

# BPW ASIA PACIFIC REGION News.

Newsletter 2022 Issue 1

Dear BPW Sisters in Asia Pacific Region,

Greetings from Thailand.

My Best Wishes for your Happiness,  
Health & Prosperity.



This is the 1st Newsletter of our Asia Pacific Region for this Triennium.

We have 22 countries in our Region, divided into 5 Sub Regions.

**ASEAN Sub Region** Sub Regional Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)

: Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore & Thailand

**East Asia Sub Region** Sub Regional Coordinator: Catarina Hyun Park (Korea)

: Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan & Mongolia (Individual Members)

**Oceania Sub Region** Sub Regional Coordinator: Carolyn Savage

: American Samoa (Pago Pago), Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea  
(Port Moresby)

**South Asia Sub Region** Sub Regional Coordinator: Era Parsai

: India, Nepal & Pakistan

**West Asia Sub Region** Sub Regional Coordinator: H.R.H. Dr. Sheikah Hissah Saad Alsabah

: Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, UAE & Yemen

Thanks to Dr. Catherine Bosshart, President of BPW International 2021-2024 for her special message for our newsletter

I hope this newsletter will be our tool to get in touch during this pandemic period.

All Affiliate Presidents, please send your update info. & activities to your Sub Regional Coordinators.

Take care & stay save.

Warm regards.

Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri

BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator 2021-2024

# Message from BPW International President



Dear Members of the Asia-Pacific Region,

You are reading the first issue of the newsletter of your region.

I am very happy and grateful for this initiative of your Regional Coordinator, Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri. A newsletter is an important means of communicating with the members, to strengthen the bond in the region and with BPW International.

You might have noticed that BPW International has been publishing a Newsletter every month since my election as President. I would like to encourage you also to register on the international website to receive this news: [bpw-international.org/newsletter](https://bpw-international.org/newsletter)  
We offer the newsletter in five languages (German, English, French, Italian and Spanish).

The world has become a village, but at the same time we get so much information that we often feel overwhelmed and turn our back on social media, on the written word or - even more so - on articles of in-depth analysis, only headlines reach us.

Nevertheless, a newsletter is important and will let your colleagues and BPW International know what activities and projects are going on in the region and worldwide. You will inspire each other and strengthen your collaboration which means working in the spirit of the new triennial theme “**New Actions through Cooperation**”.  
May this first issue receive a warm welcome from our members.

Best wishes,

Dr. Catherine Bosshart,

President of BPW International 2021-2024

# BPW Asia-Pacific Triennium Goals & Strategies

2021-2024

*From ... BPW International Theme 2021-2024:*

*“New Actions Through Cooperation”*

*To ... BPW Asia-Pacific 2021-2024*

*5E - Goals and 3C - Strategies*

<b>5E Goals:</b>	SDG 17	
<b>E</b> ducation	(include Culture)	SDG 4
<b>E</b> mpowerment	(include Gender)	SDG 5, 10 & 16
<b>E</b> conomy	(include Equal Pay)	SDG 1, 2, 8, 9 & 12
<b>E</b> lderly	(include Health)	SDG 3 & 6
<b>E</b> cosystem	(include Sustainable Development)	SDG 7, 11, 13, 14 & 15

## 3C Strategies

- Creativity
- Cooperation
- Connection



# BPW ASEAN Sub Region Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)

## Malaysia : Philippines : Singapore : Thailand

### Malaysia

Strategies: Cooperation, Connections and Communications (actual and virtual)

Implementations:

1. Wellness: Mental and Physical knowledge thru education.
2. Gender Equality: Involving Men to support Women equality by enjoining men in the project.
3. Education: lobbying in the Dept of Education on improving the public education of the children which is below standard compare to private education.
4. Community education of women in the indigent area on internet knowledge and communications
5. Partnering with Congress and Senate on lobbying the improvement of the education system in the Public school including internet education for the indigent women.

### Philippines

#### ■ BPW Rizal

**PROGRAMS:** Education and Empowerment Strategies: Creativity, Cooperation and Connections

**SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL - BEING** Wellness: Mental Health and Healthy Living Seminars

**SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION** Lobbying efforts at the Ministry of Education for the improvement of public education to match the quality of private education

**SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY** Men for Change: Involving Men to support Women and gender equality ICT education for indigent women

#### ■ BPW Dipolog

**PROGRAMS:** Education, Economy, Ecosystem Strategies: Creativity, Cooperation and Connections

**SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION** Empowering women in knowledge of farming technology.

**SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY** Training women in farming and planning.

**SDG 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH** Providing the market for the agricultural products of women

