

**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

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’ Plans & 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 Chidlom Station (connected to 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 (This session will be broadcast live on Thai television) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia-Pacific Regional coordinator presents program book to HRH • March of Flags for BPW member countries in Asia-Pacific • Report to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn By Khunying Natthika Wattanavekin Angubonkul, BPW Thailand President • HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn gives royal pins / gifts • HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn gives welcome speech • BPW International President Dr. Amany Asfour present gift to HRH

11:45 – 11:50 hrs.	Opening Remark by BPW International President Dr. Amany Asfour
11:50 – 11:55 hrs.	Opening Remark by BPW International Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri
11:55 – Noon	Group Photo Session
Noon – 13:00 hrs.	Lunch in assigned restaurants/rooms in Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel
13:00 – 13:55 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 • Country Reports by Presidents of BPW Affiliates
13:55 – 14:50 hrs.	Panel I: “Women Accelerating toward Sustainable Development Goals In Asia and the Pacific” Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Dr. Catherine Bosshart, BPW International Vice President for United Nations Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amany Asfour, President of BPW International • Dr. Poramettee Vimolsiri, Permanent Secretary of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand • Ambassador Delia Domingo-Albert, former ASEAN Director General and the first Career Women Foreign Minister in Asia • Asia-Pacific Regional Director of UN Women (TBC)
14:50 hrs.	Coffee Break served in the room
14:50 – 15:50 hrs.	Panel II: “The Keys to Open New doors for Business and Employment Opportunities for Women” Venue: Grand Ballroom Moderator: Judith Van Unen, Past President BPW Australia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Natividad, President of Global Summit of Women • Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of BPW Bahrain • Dr. Cindy R. Pace, Ed.D., CPL, Assistant Vice President, Global Diversity & Inclusion, MetLife • Hellen Swales, President of BPW New Zealand
15:50 – 16:30 hrs.	Buses depart Grand Hyatt Erawan to Siam Nirimitr
17:30 – 21:30 hrs.	Dinner and Cultural Show Venue: Siam Nirimitr Enjoy Thailand’s spectacular arts and cultural show (duration: 80 minutes without intermission). Also include buffet dinner and pre-show entertainment. Dress Code: Casual (bring scarf or sweater for air-condition theatre)

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.	Keynote Speech: (This session will be broadcast live on Thai television) HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, UNODC's Goodwill Ambassador on the Rule of Law for South East Asia
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: Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Chair of BPW Thailand's “Outstanding Women Leaders for Green Growth Awards” project Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Hsiu-Lien Lu, Former Vice President of Taiwan R.O.C. • Rawya Mansour, President of RAMSCO and OASIS, Egypt (TBC) • Dr. Wandee Khunchornyakong Juljarern, Chairperson and CEO of SPCG Public Company Ltd., Thailand • Myrna T. Yao, CEO and President of Richwell Trading Corporation, Philippines
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.	<p>BPW Leaders Summit Session 1: Venues: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr. Antoinette Ruegg, Past International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President</p> <p>Panel: “Opportunities to Realize SDGs through BPW Activities and International Partners”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “BPW Pilot: Registering Member Projects and Experts”, Dr. Antoinette Ruegg, Past International President • “BPW & UN Global Compact”, Marilyn Forsythe, Past President of BPW Australia • “BPW & International Trade Center” Message from Arancha González, Chief Executive of International Trade Center • “BPW works on Women Empowerment Principles”, Vicky Mee, Chair of UN WEPs Committee, BPW New Zealand • “Equal Pay Day Campaign”, Pinella Bombacci, European Regional Coordinator
8:50 – 9:50 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
9:50 – 10:50 hrs.	<p>BPW Leaders Summit Session 3: Venues: Grand Ballroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from subgroups
10:30 hrs.	Coffee Break serve the Grand Ballroom
10:50 – 12:00 hrs.	<p>Panel IV: “Financial Inclusion for Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation” 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 Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank of Thailand • “Decades of Works: Turning Housewives into Entrepreneurs”, Ambica Shrestha, President of BPW Nepal • “Promoting financial discipline nation-wide”, Kesara Munchusree, President of Stock Exchanges of Thailand 2014-2018 • “Financial inclusion for women in Aging Society”, Masako Hiramatsu, President of BPW Japan • “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"> • Country Reports by Presidents of BPW Affiliates • Young BPW Presentation “Stimulate growth for BPW International” • Closing Remarks
12:30 – 14:00 hrs.	<p>Lunch in assigned restaurants/rooms in Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel</p> <hr/> <p>Lunch Talk: “Women CEOs contribute to SDGs on Global Stage” Venue: The Residence (Pre-registration required)</p>
14:00 – 15:10 hrs.	<p>Parallel Workshops: Venues: The Residences</p>
	<p>Workshop 1: “Intercultural Understanding for Business Growth”</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, Past International President 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: “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 3: “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 could 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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