
14:00 – 15:10 hrs	Panel III: “Green Growth Strategies for Better Business & Better World” Venues: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Amornwan Resanond, Manager of Low Carbon City Project, UNDP Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Turning Thai Industries Green”, Kesara Munchusree, President of Stock Exchanges of Thailand 2014-2018 “Reversing Climate Change with BioChar”, Rawya Mansour, President of RAMSCO and OASIS, Egypt “Successful Green Growth Strategies of Women leaders in Thailand”, Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Chair of BPW Thailand’s Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards 2014-2018
15:20 – 16:00 hrs	Buses leave Grand Hyatt Erawan for Cultural Tour
16:30 – 19:30 hrs	Cultural Tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exclusive visit to the National Museum of Thailand Reception hosts by Minister of Culture (TBC)
20:00 – 21:30 hrs	Chaopraya River Dinner Cruise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarding at Thai Navy Club pier near the Grand Palace
21:30 – 22:30 hrs	Night Bazaar Shopping at Asiatique the Riverfront (Optional)
Thursday 1 November 2018	
8:00 – 8:50 hrs	BPW Leaders Summit Session 1: Venues: Grand Ballroom Facilitators: Dr. Antoinette Ruegg, Past International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President Panel: “Opportunities to Realize SDGs through BPW Activities and International Partners” Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “BPW and UN Global Compact”, Marilyn Forsythe, Past President of BPW Australia “BPW and Women Empowerment Principles”, Vicky Mee, Chair of UN WEPs Committee, New Zealand “Equal Pay Day Campaign”, Pinella Bombacci, European Regional Coordinator “Twinning Experience”, President of BPW Taiwan

8:40 – 9:40 hrs	<p>BPW Leaders Summit Session 2: “Advancing BPW toward Sustainable Development Goals + 1”</p> <p>Venues: The Residence & Grand Ballroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out sessions for brainstorming for subgroups
9:40 – 10:40 hrs	<p>BPW Leaders Summit Session 3:</p> <p>Venues: Grand Ballroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from subgroups
10:30 hrs	Coffee Break serve the Grand Ballroom
10:40 – 12:00 hrs	<p>Panel IV: “Financial Inclusion for Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation”</p> <p>Venues: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Moderator: Susan Jones, BPW International Vice President Membership</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Government’s Support for Women-led Small and Medium Enterprises”, Mongkon Leelatham, Managing Director of SME Bank, Thailand • “Decades of Works: Turning Housewives into Entrepreneurs”, Ambica Shrestha, President of BPW Nepal • “Promoting financial discipline nation-wide”, Thitinan Wattanavekin, Vice President, BPW Thailand • “Promote International Trade to alleviate poverty”, Myrna T. Yao, CEO and President of Richwell Trading Corporation, Philippines • “Financial Inclusion and Woman Refugee”, Yvonne Butler, Managing Director of The Information Source, Australia
12:00 – 12:30 hrs	<p>BPW Business Session III:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young BPW Presentation “Stimulate growth of BPW International” • Closing Remarks
12:30 – 13:30 hrs	Lunch in assigned restaurants/rooms in Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel
14:00 – 15:10 hrs	<p>Parallel Workshops:</p> <p>Venues: The Residences</p>
	<p>Workshop 2.1: “Intercultural Understanding for Business Growth”</p> <p>Faciliator: Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Heinze, BPW Germany • Carmen Zogheib, President of BPW Lebanon • Catherina Park, Sub-regional Coordinator of East Asia <p>To grow business in the next new decades, knowledge about cultures can make a difference in expanding market opportunities, understanding your clients or business partners and design suitable products and services. BPW members who do cross-cultural works for decades share their experiences and insight. Participants will have opportunities to interactively exchange their inter-cultural knowledge in an entertaining ways.</p>

	<p>Workshop 2.2: “Interactive Networking Opportunities”</p> <p>Facilitate by Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator</p> <p>The greatest strength of BPW is in our Global network. This workshop would enable business and professional women from various countries to interact, match their interest and form new bonds that would enable them to exchanges ideas, enhance their businesses or professional contact or to make new friends.</p>
	<p>Workshop 2.3: “SheTrades: Connecting to business globally”</p> <p>Facilitate by Venessa Erogbogbo, Head of Women & Trade Programme, International Trade Centre (ITC)</p> <p>SheTrades is International Trade Centre (ITC)’s flagship initiative to empower women economically through trade. The goal is to Connect 1 million women to the market by 2020 through partnerships to build their skills. Through this workshop, ITC executive will give skill training to participants so that they will have a chance to learn strategies to connect to international markets, gain access to financial services, and improve their business’ visibility online. They can learn about procurement policies and how to benefit from them; discover the SheTrades online platform (web and mobile app); access programs delivered by SheTrades’ partners ; find out about SheTrades events and opportunities to connect to buyers, partners, and investors and expand their network.</p>
	<p>Workshop 2.4: “How to Dress in Thai Tradition”</p> <p>Instructor: Expert from Ministry of Culture</p> <p>Thailand has hundreds of years of history. Traditional Thai outfit can be worn by folding fabric around as long gowns, pants or blouses without having to cut them. This workshop would demonstrate variety of ways fabric can be worn in Thai traditions. BPW members can get ideas on ways to dress in Thai silk for the Gala Dinner as well.</p>
	<p>Demonstration: “Cooking famous Thai Dishes”</p> <p>Illustrate how to cook some famous Thai dishes, such as the one that make the list of the Top 50 Best food in the World, as ranked by CNN</p>
<p>18:00 – 21:30 hrs</p>	<p>Gala Dinner “The Night of Silk”</p> <p>Graciously presided by HRH Princess Soamsawali Venue: Grand Ballroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion Show (Thai & International) • Cultural Show <p>Dress code: Long evening gown, national costumes or Thai costumes</p>

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