1. Planting of 5 hectares of Mangroves and other appropriate species to build fish sanctuary for spawning and fish survival
2. Planting of trees in mountainous areas to prevent landslides and build green environment

**SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

1. Partnering with the Girl Scout of Zamboanga del Norte with about 1,000 members.
2. Partnering with the youth organization in planting 1,000 trees.
3. Partnering with the Dept of Environment and Natural resources on the mapping and sourcing of mangroves, trees and appropriate species



# BPW ASEAN Sub Region Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)

## Malaysia : Philippines : Singapore : Thailand

### ■ BPW Manila

**PROGRAMS : Education and Empowerment** Strategies: Creativity, Cooperation and Connections

#### **SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL - BEING**

1. Education of members on mental and physical health, good food habits, wellness, proper exercise especially during the pandemic
2. Guidance and addressing family problems of the members with their relationship with husbands, children and friends by inviting expert speakers in psychology, guidance councilors and /or spiritual lecturers.

#### **SDG 1: NO POVERTY SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER**

1. Establishment and Sponsoring of Community Pantries which provides basic necessities for indigent families during the pandemic
2. Introduction of sustainable livelihoods to indigent communities

#### **SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY**

Men for Change: Involving Men to support Women and gender equality ICT education for indigent women

#### **SDG 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Career development and skills up tooling on topics of interest to the members and their adult children.

#### **SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

Partnership and close coordination with BPW Rizal

### ■ BPW PHILIPPINES: 3 Year Plan

**PROGRAMS: Education, Empowerment, Economy, Elderly, Ecosystem**

**Strategies: Creativity, Cooperation and Connections**

Assistance to the Local Government Units and National Government Agencies in the creation, implementation of their Gender and Development Plan and the utilization of their Gender and Development Budgets

**Girls Congress** - Establishment of a mentoring platform for young women

**The Next Great Chapter** – a space for retired women to be recognized for their wisdom, providing opportunities for them to contribute their skills while giving a chance to replan and refocus their energies

Distinguished Speaker Series with a focus on the UN Feminist Plan for Post-COVID Economy and Women Empowerment

# BPW ASEAN Sub Region Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)

## Malaysia : Philippines : Singapore : Thailand

### BPW Singapore

**BPW SINGAPORE Federation of Business and Professional Women (Singapore)**

**President: Janet Ruth Sosna**

Goal 3 - Health and Well-being Goal 4 - Quality Education Goal 5 - Gender and Equality

Goal 17 - Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Young BPW Forum Partner with Singapore Council of Women's Organization (SCWO)

President: Kim Underhill SBPWA Goal 4 Goal 5 Goal 17

- Raise funds for bursaries for young women in 3 institutions
- Monthly programmes to build skill sets of members
- Partnering with welfare org to assist women to re-enter workforce
- Looking to twin with other BPW Clubs to assist with projects

President: Sia Sheau Chwen SBPWA Goal 3, Goal 4, Goal 17

- Quarterly programmes focusing on Health especially mental and/or education topics
- Collaborating with other SCWO affiliates to promote STEM
- President: Helen Guo SBPWA-Mandarin Chapter Goal 4, Goal 5, Goal 17
- Bimonthly programmes to enhance members' self-reliance, increase knowledge and skills to drive change and innovation For their companies
- Raise funds for Singapore Children's Society to empower the next generation
- Collaborating with Shanghai Women's Association (China) and sponsoring attendance at the International Women's Conference

### BPW Thailand

**BPW Thailand President**

**Khunying Natthika**

**Wattanavekin Angubolkul**

- BPW Thailand Organized many interesting projects (Financial Literacy Program, Better Fabric-Better Lives, From Waste to Wealth), which are very useful to women and communities.

- BPW International is promoting Global Summit of Women which will be organizing in Bangkok, Thailand during 23-25 June 2022. To register : <https://globewomen.com/globalsummit/>



**Global Summit of Women  
23-25 June 2022 in Bangkok**

We cordially invite you to participate in the next Global Summit of Women. BPW International has a partnership with the organisers and will receive a 5% discount with a promotion code which you can claim at the President's Office.

2022 Global Summit of Women

Bangkok, Thailand

June 23-25, 2022

*Women: Creating Opportunities in the New Reality*





# BPW East Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Catarina Hyun Park (Korea)

Hong Kong : Japan : Korea : Taiwan : Mongolia

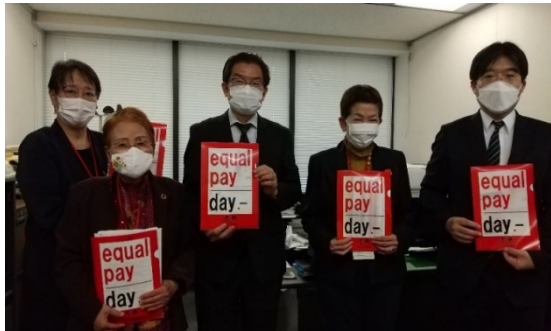
## BPW Hong Kong

- Monthly members events
- Global skills workshops
- Chinese New Year membership drive event
- Project GenE (Generation Equality)
- Project MBS(Mind, Body and Soul)
- Mentorship programme etc.

