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Taiwan Women's Organizations



Chapter

Overview

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Images of the Women's Groups in Taiwan

For the past 30 years in Taiwan, women's groups have delivered outstanding results in terms of quality and quantity. Since the ending of the martial law era, through the progress of democracy, numerous women's groups have been established in Taiwan; since the creation of the Committee of Women's Rights Promotion, Executive Yuan, a democratic involvement approach is adopted by the government and women's groups, whereby the women's

groups directly participate in governmental policies. This approach not only allows the government to understand women's needs more closely during policy formulation, but also bring about the diverse development in women's groups. Under the circumstance, whereby the resources of the government and the decision process are shared, the main images appeared by women's groups are:

Flourishing Developments within Women's Groups

Since 2004, the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD) has conducted program for communications platforms and private women's groups, such as the Taiwan Women's Link, YWCA, National Alliance of Taiwan Women's Associations etc. Furthermore, the local women's group development project is also progressively demonstrating its effects, whereby women's groups throughout the country are organizing forums, lectures and other activities on issues




that concern them, in order to link with other groups and act as a bridge between women and the government. The women communications platform initiated by the FWRPD has not only shown an increased number of participations by county or city women's groups, additional attention has also been paid towards issues such as indigenous people, sex workers, female immigrants etc. In addition, the women's organization development project initiated by FWRPD, has also nurtured many local women's groups, so that the fundamental development of women's organizations can become more diversified.

In addition to the various women's groups developed by the FWRPD, in 2004, together with local women's groups, the Taiwan Women's Link established the Taiwan Women's Health Network. The Network focused specifically on the health issues of women in Taiwan. From 2006, the Taiwan Women's Health Network has organized numerous women's health related activities

and meetings. Moreover, with the developments in women's microenterprises, and the establishment of women entrepreneurs associations across the country, women entrepreneurs are provided with support and partners. Women's associations as well as YWCA are actively developing local women's groups and membership groups through various projects.

Increased Proposition and Advocating Capabilities

For a long time, due to the influence of the political environment, most proposition driven groups are centered in Taipei City. Later, Kaohsiung City's women's groups formed the "Starry Sky Women's Group Alliance" to supervise the women's policy of the local government; furthermore, it has collaborated with the Kaohsiung City Government on several projects. Many women's groups in the central region are dedicated to the promotion of gender mainstreaming. Tainan Association for the Promotion of Women's Rights further expands the experience to the establishment of the



women's right promotion in Tainan County. In 2007, the Yun Xuan Women and Children Cultural Foundation of Yunlin organized the "5th Women's Forum", demonstrating that women's organization with propositional capabilities are slowly growing roots in the community.

Strengthened Linkage of the Groups toward Diverse Issues


Gender mainstreaming, initiated by the central government, gradually emerging in the various counties and cities, for instance, women's groups in central counties have organized gender mainstreaming forums, while the universal care service mechanism is also implemented (pilot program in Taizhong County), thanks to the dedicated work by local women's groups and the Peng Wan-Ru Foundation.

Apart from the linkages between women's groups, the women's

groups have also targeted at specific issues and the linkages with other social welfare organizations. For instance, the Taiwan Women's Group National United Association and the social movement groups have formed the Constitution Reform Alliance, thus incorporating the women's perspective into the reform of constitutions. The Taiwan Women's Link and the social welfare groups have formed the National Health Insurance Supervisory Alliance and the National Pensions Promotion Alliance. Together, they serve to supervise national health insurance policies and promote the protection of the elderly women's economic safety through national pension. Furthermore, the Women's Awakening Foundation and social welfare groups have formed private social welfare task teams to supervise the social welfare policies of the government.

Political and Social Participation

In addition to significant growth in quantity, the issues focused



by the women's groups are diverse; in terms of political and social participation, women's groups jointly recommend women legislators, examine the implementation status on the women policy of various county and city governments. Furthermore, the non-district candidates from the various political parties are also examined with other social welfare groups.

Personal Safety

For specially designated groups, the issue on single parenting, domestic violence, foreign spouses, due to the influx of resources such as the Domestic Violence Act, Regulation for the Assistance of Women with Special Circumstances and foreign spouse fund, the direct service of the various cities and counties are deeply rooted. Meanwhile, the Taiwan Coalition Against Violence, created by numerous women's groups that are committed to the development of personal safety issues, takes advantage of the working experience of the various organizations, and use

collective power to monitor the personal safety policy for women and revision of the relevant laws, such as the promotion of Sexual Harassment Prevention Act and the proposed amendments to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act etc. In terms of human trafficking, the "Anti Human Trafficking Alliance" was created in 2006, which supervised the government's policy implementation and development of plans on human trafficking.

