

CRTGWH Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Gender equity
- Gender inequality
- Research
- Women's Health
- Gender mainstreaming

International Cooperation with Hong Kong

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij and Asst. Prof. Dr. Dusadee Ayuwat went to Hong Kong on research to collect data on the "Adaptation Process of Female Migrants in Destination Areas: Cases of Malaysia and Hong Kong." The research objective is to study the adaptation process of

female migrants. Thai society has been constantly changing due to the development of the country, including economic and social values. This affects the common roles of people, family, and their social life. The main reason that women migrate overseas is career limitation. In their countries

women are restricted to the labor market. Also it is related to gender equality; women do not have the same access to economic benefits as men, therefore women cannot get well paid jobs. Consequently, they have to move overseas looking for jobs with better income.



Assoc. Prof. Somporn and Asst. Prof. Dusadee collecting data in Hong Kong



Assoc. Prof. Somporn talking with one of the participants



Prof. Siriporn at the 85th Meeting on Eliminating Violence against Child and Women.

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Eliminating Violence Against Child and Women

The 85th Meeting on Eliminating Violence against Child and Women was held on the 29 May 2012 at Tak-sila Conference Room, Arun-jirawatkul Building of the Faculty of Public Health, Khon Kaen University. Participants to the meeting included doctors, police officers, nurses, local administrators, public health officers, educators, and

general participants. Wichai Assawapak, Director of Nampong Hospital presided the event, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Somsak Pitaksanurat, Dean of Faculty of Public Health gave the welcoming speech. The agenda for the meeting included case studies of unwanted pregnancy of teenagers, short film competition on eliminating violence against child

and women, and issues regarding the Reproductive Health Act. Prof. Siriporn Chirawatkul, Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Research and Training on Gender and Women's Health, (CRTGWH) shared her opinions toward the topics discussed, especially in regards to unwanted teenage pregnancy.

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MHIRT students dressed up and ready to participate in Boon Bang Fai Festival (Rocket Festival)



MHIRT students experiencing Thai traditional village culture



Prof. Siriporn with participants at the International Conference on Gender Empowerment.



Prof. Siriporn giving comments and asking questions during the conference

MHIRT Students 2012

On 14th May 2012, CRTGWH welcomed four students including Ms. Ebonee Kirkwood, Ms. Natalie Williams, Ms. Kotwoallma Zerbo, and Ms. Jeon Carter from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, USA, under the support of Minority Health International Research Training Program (MHIRT). The MHIRT students have been working with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Som-

porn Rungreankulkij, Deputy Director of the Center for Research and Training on Gender and Women's Health, Khon Kaen University during a period of three months on the topic: "Research on the prevalence of depression in risk groups and the prevention and reduction of depression risk in Type 2 diabetic patients". The objectives of the joint collaboration between

CRTGWH and MHIRT are to help students to develop research skills, such as participation in research planning, data collection and management, data analysis, interpretation of research results, and dissemination of research findings. During their three months stay, MHIRT students also had the opportunity to learn about Thai culture, Thai beliefs and its people.

International Conference on Gender Empowerment (ICGE 2012)

Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul, Director of CRTGWH, was invited to speak at the International Conference on Gender Empowerment (ICGE 2012). She gave a presentation on "Health and multi-sector challenges to achieve Millennium Development Goals to support women advancement and family welfare". The conference was held on 11-13 July in Jakarta, Indonesia. The conference focused on healthy life-style, advancement, independence and family welfare, freedom from poverty and domestic violence. The participants were from Indonesia, North America, the Caribbean,

Africa, Europe, Asia and Pacific. A total of 85 people participated in the conference from 15 different countries. The conference theme was "Gender empowerment against poverty towards family welfare". Sub-themes included; 1) education and culture within gender empowerment; 2) gender empowerment against illiteracy on law and human's rights implementation; 3) prevention of teenage pregnancy and unwanted children; 4) nutrition and breast feeding for healthy infants and children in poor families; 5) Gender harmony and prevention of domestic violence for family advancement and

social welfare; 6) Gender sensitive health care for HIV/Aids, TB and Malaria; 7) Role of cooperative union on women economics and cottage industry; 8) Family coping mechanism and gender collaboration; 9) Women's empowerment in applied technology for health; and 10) Role of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT). This conference achieved great success. Participants scored the conference at 91% satisfaction. Success was also due to the full spirit and high quality material prepared from the teamwork of IC-Gem, contributors, speakers and participants.