## BPW Japan



At Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office



At Employment Environment and Equal Employment Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

As BPW Japan, we have been vigorously lobbying for women's advancement, such as the Equal Pay Day Campaign, etc. Our president Haniwa Natori and Executive members of BPW Japan visited the Cabinet and exchanged meaningful discussions with Director-General, Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office on Nov.4, 2021.

We also visited Employment Environment and Equal Employment Bureau, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to have further collaboration on Nov.5, 2021. Furthermore, Regional Study Meetings open to public were held in Oct.2 & Nov.27, 2021.

- EPD National Assembly, scheduled on September 18th.
- Regional conferences scheduled
- Internship project for young women to CSW
- Young Speech Contest etc





**Hokkaido・Tohoku  
Regional Study  
Meeting &  
The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Tomakomai  
Associate Club,  
Oct.2, 2021.**



**Kinki Regional  
Study Meeting,  
Nov.27,2021.**

## East Asia Countries at a glance



Country	Founded	Term of Office	Number of Clubs	Members
 Japan	1958	May 2021- May 2023 (2 years of term)	14 Clubs + 3 associates President Name: Haniwa Natori	296 (3 Young + 3 associates included) - Young BPW: 3
 Korea	Sep 29, 1969 Jan 28, 1968 (Busan Club)	Oct 2021 - Oct 2023 (2 years of term)	19 Clubs President Name: Sugar Han	350 (3 Young included) - Young BPW: 3
 Taiwan	May 29, 2008	Jan 2021 – Dec 2022 (2 years of term)	11 Clubs President Name: Ho <u>Shu</u> Tzu	570 (45 Young included) - Young BPW: 45
 Hong Kong	July 2015 Re-subscribed (1979-2013)	Dec 2021 – Nov 2022 (2 years of term)	1 Club President Name: Joscelin Yeung	20 - mainly young members
<b>Members</b>	<b>Total members : 1,236</b> .Federation: 3 (included clubs 44) . Associated Club:1 (Hong Kong) (Included associates: 23 (Japan 3 + Hong Kong 20)			

### BPW Korea (Mudeung Club)

The Mudung Club of BPW Korea sent a donation of USD 1,000 along with a declaration of support for Democracy in Myanmar on November 26th.

In 2019, Mudong Club sent 10 sewing machines to Myanmar children for a living, and this year, they also sent medicines and clothes needed for COVID – 19

- Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Annual Gold Award
- Mentoring Program for foreign female students
- Conduct a zero disposable product relay campaign
- Regular General Meeting etc.





# BPW East Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Catarina Hyun Park (Korea)

Hong Kong : Japan : Korea : Taiwan : Mongolia

## BPW Taiwan

- ESG corporate visitation & HER-Story Exhibition 50th Anniversary (Jan 2022).
- Women’s Peace Forum (Mar 2022)
- Every year on June 5th, the tree planting project
- Celebration of 92st Anniversary of BPW International and Social Welfare activity (Aug 26th, 2022)
- Election of the 8th President (Dec 2022) etc.

After the epidemic was stable, BPW Taiwan cooperated with Tainan Branch to organize a donation event for low-income households in Tainan on 31st October.



In addition, we had a General Assembly on 12th December and arrange corporate visitation on 13th December. This company is dedicated to the ESG concept and promoting ecosystem education.

During the General Assembly, we invited an expert dedicated to ecosystem research to share her experiences. Thus, we hope to let our members have a better concept of the ecosystem. Furthermore, we had combined the idea of the ecosystem into our long-term planning.