In terms of media monitoring and internet safety, the End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism Taiwan has collaborated with Taiwan Advertisers' Association to complete the "Internet Pornography Surveillance Report", while the Garden of Hope Foundation has organized action plays to protest against the stereotyping of the female gender. Other organizations such as the Women's Awakening Foundation, Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association and Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association, have also raised protests through press conferences to politician who made



opening remarks of gender discrimination during the election.

Immigrant Women

As regards to the immigrants, the government and the private organizations have collaborated to form community care spots for immigrant women. Moreover, they are also given support in terms of familiarization of the living environment, family parental education, vocational training. In addition, by organizing various activities, women groups also educate the public to understand more about the diverse culture of women immigrants, eliminate myths and prejudice. Women groups also unite to form the “Alliance for Human Rights Legislation for Immigrants and Migrants”, which oversees the revision of the Immigration Act, as well as the implementation of governmental immigration policies.


Employment

In terms of entrepreneurship and employment, due to the

government policy encouraging women entrepreneurship for the past years, the development activities, support groups of women entrepreneurs have increased in quantity and quality. In the protection of employment rights, in addition to continual promotion of the Gender Equality in Employment Act, the labor rights of nursing staff, private school teachers, homosexuals and specially designated groups are receiving increasing attention, as well as the employment rights of private school administrative staff, gender ratio limitations of police, and the employment rights of homosexuals.

Health and Medical Care

Concerning health and medical care, in 2006, the women's groups initiated a petition on the General Health Law, and held several press conferences as well as lobbying activities. They strongly opposed the compulsory requirement of women to be counseled and forced to deliberate over a period of time before



being allowed to abortion. Furthermore, they have also paid additional attention to the issues of female living with AIDS, rights of breast cancer patients, drug safety and vaccine for cervical cancer etc. The Taipei Women's Rights Promotion Association also organized the "Forum on the Promotion of Women Homosexuals' Health and Welfare", which contributed significantly towards the health requirements and medical care experience of domestic women homosexuals.

International Participation

In terms of international participation, the FWRPD has played a significant role; several important international women's meetings, such as Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) of UN and Women Leaders' Network (WLN) meeting and Gender Focal Point Network (GFPN) meeting of APEC, have all been promoted mainly by the Foundation. Meanwhile, women's groups continue to participate in the UN CSW and NGO forums, APEC meetings and

meetings of affiliated international organizations, as well as other women related international conferences, hoping to increase their energy through international exchange.

In 2007, after the Legislative Yuan passed the "Convention on the Elimination of all Discriminations against Women (CEDAW)", numerous women's groups around the country actively engaged in related domestic activities, in order to realize the contents of the convention. In addition, many women's groups have also held international affairs training programs. Including National Family Caregivers Association has participated in the "Disability, Elderly Care and Technology" international seminar; Taiwan Feminist Scholars Association participate in the "Women's Worlds 2008"; Taiwan Loudres Association participate in the "XVI International AIDS Conference" etc. The indigenous women's groups are beginning to contact the international community as well. They took part in the "7th International Organization Conference" and



the Cordillera Day.

Existing development gap between cities and townships still requires hard work

Through women's communication platforms and the efforts of national women's groups, women's organizations around the country are gradually being "developed". However, majority of the local women's organizations still tend to be service-oriented or friendship bonding. The main reasons are that women's organizations were not encouraged to develop subjects of debate, and the local government lacked resources to support the local organizations financially. Moreover, understaffing makes women's organizations unable to develop topics or conduct promotional works when they are already inundated with numerous individual cases. Furthermore, we can also discover that certain counties and cities lack of proactive women's organizations, which is a pity.

Also, in terms of services and issues concerning indigenous women, although communications platform and the tribal resources linkage meetings are available to gain insight into the needs and thoughts of indigenous women, generally speaking, groups that focus on the issues of indigenous women are scarce. How to collaborate with indigenous women to fight for the rights of women and to educate the public faced with cultural differences and social prejudice, remains a future challenge.

From the development of women's groups, it is evident that the FWRPD has played a key role in terms of the promotion of women's communication platforms, international participation and gender mainstreaming. The Foundation encouraged local women's organizations to connect with others, as well as to learn and support from each other. More importantly, it has also helped women's organizations to synchronize with the world through international meetings. In addition to the current issues,



women's groups are also paying increasing attention to topics such as entrepreneurship, economy, social welfare, long-term care, female homosexual health and other public agendas. They also collaborate with other social welfare groups such as constitution reform, national pension, social welfare policy, national health insurance etc. In terms of gender mainstreaming, besides the work done by the government, we are also seeing women's groups progressively introducing the concept into local authorities or political parties. Nevertheless, the development gap between cities and towns is still a major problem, since gender related women's organizations are still lacking in many cities and towns; it is clear that the women's movement still has a long way to go.



