



1. **Country: PPSEAWA TAIWAN, R.O.C. REPORT 2016--2019**
2. **Submitted by:** Helen Yang, secretary general on May 3rd, 2019
3. **Names and Contact Information for Nation Office Holders in April 31st, 2019**

Office	Name	Telephone or Fax	Email
President	Regina Chen		
Vice president	N/A		
Treasurer	Hui-Ping Wu		
Secretary General	Helen Yang		

*Remember to inform the PPSEAWA International President and Secretary of Changes contact person(s) to receive and disseminate information, following the conference.

4. **National Membership Information**

- a. Total Number of Membership: 91 **(including two student members 2)**
- b. Number and location of Local Chapters, if applicable: N/A
- c. **Obituaries (Names of Members who died between September 2016—August 2019): 0**

5. **Major Projects/Activities Related to the 2030 Agenda for SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT consisting of 17 goals (SDGs):**

SDGs have been adopted as a global development framework for 193 United Nations (UN) member states and regional organizations. PPSEAWA Taiwan has been witnessing women's empowerment and gender equality progress for decades, It realizes that women's full and effective participation in social, economic and environment development is imperative to a society's overall success and the SDGs implementation is no exception. The 5P principles of the 2030 Agenda are People, Prosperity, Planet, Peace and Partnership.

PPSEAWA Taiwan has worked with Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development to issue the book of "SDGs for Women, Women for SDGs—Actions from Taiwan" in March, 2019.

Mondhiya Bhangsba, PPSEAWA international's 1st Vice President, was invited to be one of panelists of the "Women for SDGs Forum" on October 24th-25th in Taiwan. It was hosted by Taichung City Government and the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (WRP), extended to attract both NGOs, INGOs and government participants together to exchange views and practices of implementing SDGs by promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Members from PPSEAWA Taiwan were also invited to attend the forum.

5. A Gender Perspective on People:

The first five of the 17 SDGs cover basic human rights, from ending poverty and hunger, to achieving good health and well-being, quality education and gender parity. Taiwan has made significant progress in achieving Goal 1 on ending poverty and Goal 2 ending hunger. Since becoming a developed nation in the 1990s up the year 2016, Taiwan rose to number 27 on the Human Development Index (HDI), ranking 6th in Asia.

PPSEAWA Taiwan concerns SDG Goal 3: good health and well-being including aging and long-term care for women and girls; therefore, "Life's Journey to Wellbeing" comes the theme for the 2019 PPSEAWA International Conference.

President Regina Chen firstly pointed out "Good Health and Well-being for Women and Girls" issue in early 2016 and organized courses on "Women and Negotiation", "Caregiving at Families and Care Centers" and "Handy Women Training Projects—for Care takers and Skill-seeking Women".

Regarding health and well-being, Taiwan has covered 99.9% health insurance coverage. When injured or ill, the majority citizens have access treatment and care, and are not burdened by high medical fees. However, with population aging, the development of a long-term care system is an issue that must tackled without delay.

For the Goal 4: Quality Education—Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunity for all.

In preparation for the 2019 International Conference, PPSEAWA Taiwan in conjunction with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) held the PPSEAWA (Taiwan) Youth Volunteer Training Workshops on Aug. 31 and Sep. 1, 2017 and August 23 and 24, 2018. Many students from varies colleges attended and participated. Students has broadened their knowledge of international affairs and inspired to join NGOs, especially PPSEAWA.

For the Goal 5—Gender Equality: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Looking at international indicators, Taiwan ranked eight in the UNDP Gender Inequality Index in 2017, coming top in Asia. Within the indicators measured by the

GII, Taiwan performed especially well in “representation of women parliament”. After the 2016 elections the proportion of female legislators reached 38% of the total.

In March 2017 (CSW61 parallel event), PPSEAWA Taiwan was invited to present PPT on “Rebuilding Women’s Dignity and Strength through Empowering Women Economically in Taiwan” reporting five programs—Phoenix Micro Start-up, Women Entrepreneurship Flying-geese, The Go Incubation Board for Startup and Acceleration Firms, Loan Application of Women Proprietors of Small and Medium Enterprises, and Comprehensive Development Fund for Indigenous People.

In March 2018, PPSEAWA Taiwan organized and sponsored CSW62 Parallel Event—Five Countries’ Gender Equality Projects to Empower Rural Women and Girls, and presented PPT on Young Volunteers Training Project, Handywomen Training Project and Empowering Rural Women and Girls in Penghu Islands, Taiwan. PDC members from Japan, Canada and Japan also presented PPT on the event.

For the Goal 8—Decent Work and Economic Growth: According to International Monetary Fund data, in 2018 Taiwan’s GDP made it the world’s 23rd largest economy, and women’s contribution to the economy had increased over the last two decades. In 1997, 45.6% of Taiwanese women were in the workforce. In 2012, the number broke 50%, and by 2017 it was 50.92%. During the same period, the gender gap in workforce participation fell from 25% to 16.2%. In terms of access to economic resources, the gender gap wage shrank from 27.5% to 13.5% by 2017.