## BPW Mongolia - Introduction of Mongolia Individual members



**Lkhagvasuren**  
 .Immediate past president of BPW Brilliant Club  
 .Current job / position: Ministry of foreign affairs / Doctor



**Byambajargal**  
 .Immediate past Manager for foreign relations of BPW Brilliant Club  
 .Current job / position: MIAT Mongolian Airlines



**Altanzul**  
 .New member  
 .Current job / position: Service bureau for diplomatic missions SEO / Manager



**Enkhbat**  
 .New member  
 .Current job / position: Disability children's 10<sup>th</sup> high school / Officer



**Narangarav**  
 .New member  
 .Current job / position: “Mongolroostsvetment” State owned company / Officer for legal department

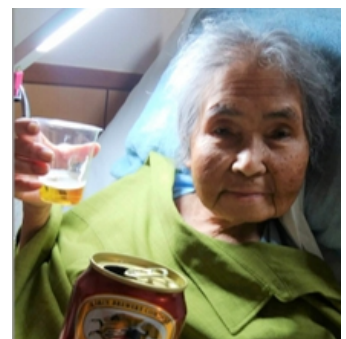
# Our Beloved Masako Hiramatsu



Born in 1933 as the eldest of 4 siblings, in Kagawa. A graduate from Tokyo Woman's Christian University and also completed a Master's program at Tokyo Metropolitan University in 1964. After working at the radio division of the US embassy in Japan,

Masako has joined Radio Kanto as a broadcast journalist. She then covered the Vietnam War as the first Japanese female reporter to be dispatched overseas.

Masako served as the President of BPW Japan 3 times since 1995. She has also served as the Chair of Environment Committee for IFBPW, leading her to join the World Environment Summit in Johannesburg in 2002. As the iconic figure of BPW Japan, she is one of the top reasons for many members to join the sisterhood. Her attraction did not stop only within BPW, but also over all other women's NGOs in Japan, politicians, and even the government officials such as MOFA and generations of Gender Equality Bureau in Cabinet Office. Masako introduced many of the main BPW programs in Japan including EPD, Young Speech Contest, GGGI seminars, and the CSW internship, which empowered many younger generations for decades.



In order to keep "fighting" for women, she played tennis with her personal coach weekly, always went out to meet new people, and of course to enjoy good food with beer, until just before being admitted to hospital for a thorough check on her back pain in July 2021. She actively joined the online meetings and events while being bedridden, and even managed to be allowed some beer on Nov 18th. Masako has lost her battle on Nov 30th, surrounded by her family in the hospice facility. She is survived by 2 younger sisters, a younger brother, nieces and nephews who supported throughout her 88 years' life full of great achievements and influences.

By Otoha Hayashi, Young BPW, Chair of International Committee (BPW Japan) .

# BPW Oceania sub Regional Coordinator: Carolyn Savage (NZ)

## America Samoa : Australia : New Zealand : Papua New Guinea

CAROLYN SAVAGE, NZ Registered Architect  
MArch, BArch (Hons.), BAS, NZCD (Arch), BPW NZ Past President



To ensure BPW continues to thrive and to achieve a level of transparency, inclusiveness, and diversity we need to create new opportunities to work and support each other even if our voices, thoughts, and goals might be different. Research shows to bring women onto Boards we need women leaders to provide a hand up, not shut and bolt the door. Our region is one of the most diverse and our cities have some of the highest cultural populace, we need to use this to our strength and find ways to open new forms of communication, connectiveness and growth.

My BPWNZ experience has been varied from club to Executive level, including issues and membership; spoken at governmental select committee hearings; issued media press releases; radio and TV interviews; and been an international speaker. Keynote speaker to Women in Construction events and invitation to be on the YWCA Best Practice Pay Equity Awards Panelist (corporations leading equal pay from the top). Had been a delegate leader and alternative delegate and/or speaker at seven of the eight congresses/regional meetings and Oceania sub-regional events from 2008-2017. Had developed strong projects including, as BPWNZ President, the establishment of the BPWNZ/UN Women and Human Rights Commission partnership for WEPs in 2011.

At an International level my work has been varied; including Constitutional Advisory Committee (CAC) member (2014-17 and 2018-21), have been a D20 delegate at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and part of the NZ delegation that worked strongly on the Agreed Conclusions, and a speaker at two events:

BPW NZ, Ministry for Women, New Zealand Foreign Affairs & Trade: “Women on the frontline in localizing SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, speaker (NZ Permanent Mission, 2019)

Women for Water, Role of Diplomacy, speaker, (Netherlands Permanent Mission, 2015)

Other roles for BPW International included Parliamentarian at the International Board meeting (2020) and Parliamentarian Chair for the online General Assembly (GA) March 2021. Held the position of Sub-Regional Coordinator for Oceania (2017-2021), and developed a report based on what our region required to ensure its sustainability, this provides a basis to move forward. Post the GA was invited to accept the role for a second term (2021-24).

To ensure no conflict of interest, I requested that both the International President and Regional Coordinator were comfortable with my standing as Sub-Regional Coordinator for Oceania again, based on being appointed the new Constitutional Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair for 2021-24. Both agreed no conflict of interest. personal/Professional Statement: As a Registered Architect and a NZ Green Star Accredited Professional, I have a strong drive to develop environmentally sustainable developments and buildings for the future.



