

CRTGWH Newsletter



Special points of interest:

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

Elimination of Violence against Women

On 23 November 2012, an event to celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was held at Central Plaza, Khon Kaen. One Stop Crisis Center (OSCC) was the main organizer. The Vice-Governor of Khon Kaen, Peerasak Hin-

muengkao presided the ceremony, and Dr. Vi-chai Assawapak, Director of Nampong Hospital gave a speech to the participants. As a sector of OSCC, Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul, Director of CRTGWH and Ph.D. students attended the

event. Many activities were organized including exhibition from OSCC sectors, donation charities, debates, and performances. The event gained attention from a lot of people, which helped to raise public awareness of the problem.



Members of CRTGWH and participants celebrating the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.



Prof. Siriporn and members of CRTGWH with a poster celebrating the special occasion.

International Cooperation with Malaysia

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij, Deputy Director of CRTGWH and Asst. Prof. Dr. Dusadee Ayuwat went to Malaysia on September 23-26 to collect data on the "Adaptation Process of Female Migrants in Destination Areas: Cases of Malaysia and Hong Kong". The objective of this research is to

study the adaptation process of female migrants. Thai society has been constantly changing due to the development of the country, including the economy and society at all levels, therefore it 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. In addition, it is related to gender equality; women do not have the same access to economical benefits as men. Therefore, women cannot have good jobs and have to move overseas looking for jobs with better income.



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Assoc. Prof. Somporn Rungreankulkij and Miss Ingkata Kotnara with other participants at the World Psychiatric Association Regional Meeting 2012



Assoc. Prof. Somporn Rungreankulkij and Miss Ingkata Kotnara



Assoc. Prof. Somporn Rungreankulkij presenting at the Regional Meeting.

World Psychiatric Association Regional Meeting 2012

On 13-15 September, 2012, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij, Deputy Director of CRTGWH and Miss Ingkata Kotnara, a member of CRTGWH attended and presented their research work in the World Psychiatric Association Regional Meeting 2012. The meeting was held at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Nusa Dua, Bali in Indonesia under the theme of "Mental Health and Disaster: Beyond Emergency Response." Participants were able to share their experiences and gather information among mental health professionals in the region. The WPA is an association of national psychiatric societies aimed to increase knowledge and skills neces-

sary to work in the field of mental health and the care for the mentally ill. Their objectives are to; 1) increase knowledge and skills necessary for work in the field of mental health and in the care for the mentally ill; 2) improve the care for the mentally ill; 3) prevent mental disorders; 4) promote mental health; 5) preserve the rights of the mentally ill; 6) promote the development and observance of the highest ethical standards in psychiatric care, teaching and research; 7) promote the development of the highest quality standards in psychiatric care, teaching and research, as well as the observance of such standards; 8) promote non-

discrimination (parity) in the provision of care of the mentally ill; and 9) protect the rights of psychiatrists. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij presented a research study on "Similarities and Differences in Suicidal Behavior: Gender Analysis." The objectives of this study are to describe the meaning of suicide and conditions that lead to suicide behaviors among men and women. Miss Ingkata Kotnara presented a study on "Gender Sensitive Intervention for Suicidal Prevention in Alcohol Users". The study presents an example of gender sensitive intervention for suicidal prevention in alcohol users.

Training on Short Film Making on Violence Prevention



Prof. Siriporn and participants on Training of Short Film Making on Violence Prevention.

The training was held on 13 October, 2012, at Pichet Luangtongkham Building in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Khon Kaen University by One Stop Crisis Center (OSCC) Khon Kaen. It was held for secondary students. Activities taught students the importance of violence prevention. Furthermore they were trained on short film

making by a professional team from Mahasarakham University. Dr. Thanin Hompuem, Deputy Director of Khon Kaen Hospital presided the ceremony, and Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul, Director of CRTGWH gave a speech on violence prevention. Additionally, Chadet Chaowilai, Director of Women and Men Pro-

gressive Movement Foundation, lectured on the topic of "Violence against Children and Women....How can youths help?" There were people from many fields attending including teachers, official workers, nurses, doctors, and police officers. Activities were well received and received a good feedback.



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19th International Congress on Women's Health Issues

The 19th International Congress on Women's Health , was held on 14-16 November 2012, at The Emerald Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The conference was co-organized by the International Council on Women's Health Issues (ICOWHI), which is an international nonprofit association dedicated to promoting health, health care and well-being of women throughout the world through participation, education and research; the Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University; and WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training on Gender and Women's Health, Khon Kaen University. The theme of 19th ICOWHI was "Women's Health 2012: Partnering for a Brighter

Global Future". Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand presided the opening ceremony and received the Taylor and Francis Award by the International Council on Women's Health Issues Committees for her commitment and exemplary work on women's health. Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul, Director of CRTGWH, and Ph.D. students attended the conference. Research study on the "Quality of life and happiness related to physical and mental health of Thai professional nurses" was presented by Prof. Dr. Siriporn Chirawatkul. The study is concerned with the situation of quality of life, the level of quality of life

and happiness, and factors which influence nurses' health in Thailand. Besides, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij, Deputy Director of CRTGWH, presented a study on "Perceptions and levels of happiness perceived by Thai professional nurses" which aims to explore the meaning of happiness and level of happiness perceived by Thai professional nurses. Another study presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somporn Rungreankulkij included "Sex on gender leading to a high risk of depressive disorder in women" which described that gender is related to major depressive disorder in Thai women.



Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand at the conference.



Prof. Siriporn and participants at the conference.



Participants at the 19th International Congress on Women's Health Issues.

Integrating Gender into Practice at OSCC

On 16-19 October 2012, the training on developing trainers on integrating gender into practice at One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) was held by cooperation of CRTGWH, Khon Kaen University, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Ministry of Public Health of Thailand at Cen-

tara Hotel and Convention Centre, Khon Kaen. The training teaches participants to; 1) use the handbook on developing trainers to integrate gender into practice, designed for the One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC); 2) Demonstrate and transfer correct knowledge and understanding on

sex, gender, domestic violence, and gender-based violence; 3) Demonstrate and transfer skills on gender sensitivity with performance of One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC). Participants included OSCC's personnel and staff from maternal health and gynecological sectors.



Prof. Siriporn training participants on Integrating Gender into Practice.





Participants at the Gender Sensitivity Training.

Gender Sensitivity Training for OSCC

On 11-14 December, 2012 the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training on Gender and Women's Health held a training for maternal health and gynecological sectors personnel from One Stop Crisis Center (OSCC) on the practices of gender sensitivity. The training was held at Amari Water Gate Hotel, Bangkok. It is expected that the training will enable

OSCC's personnel and staff from maternal health and gynecological sectors to: 1) Identify relations of gender, rights, equity, equality, domestic violence, and gender-based violence; 2) Analyze gender to plan and assist victims of violence; 3) Identify processes to analyze OSCC performances towards gender sensitivity; and 4) Develop skills of evaluation, examination,

interview, consultation, and empowerment of victims with gender sensitivity. The main topics presented in the training were; 1) Concepts of sex, gender, rights, equity, equality, domestic violence, and sexual violence; 2) Analysis of gender; 3) Job performance system of OSCC with gender sensitivity; and 4) Assistance services with gender sensitivity.



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! We look for:

- 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.