As a well-known female entrepreneur, Regina Chen, is the first among Taiwan NGO presidents, pointed out that “Women could fill the vacancy of the labor shortage market!” She encourages women to learn more new knowledge and obtain more skills to well prepare themselves to enter the labor market, because in Taiwan, women’s lifespan is longer than man.

For the Goal 10—Reduced Inequalities: Women Migrant Workers in Taiwan: In March 2019, PPSEAWA Taiwan once again organized and sponsored CSW63 Parallel Event—“Addressing Gender Through the Compact for Safe and Orderly Migration”. Speakers from PPSEAWA Thailand, PPSEAWA Canada, PPSEAWA Japan and PPSEAWA Taiwan presented their country’s best migration practices and policies

A Gender Perspective on Peace:

Taiwan’s government and NGOs are focus on Goal 16—Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. During the past three years (2016—2019), PPSEAWA Taiwan has made a lot of its efforts on the Peace Activity for 2019 International Conference. On the June 26th, 2019, a total of six of Taiwan’s native trees will be plant at the Youth Park in Taipei City.

Taiwan will be after PPSEAWA Australia and PPSEAWA Malaysia to have peace trees, and PPSEAWA sisters could visit Youth Park to see the peace trees when they come to Taiwan.

In addition, PPSEAWA Taiwan has organized “Youth Workshop about International Activity & Peace” for 2019 International Conference

6. Significant Meetings Attended:

A. March 8, 2017

Taipei City (Organized by the Ten Outstanding Young Women Association)
The 24th The Ten Outstanding Young Women Award Ceremony

B. March 13th—24th, 2017

United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA
2017 CSW61 The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work)

C. July 25th—26th, 2017

Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei, Taiwan
(Hosted by National Immigration Agency)
2017 International Workshop on Strategies for Combating Human Trafficking (Retrospect and Prospect of Combating Human Trafficking, Experiences Sharing from Tier 1 Countries around the World, Enhancing the Power of the Crackdown, Investigation, and Trial of Human Trafficking Cases, The Strategies of Working Rights Institutions of Domestic Workers and Prevention Strategies of Overseas Labor Exploitation and International Cooperation)

D. August 7th—9th, 2017

Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
PPSEAWA International Mid-Term Council Meeting

E. August 31st—September 1, 2017

Taipei City (Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Youth Volunteer Training Workshop (“Changing the World from Young Generation)

F. March 12th—23rd, 2018

United Nations Headquarters, New York, U.S.A
The 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women under the topic “Challenges and Opportunities in Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls”, as well as the celebrations commemorating the 90th Anniversary of PPSEAWA International on March 16th, 2018.

G. May 17th—18th, 2018

Taichung City (Helen Yang from PPSEAWA Taiwan was invited as one of the speakers)

The Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (WRP)'s Training Workshop on Gender, Sustainable Development and Social Influence

H. July 25th—26th, 2018

Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei, Taiwan

(Hosted by National Immigration Agency)

2018 International Workshop on Strategies for Combating Human Trafficking (New Prevention Approaches—Joint International Prevention and Regional Prevention Mechanisms, The Tangle Between Offenders and Victims—The Competing Claims over Criminality and Penal Actions in Human Trafficking cases, Supervision Appearance, Exploitation Disappearance—Effective Mechanisms for Preventing Labor Exploitation of the Vulnerable, Better and Better—Victim Protection Mechanisms

I. August 23rd—24th, 2018

Taipei City (Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Youth Volunteer Training Workshop “Changing the World from Young Generation (II) : A new international vision” Promoting Team Cohesion and Comprehensive Discussion

J. August 27th—28th, 2018

Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei, Taiwan

Organized by the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (WRP)

2018 Workshop of Leadership Eminence Acceleration Program for Women in Asia Pacific

K. September 5th, 2018

National Taiwan University Alumni Association Center (Organized by PPSEAWA Taiwan)

Women and Negotiation Forum

L. October 30th—31st, 2018

Organized by Taichung City Government and Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (WRP)

Women for SDGs Forum (Both government and NGO participants get together to exchange views and practices of implementing SDGs by promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

M. March 11th—22nd, 2019

United Nations Headquarters, New York, U.S.A.

The 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women under the topic “Social Protection Systems, access to Public Services and Sustainable Infrastructure for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

- 7. Awards received by members—e.g. Nobel Peace Women Nominees;**
President Tsai Ing-wen awarded Regina Chen, president of PPSEAWA Taiwan, the best model for consoling soldiers for their hard work for the country in 2017 and 2018.

- 8. International PPSEAWA visits:**
On November 28th members from PPSEAWA Taiwan visited Japan and encouraged members from PPSEAWA Japan to attend the 2019 International Conference in Taipei
On November 7th to 10th members from PPSEAWA Taiwan visited PPSEAWA Korea. Helen Yang stated PDC works and Mandy Chen encouraged members from PPSEAWA Korea to attend the 2019 International Conference in Taipei.

- 9. Recommendations, if any:**