# BPW Oceania sub Regional Coordinator: Carolyn Savage (NZ)

## America Samoa : Australia : New Zealand : Papua New Guinea

The importance of what we create today, so they can last tomorrow, is as important as to the way we work within our unique landscapes. Had won an environmental award for a sustainable and accessible home.

Now using my diverse skills as a Senior Design Manager for a major construction company and working on significant schools, hospitals and one of the most major international projects for NZ in Green Star certified developments. Continual professional development: developing expertise in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Massey University's first Australasian Masters in SDGs: Business and Sustainability 2020-21, as a distance student, which will cumulate through Summer School with a Practicum for a business or non-government organisation (NGO). Potential for this knowledge and information being transferable to BPW.

My professional career has been diverse: checkout operator (when left school); tracer; marketing; author of corporate training manuals; school and swimming pool designs; marae development; residential homes to corporate projects (from \$3M-\$150M); remediation of Ministry of Education building stock and body corporate high-rise buildings; fuels industry and retirement villages. Specialization as Senior Development Manager across all processes from design to completion of public/social housing redevelopment.

Kia kaha kauaemua – Be Strong Sisters



**BPW Pago Pago in American Samoa** has one annual event. We conduct a breast cancer awareness campaign in conjunction with the American Samoa Public Health. We issue pink ribbons on the first Saturday of October and sign people up for mammograms with Public Health. Before the COVID restrictions we conducted a seminar at the American Samoa Community College for the students on interviewing skills. We plan to resume these in 2022. We also have a mentoring program designed and ready to launch in February of 2022.



# BPW South Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Era Prasai (Nepal)

India : Nepal : Pakistan



**नयाँ पत्रिका**  
काठमाडौं, १७ वैशाख

स्वदेशी उत्पादन प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने उद्देश्यले फेडरेसन फ बिजनेस एन्ड प्रोफेशनल वुमन ( एफबिपिडब्लु) गलले 'फेसन फ्रम होम २०१९' नामक फेसन सो ब्यालन गर्ने भएको छ ।  
एफबिपिडब्लु नेपालले ४ जेठमा काठमाडौंको टेल याक एन्ड यतीमा गर्न लागेको फेसन सोमा गेग हुने सबै उत्पादन नेपाली मात्रै हुने बताइएको । फेसन सोले स्वदेशी उत्पादन, उद्यमशीलता, बसायिकरण तथा सशक्तीकरणमा लागेका उद्यमीलाई प्रोत्साहन प्रयोगजको गरी छ ।

नमुना र उत्कृष्ट काम गर्दै आएको बताइन् । सन् १९३० मा नेपालमा पनि स्थापना भएको संस्थाले महिला सशक्तीकरण र उद्यमशीलता विकासमा महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेल्दै आइरहेको र नवीन अवधारणायुक्त थुप्रै काममा सफलता हासिल गरिरहेको श्रेष्ठको भनाइ थियो ।  
कार्यक्रममा करिब ३० वटा हस्तकलाका स्टलमा स्वदेशी कपडा, हातबुना नेपाली पहिरन, उनीका सामग्री, उपहार सामग्री, स्वदेशी डिजाइनका गरगहना, नेपाली काष्ठ तथा कला-कौशलका सामग्रीका साथै अर्बानिक खानाका स्टल राखिने आयोजकको भनाइ छ ।  
सोपेने सेनेटरी खाड बनाउने तालिम सञ्चालन गर्ने गरी

BPW NEPAL - BUDHANILKANTHA CHAPTER

## NEW NORMAL: PERSPECTIVES & STRATEGIES ON COVID-19

8th August 2020  
11:45 AM UTC  
(05:30 PM Kathmandu)

<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>CHIEF GUEST</b>	<b>HOST</b>
<b>Bandana Rana</b> Vice Chair, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Advocate, women's rights and gender equality, Gender Equality	<b>Larisa B. Miller</b> CEO, Phoenix Global Managing Partner, Akron Global Executive Vice President, STP Capital Partners President, BPW Miami Member, BPW South	<b>Ambica Shrestha</b> President of The Federation of Business and Professional Women, Nepal	<b>Avipsa Prasai</b> Young BPW Member

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# BPW South Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Era Prasai (Nepal)

India : Nepal : Pakistan

## Visual Arts For Sustainable Development

BPW South Mumbai in collaboration with Cosmic Heart Gallery presents

### To Seek is to Find!

A photography exhibition by artist Gerardo Korn



Dr. Catherine Bosshart  
BPW International President



Gerardo Korn  
Conscious Photographer & Artist



Dr. Amany Asfour  
President Africa Business Council



Alejandro Undery,  
Deputy Consul-Head of Cultural Section,  
Consul General & Director Trade Centre of Argentina  
in Mumbai



