



## PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

### **IFSW Position to which you seek nomination**

President, Asia-Pacific Region

### **Candidate's Name and Country**

Mariko Kimura, Japan



### **Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)**

Ph.D. in Social Work: Wilfrid Laurier, Waterloo, Canada, 1993.

MSW: Japan Women's University, Tokyo, Japan, 1988.

Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work: Japan School of Social Work, Tokyo, 1986.

M.A. (English Major): Whittier College, Whittier, 1977.

B.A. (English Major): Obirin College, Tokyo, 1975.

Certified Mental Health Social Worker: Ministry of Health and Labor, 2002.

Advanced Diploma in Art Therapy: Vancouver Art Therapy Institute, 2011.

### **Professional Affiliations**

#### **Membership for Professional Social Work Associations**

Japanese Associations of Psychiatric Social Workers, Official Member Association of the Japanese Coordinating Body for the IFSW Membership

Japanese Society for the Study of Social Welfare

Japanese Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Canadian Association of Art Therapists

### **Education related Experience**

April 2003-Present: Professor, Japan Women's University, Faculty of Integrated Arts and Social Sciences, Dept. of Social Welfare

April 2001-March, 2003: Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University, School of Sociology, Department of Social Work

## **Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade**

### **Leadership related to IFSW**

2010-2014: IFSW Member-at-Large, Asia Pacific Region

2011-2013: Disaster Project Leader, sponsored by the IFSW Development Fund and managed by the Japanese Coordinating Body

### **Leadership related to Social Work Education**

2011-2013: Chair of Graduate Social Work Program, School of Social Welfare, Japan Women's University

2007-2009: Chair of Graduate Social Work Program, School of Social Welfare, Japan Women's University

2004-2005: Department Head, Department of Social Welfare, Japan Women's University

## **National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

2004-Present: International Committee, Japanese Coordinating Body for the IFSW Membership

2004-2008: Chair of International Committee & Board Member, Japanese Association of Psychiatric Social Workers

## **Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

2011-Present: Board Member, KAFIN, Filipino Migrants' International Support Network

2004-2013: Editorial Committee for International Social Work Journal

2006-2010: Policy Committee on Social Welfare of Persons with Disabilities of Kawasaki City

2004-2010: Editorial Committee for Japanese Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation

2004-2008: Board member of Stride Clubhouse, Tokyo

### **Workshop Leader**

October, 2012: Art therapy workshop with Filipino Children affected in the East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 sponsored by the Episcopal Church of Japan.

## **Are you aware of the job description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?**

**YES:** X

**NO:**

## **If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:**

### **a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:**

- 1) Gaining an international perspective and obtaining recognition for the IFSW among member countries as well as non-member countries and other international organizations. Social workers world-wide can be integrated and united through discussions about the definition of social work and its role within the global agenda. I have personally been involved with discussions as to the definition of social work and the IFSW global agenda through regional conferences and at the national committee level and have also made proposals to the IFSW general office.
- 2) Building regional and global solidarity and networks among the IFSW member organizations and individual members of the region for the development of social work ethics, knowledge and practices. The IFSW should assist every region in applying for the IFSW Development Fund to support regional activities such as workshops, research and meetings more openly and actively. The Asia Pacific Region has applied to the Development Fund several times in the past and we have made good progress in building networks within the region.
- 3) Recognizing the economic and socio-cultural conditions and the needs of people all over the world, and supporting the improvement of their well-being.



**b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:**

Since the Asia Pacific Region covers a huge geographic area consisting of numerous languages, cultures, and ethnicities, and the stages of social/economic development vary, the needs of people in the region are diverse. With these characteristics in my mind, I would like to pursue the following goals:

- 1) Encouraging non-member countries to join the IFSW by assisting those countries through technical support, such as writing codes of ethics and sharing Japan's experience in establishing a coordinating body.
- 2) Building a stronger network and partnership for improved communication and also facilitating a mutually-supportive relationship among member countries. Our region requires a central office to manage administration work, such as record-keeping and facilitating communication among member countries. Japan is most likely a suitable country to provide this kind of management.
- 3) Recognizing the characteristics and strengths of regional member organizations and building a better and more effective social work strategy for the region in order to enhance the quality of life of people in the region. Japan has contributed in this regard by holding disaster workshops in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Manila and Indonesia to support local social workers, and I would like to continue to work on projects to foster resilience against disasters in the region.

