## WSWD2022 News The World Social Work Day 2022 for the Asia and the Pacific Region

On 15 March 2022 at the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Bangkok, and online H.E. Mr. Chuti Krairiksh, Minister of Social Development and Human Security presided over the World Social Work Day 2022 for the Asia and the Pacific Region and the ASEAN Social Work Day 2022, under the theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind".

The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security through the Department of Social Development and Welfare has been entrusted to be the host of the event in collaboration with social work network of partners in Thailand and countries in ASEAN and Asia-Pacific region, namely the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), the International Association of School Social Work (IASSW), the International Council on Social Work (ICSW), the National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand, the Social Work Professions Council, Thailand Association of Social Workers, Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education, Thammasat University, and ASEAN Training Centre for Social Work and Social Welfare (ATCSW).

The event was held in a hybrid format, having H.E. Mrs. Gita Sabharwal, the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC) in Thailand, and Mrs. Rose Henderson, President of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Asia-Pacific Region delivered welcome remarks. A total of 850 social workers, social work students, academia, and other delegations from all over the region attended the event.

The event was attended by Mr. Anukul Peedkaew, Director-General of the Department of Social Development and Welfare, and representatives of social work agencies at both national and international levels. Activities in the event included a panel discussion on the topic "Coping with future crises from multidisciplinary perspectives" under the theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind" by honorable panelists led by Ms. Ramrung Worawat, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.

H.E. Mr. Krairiksh stressed that "social work" is a profession that promotes social transformation and empowerment. Human rights are founded on the notion of social work. In the 21stcentury, the working environment of social workers will be completely different due to complicated economic and social difficulties that have resulted from the outbreak of COVID-19coupled with the ongoing war. Social workers are expected to deal with such difficulties as efficiently as possible.

Patience, perseverance, and integration are required for social workers all over the world to improve their work and bring about positive change. Further to that, a collaboration between the government, private, and grassroots sectors is

Diversity in communities, society, and cultures is also one of the most challenging problems that require the transition from conflict to strength, which is one of the duties of social workers in the new context.

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