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2nd Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research

The 2nd Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research was held on 28-30 June, 2012 in Milan, Italy. Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul presented a paper on "Working with young adolescents on prevention of and dealing with teenage pregnancy: An action research in North-eastern Thailand". The main topic of this year Congress was "Engaging People in Health Promotion and Well Being. New Opportunities and challenges for Qualitative Research". The objectives of the congress was to disseminate qualitative health research and to provide a forum for the discussion of the processes, ethics, politics, and policies re-

lated to qualitative health. It provided a platform for the development and dissemination of qualitative expertise and methods. Demand for health promotion is increasing, with new interest at the cultural and political levels. Involving patients in the construction of suitable interventions is a key element in the development of a response to this demand. Such participation in the health promotion process is a key opportunity because it may: improve relationships among healthcare providers and patients; provide new information to overcome compliance problems; aid in organizational functioning of healthcare

services; and foster the ongoing integration of key beliefs and values about health in health policies. Qualitative research has provided an important mean for direct involvement of patients in the production of knowledge able to assist healthcare interventions, however stronger links are needed. This implies the need to interlace the logics of single actors with those of and social networks. Engaging people in this way could provide a testing ground and a reference paradigm for verifying the ability of qualitative researchers to answer the new challenges that health promotion is opening.



Prof. Siriporn with other guest presenters at the 2nd Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research



Prof. Siriporn at the 2nd Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research

41st Anniversary of the Faculty of Nursing

On 25th June 2012, the Faculty of Nursing celebrated its 41st Anniversary since its establishment in 1971. This important event is celebrated every year with great respect to former and current students and lectures who played or play important roles on the history of the Faculty of Nursing. Established since 1971 and recognized as the first Faculty of Nursing in Thailand, it has been 41-years of challenges and continuous hard

work to find solutions for nursing personnel shortages and to improve the health status of people in the Northeastern region. Being part of the Faculty of Nursing, and taking part in this special occasion CRTGWH presented posters illustrating the centre's goals and responsibilities. The centre also promoted the areas of research; a growing section inside the centre to participants, including students, administrators and officers,

in an attempt to teach and make people realize the importance of gender and women's health in today's society. If you would like to join our centre and are a graduate student or lecturer with interest in gender and women's health please do not hesitate to contact us. The centre offers a number of researches grants for members of the centre every year.



Blessing of monks during the 41st Anniversary of the Faculty of Nursing.



Brochures of CRTGWH's activities and researches during the 41st Anniversary of the Faculty of Nursing





Important Information and Deadlines

The Centre for Research and Training on Gender and Women's Health (CRTGWH) is looking for new members. Application to join our centre is now open!

Qualifications:

- Lecturer/ Master or Ph.D students at Khon Kaen University
- Interested on issues regarding gender and women's health

Benefits:

- Gender Sensitive Research and Training
- Apply for Research Grants from the Centre
- Receive regular newsletters

Applications can be downloaded from our website on <http://crtgwh.kku.ac.th>



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Improving the Health of Women and Contributing to the Achievement of Health Equity

Khon Kaen University along with CRTGWH recognizes the importance of improving the health of individuals of all ages and contributing to the achievement of health equity. CRTGWH has a commitment to strengthen the research capability of scholars through collaboration, research training and involvement in a variety of studies and research projects. The centre routinely provides training courses and workshops with emphasis on incorporating gender into women and health studies in response to current and emerging needs.

If you would like to discuss any research, training or workshop opportunities, or would like to simply enter in contact with us or know more about our centre please contact us.