**c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association?**

- 1) Encouraging the national association to realize that building working relationships within the global social work community, such as through the IFSW, is one way to realize the value of social work and the well-being of different peoples in different national contexts.
- 2) Promoting the interests of international social work among social workers in Japan. I would like to encourage the national associations to get together at local levels for the celebration of Social Work Day in July.
- 3) Japan has been maintaining the regional account as treasurer for a number of years and we would like to expand our duties to the regional secretariat.

**Please demonstrate:**

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution

I am pleased that I personally, and Japanese members of the IFSW, have been reliable and active members and have made significant contributions to the IFSW-Global and the IFSW-Asia-Pacific as Member-at-Large and as regional leaders with a special emphasis on the regional project of disaster management. I will commit myself, more than ever before, to fulfilling the goals of the IFSW to make the world more just and humane through social work and through the solidarity of a global network of social work professional associations.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)

Receiving an English-language education at the master's level in the U.S. and social work education at the doctoral level in Canada, I have acquired bilingual skill in speaking and using English and Japanese in social work practice and knowledge building. I have made presentations at international academic and professional conferences dealing with social work and psychiatric rehabilitation.

I have served as Member-at-Large in the IFSW, representing the Asia-Pacific Region for the past four years. I have also taken a leadership role in the disaster management project funded by IFSW. Most recently, I worked

closely with Indonesian colleagues to organize a workshop on "Disaster Management" in Bandung, Indonesia in January 2014, where I carried out my responsibilities in English.

- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region

In the Asia Pacific Region, there are more than 3000 languages spoken. Owing to this linguistic diversity and partially because of the colonial past of many countries of the region, English is commonly used for international communication. I am able to communicate with many social workers in the region using English.

I have lived and been actively involved with social work practice and education in Japan for many years in various areas, namely, mental health, disability, child welfare, women, people with multi-ethnic backgrounds facing social inequality and discrimination, as well as providing multi-levels of support not only in Japan but also in other countries through international networks.

I have attended and organized a number of conferences and workshops, and built an extensive network of social workers in the Asia-Pacific region. Naturally, I have developed a strong identification with the Asia-Pacific region and, more recently, my involvement with the regional projects in disaster management has helped me realize the pressing necessity of stronger solidarity and more consistent cooperation within this disaster-prone region.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

One of my best qualifications is that I have four years of experience as IFSW Member-at-Large. Through this experience of negotiating as a global executive member and closely collaborating with member countries in the region, I have learned how the executive members work with each other and have built-up trusting working relationships.

One of my strengths is that I have been involved with various professional and volunteer activities to work with people from various ethnic backgrounds in Japan, Canada and the U.S. and encountered people with various problems in their respective life stages. The broad spectrum of challenges in their life is much more than people living in one country could ever imagine.

With this lived experience as my background and also with my international and multicultural skills, I am confident in my ability to work effectively with other social workers in the Asia Pacific region. Under the influence of my political science professor when in college, I became involved in the case of a human rights violation toward one African-American man in the U.S. and we were able to gather a petition of 1000 signatures and send this to the president of the United States through international human rights networks. During my stay in Canada, I have also worked with refugees through church committees and worked in an immigrant women service center, as I learned to listen to their voices in a direct and immediate way.

- A willingness and capacity to devote time to responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee

I am willing to devote time to head the Executive Committee and to attend the Regional Committee on a regular basis. My present position as a faculty member of Japan Women's University will allow that.

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings

I have served on an international committee of the Japanese Coordinating Body for IFSW Membership and I have attended all the Regional Committee meetings as a Member-at-Large for the last four years. I am able to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings. My university will continue to support my international role in the IFSW for the Asia Pacific Region as well as globally.

- Participation, in so far as possible, as a delegate to the General Meeting and as a participant in



## IFSW Conferences

I have attended all the General Meetings and IFSW Conferences since I began serving on the international committee of the Japanese Coordinating Body for IFSW Membership. My university will keep respecting my international role within IFSW.

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

If I am elected, I will work tirelessly for the Asia-Pacific Region as well as for the IFSW and I will make a public appeal to societies in order to achieve recognition for social work, and seek funds to encourage and support our activities.

With the cooperation of the Japanese Coordinating Body for IFSW Membership, which consists of 4 organizations, I am confident it will be possible to improve the function of the secretarial office on the regional level and that this will contribute to overall activities within the region.

### Signature and Date

*Mariko Kimura. May 13, 2014*

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