Jalpa H Vithalani  
President BPW South Mumbai  
Creative Head & Director, Cosmic Heart Gallery



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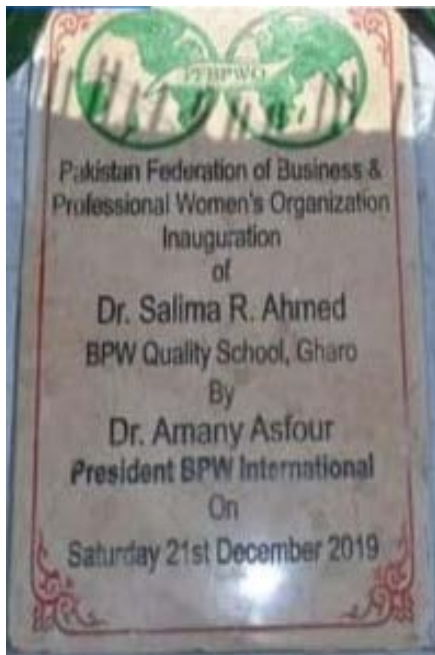
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FOR HUMANITY

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FOR BELAJ VILLAGE

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# BPW West Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: HRH. Dr. Shiekha Hissah (Kuwait)

## Bahrain : Jordan : Kuwait : Lebanon

BPW-Bahrain President,  
Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa



Since **BPW-Bahrain** was founded in 2012, our 12-member board of directors has ensured that the pioneering spirit behind the creation of this initiative has inspired and enabled women – and men – in not just the Kingdom of Bahrain but across the region as a whole to fully realize the depth of their potential.



Part of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International), a global organization with branches in over 100 countries that serves as a forum for professional business women the world over, BPW-Bahrain focuses on empowering women, as well as Bahraini youth regardless of gender, economically.



Under the inspirational leadership of Her Excellency Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, the President of BPW-Bahrain, the Federation has succeeded in impacting Bahraini society positively on many levels and its influence has extended across the Middle East as well



Over the years since its inception in 2012, apart from directly influencing the upward graphs charted by many of the beneficiaries of BPW-Bahrain's interventions, the organization has hosted international seminars attended by participants from sister organizations from around the world and is widely recognized as one of the key players in the Kingdom of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 initiative.

**BPW-Bahrain will be the next host in organizing the next BPW Asia Pacific Regional Conference On 6 – 8 November 2023.**

BPW Jordan: Business and Professional Women Association Amman Triennium Projects

<p><b>Tareeki (My Journey)</b> Bi- Annual</p>	<p>Inspiration plays a significant role in leveraging people’s capabilities and ambitions. Tareeki a series of events take place to open people’s eyes to new possibilities and opportunities, where successful women viewed as role models share their inspirational experiences and success stories.</p>
<p><b>Launching Economic Achievement Program (LEAP) for Women project.</b> 2018- Present</p>	<p>(LEAP) for Women in Jordan supports women’s economic empowerment through programming that seeks to address the high unemployment rates among Jordanian women and improvements to the enabling environment and culture regarding entrepreneurship and women in the workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Stakeholder Capacity Building Campaign</li> <li>B. Roundtable discussions</li> <li>C. Awareness campaigns (online and offline)</li> <li>D. Workshops/sessions for HR managers and supervisors</li> </ul>
<p><b>Knowledge is Power (KiP) Index</b> Bi- Annual</p>	<p>The data collection indices, have three core dimensions that match the Human Resource (HR) life cycle, Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion (RRP). These indices trace the gender-inclusivity of the RRP practices and policies in regional organizations.</p>
<p><b>Support and Accelerate Women's Inclusion Project (SAWI)</b> 2021- Present</p>	<p>This project aims to work directly with a network of selected local employers to develop, improve, and implement inclusive human resource (HR) policies and practices for the better recruitment, retention, and promotion of women, with a focus on higher education, STEM, healthcare, and banking across eight countries.</p>
<p><b>Trade For Employment (T4E) Wexport</b> 2019- Present</p>	<p>This Unit will serve as an export information hub for technical support and for connecting women-owned/led WMSMEs enhance their export activities by addressing existing gaps and limitations to reap the benefits of international markets. Our mission: To guide women-owned/led businesses in Jordan to export and expand to global markets.</p>
<p><b>Closing Gender Gap Accelerator</b> 2021- Present</p>	<p>The accelerator is run by the World Economic Forum and is present in 20 countries around the world, with the aim of closing the economic gender gap existing in these countries.</p> <p>Workshop of public and private co-chairs to develop national action plan of the accelerator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Workshops for all working groups of 50-100 companies in addition to policy makers and experts.</li> <li>B. National campaign to raise awareness on the economic gender gap in Jordan Commitment ceremony</li> <li>C. Online platform for the accelerator.</li> <li>D. Awareness sessions</li> </ul>
<p><b>LevelUP – Advancing Jordanian</b> 2021- Present</p>	<p>The Levelup Accelerator supports entrepreneurs, SMEs, start-ups and organizations to build game-changing and successful business models to enter global markets. Promoting a community of motivated young women and men who see an inclusive and sustainable digital transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Master classes and Trainings open to everyone as a part of awareness raising Open Days.</li> <li>B. Think Digital E-learning Training Program</li> <li>C. Incubation and Scale-up Program</li> <li>D. Seed to Grow Program</li> <li>E. Go Global Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gearing Up Next Gen</b> 2021- Present</p>	<p>The program Gearing Up Next Gen for Female Entrepreneurs in Jordan aims at reaching and empowering entrepreneurial women in Jordan, and at assisting them to expand and grow their businesses through an intensive 4 weeks training.</p>
<p><b>Enhance Business and Professional Women in Governorates</b></p>	<p>This program focuses on supporting women in governorates, maintaining a close relationship and understanding of women formal and informal businesses. Also, to ensure sustainability and continuity of Women Economic Empowerment Units (WEE units) team efforts in supporting their local women community.</p>



