

PPSEAWA Taiwan participated the 58th CSW Meeting

By Helen Yang

For the first time, PPSEAWA Taiwan had three members to participate the 58th CSW Meeting in New York in March, 2014. They were Ms. Sophia Ling, Ms. Lily Chang and Ms. Helen Yang.

PPSEAWA Taiwan invited Ms. Taina A.R. Woodward (see photo), president of PPSEAWA USA as one of the speakers of the FWRPD's (Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development) parallel event--Good Practices of Achieving MDGs--The Result in Taiwan on March 10th. Her topic was empower women.

The three members met Mr. Venus Ilagan, president of Rehabilitation International (RI) at the church center (see photo). They attended his parallel event on Mainstreaming Women with Disabilities in Women's Association: An Important Tool for Inclusion. Mr. Venus Ilagan stated the RI's Initiatives for Mainstreaming Women with Disabilities in 2014 and Beyond. Ms. Birikit Terefe Tiruneh, Executive Director, Women's Health Association of Ethiopia talked the 'Including Women with Disabilities in Ethiopian Women's Association'. Ms. Venus Ilagan, secretary general, Rehabilitation International 'Realizing Rights for Women with Disabilities--What does it mean in practice?' Ms. Anne-Karin Nygaard Larsen, secretary general, Norwegian Women's Public Health Association, was the modulator.

Other parallel event they attended are Making Life Worth Living--Role of Women Physicians in Advancing DGM4 and DGM5 Globally/Education, Gender & Maternal Health. The words impressed were 『Development without peace, no peace without development towards inclusion of UNSCR (Security Council Regulation)1325 in the post 2015 agenda.』 and 『Improving the prospects of women with fistula and giving back their dignity and self-esteem.』

They also participated the parallel event of Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women & Girls. The event was organized by the Taipei Economic & Culture Office (TECO) in New York.

The most exciting activity was joining the PPSEAWA International Welcome Party on March 11th. The three members enjoyed the hospitality by the host family, and had nice chats with members around the world.

On March 12th morning, they visited United Nations. In the evening, all PPSEAWA members around the world were invited to join TECO's dinner party. Susan Chen, a PPSEAWA Taiwan's member who lives in New York, also join the party.