# Young BPW Asia Pacific Region



CHIAHUA LI (Taiwan)  
Young BPW Asia Pacific Representative  
2021-2024

- Contact Young BPW representatives in APR.
- Collect Young BPW current situation status (membership numbers in their areas...) in order to properly assess the number of total young BPW in Asia-Pacific Region.
- Event Preparation for Young BPW APR 3rd Symposium to hold in Taiwan is in progress. April 2023
- Project 5E, 3C, SDGs.

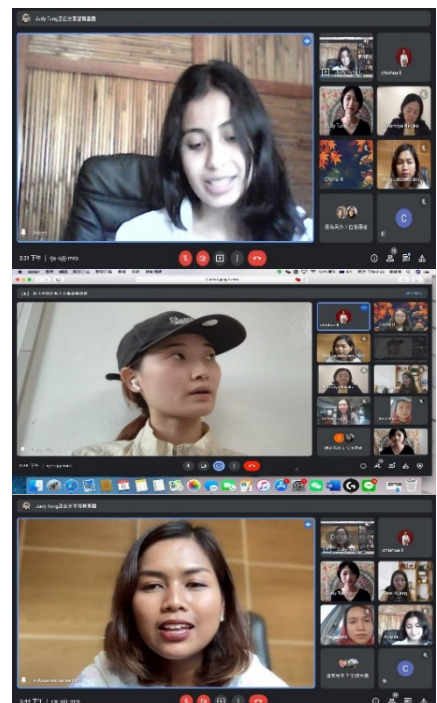
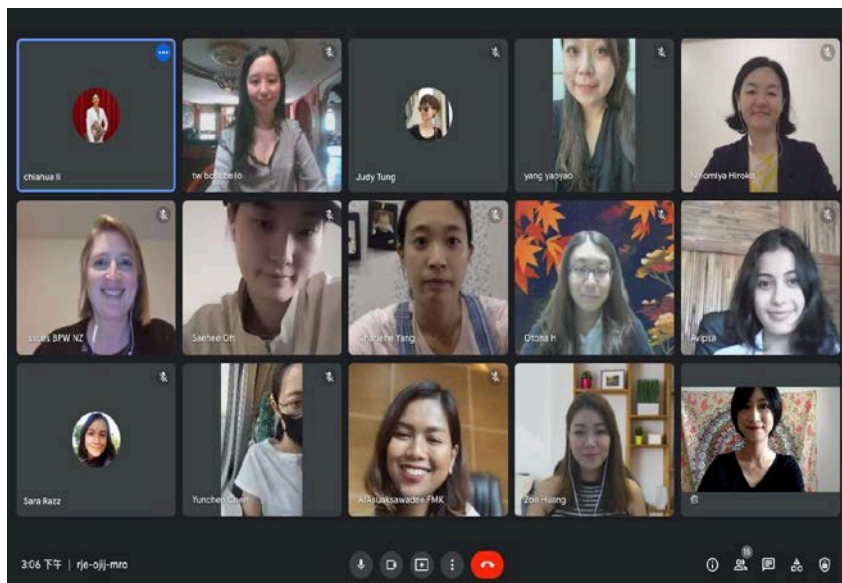
## Young BPW APR Action Plan

The activities for the triennium shall be based on the International Triennium Theme :  
New actions through cooperation and APR Triennium theme: 5E & 3C  
(5E Goals: Education, Empowerment, Economy, Elderly, Ecosystem.  
3C Strategies: Creativity, Cooperation, Connections) SDGs.

Action Plan 1. Young BPW Asia Pacific Region arranged our 1st zoom).

Action Plan 2. Young BPW APR 3rd Symposium Planning). April 2023

Action Plan 3. Young BPW APR Membership management plan (Recruit and Retain).



# Young BPW Asia Pacific Region

## Action Plan-1 Step Triennium (2021-2024)

Young BPW Asia Pacific Region arranged our 1st zoom meeting with the following Agenda:

1. Announcements
  - 1.1 Triennium Theme.
  - 1.2 Asia Pacific Young Representatives Introduction.
2. Goals and Strategies. (Project 5E, 3C, SDGs)
3. Young BPW APR 3rd Symposium
4. Asia Pacific Young Representative Regular Meeting Schedule.
5. Other Business.

## Action Plan-2 Step Triennium (2021-2024)

Young BPW APR 3rd Symposium Planning:

1. Identification of the young BPW APR 3rd Symposium organizing group.
2. Decide the theme based on Triennium Themes, Goals, and Strategies.
3. Provide the Invited speakers List
4. Symposium project budget plan and finding financial sponsors from government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), companies and associations.
5. Under the guidance of the committee, drafting a precise schedule of the events and activities of the symposium
6. Once the budget and precise schedule are determined, the next step is selecting the facility and arrange the practical organization of the spaces (conference room, social events, dinners etc.) and the welcoming of the guests.

## Action Plan-3 Step Triennium (2021-2024)

Young BPW APR Membership management plan (Recruit and Retain).

Due to all of the members joining being under the age of 35, these women are in one of the most busy periods in their life (starting their own business, starting a new family, having children) we want to focus on making young BPW a worthy instrument when it comes to mutual assistance and support between young members.

1. Inspiring Young BPW Members' especially the young ones, to engage and establish presence on the BPW global scene as well as in their local clubs and regions.
2. A networking opportunity for the young. Provide for each other international business opportunities, including collaboration on shared business international activities (for example in the field of import/export or skill-sharing).
3. Team building with the aim of providing mutual counseling and support, among the members, concerning personal and family issues that present similar scenarios and challenges for young women of any country, regardless of the specific local environment.



# Young BPW Asia Pacific Region

## Project 5E, 3C, SDGs

Young BPW Taiwan provide online English lessons for BPW Taiwan members.

Online English Learning Program with SDGs concept. We had started an online English learning program every week since 23rd February to promote our members' English ability and learn the contents of SDGs. Besides daily life English, our members can also learn the concept of SDGs from every lesson. Moreover, the program can help the members to connect with the international partners.



**COURSE INTRODUCTION**  
課程介紹

Introducing Yourself  
自我介紹

SDG 1+5: No poverty + Gender equality  
消除貧窮 + 性別平權

聯合國永續發展目標  
SDGs (sustainable development goals)



## BPW ASIA PACIFIC REGION Calendar

BPW APR Calendar for			2022		
Month	Date	Time	Events	Who	Where
Jan					
Feb	19th	16:00 TH time	Candle Lights Ceremony	all are welcome	Samutprakarn Thailand
March	23rd	14:00 TH Time	Committee Meeting	all APR committee	Zoom
	31rd		Deadline to send back reviewed Newsletter	All APR Sub Committee and Young rep.	Email
Apr	1st-3rd		Australia Conference		Adelaide
	6th		Deadline to send back reviewed Presidents Meeting 18th Sept. 2021	all APR committee	Email
May	13th-15th		New Zealand Conference		Gisborne
	27th-30th		European Regional Conference		Iceland
Jun	15th	14:00 TH Time	Committee Meeting	all APR committee	Zoom
Jul					
Aug	13th		Oceania Sub-Regional Meeting	all APR committee	Zoom
	26th		BPW International 92nd anniversary		Online
Sep	14th	14:00 TH Time	Committee Meeting		
Oct	3rd-8th		Inter Board Meeting	APR Coordinator	Switzerland
Nov					
Dec	14th	14:00 TH Time	Committee Meeting	all APR committee	Zoom
BPW APR Calender for			2023		
Apr	21st-22nd-23rd		3rd APR Young Symposium	all are welcome	Taiwan
Nov	6th-8th		Asia Pacific Regional Conference	all are welcome	Bahrain