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Introduction to Women's Organizations Active in International Affairs

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International organization

ECPAT International

International Association of Internet Hotlines (INHOPE)

About us

To confront the severe issue of commercial sexual prostitution in Asian tourism, several NGOs from different countries gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand in 1990, and launched the International Campaign to End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism (ECPAT) trying to protect children and to keep them away from commercial sexual exploitation.

We have joined ECPAT International in 1991. Registering on March 31st, 1994, we determine to provide better services for children and women, to fight against the huge criminal networks, and to find the children's smile back. The vision of ECPAT is to end child prostitution, end child pornography and end transnational sexual exploitation.

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International organization

World Council of Churches

About us

The members of the Women Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan come from different ethnic groups and regions in Taiwan. The ministries are carried out by 23 presbyteries and 4 districts.

With the love of God and the strength of our faith we aim to cultivate women; to promote women's spirituality and feminist theology studies. Furthermore, we co-operate with local and international women organizations to exchange information and help one another in pursuing women's rights, justice and peace. We hold several study groups, workshops, seminars for sisters, engage in community empowerment work, publish magazine and gender education publications to promote gender issues.

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International organization

Inclusion International

About us

The Parents' Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability (PAPID) was founded on Jan. 5th, 1992, by representatives of local associations of parents with intellectual disability all over Taiwan and Penghu. To establish PAPID is to speak for all intellectually disabled in Taiwan, strive for their rights and protection.

The aim of the PAPID is to connect all local associations to fight for the inherent rights and privilege of the intellectually disabled. We provide supporting and assistance to the parents. On the one hand, we assist all families with intellectually disabled persons to bravely deal with problems they must face. On the other hand, we push the government to work out measures for offering lifetime caring for the intellectually disabled.

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International organization

International Family Life Education Center

About us

Taipei Family Life Education Association (TFLEA) was founded by a group of well-trained professionals in family life education in 1991. TFLEA specifically focus on promoting family quality of life ideals, programming counseling courses and community activities, setting up family education center within different counties. In the long term, we hope to found a professional international institute.

The primary goals of TFLEA are: a) to promote family life education (emotional, communication, parental education), b) to improve quality of family life, c) to train qualified professionals in family life education, d) to integrate public and private resources, e) to formulate family-related policies in step with current trends.

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International organization

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

About us

The Girl Scouts Association of Taiwan aims to nurture the working ability of girls, to cultivate their good habits and noble characters, to equip them with useful knowledge, and to promote their mental and physical health in order that they have the qualities of intelligence and bravery to disseminate the virtues of women and make contribution to the whole society.

We hope to promote the fundamental principles and spirit of Girl Scouting laid out in the promise and law, to develop the concept and values system, and to provide opportunities with broad insight into the scope of movement to experience international guiding and gain in their practical personal growth. The vision is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world

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International organization

World YWCA

About us

Taipei YWCA was established in 1949 and committed to its purpose of developing the leadership of women, sharing the global views on women issues, helping women to work for communities and beyond. YWCA of Taiwan has a long history and is one of the major women's organizations in Taiwan, R.O.C., with ten branches and two Foreign Spouse Family Service Centers.

The principles we value are: a) our worldwide solidarity as a women's volunteer membership movement; b) our history and foundation in the Christian faith; c) diversity, inclusiveness, tolerance and mutual respect; d) integrity and responsible accountability. The social services we provide includes helping foreign brides adjust to their new life, promoting comprehensive HIV/AIDS education and Young Women's International Affairs Training Project.

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International organization

The International Council of Nurses

About us

The Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA), serving the practical needs of nurses for 93 years, is one of the oldest and well-organized nursing organizations in Taiwan. Facing rapidly changing medical care needs and priorities, the TWNA works hard to maintain its strengths, while pursuing further opportunities to help members. In a Board Meeting in July 2007, the Association passed a resolution stipulating six TWNA core values, including Professionalism; Visionary Leadership; Partnership; Globalization; Innovation; and Excellence.

The Association operates for the purposes of promoting professional nursing services, improving nursing-related academic research, upgrading standards of nursing education, enhancing the health of all citizens, and enhancing the association's international status.

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International organization

The Women's Federation For World Peace

About us

The Era of Women is an era of cooperation of true partnership in which men and women understand that each was created to complement the good qualities of the other. As needs were identified, the Women's Federation brings women together to use their unique perspective, abilities, resources, energy and experience to stimulate a spirit of volunteerism in a common effort to establish better communities, societies, nations and global village.

Events we hold recently include international activities, local activities (rebuilding family ethics), seminars on AIDS prevention and school activities (establishment of youth common value).

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About us

To promote a more equal and fair situation between women and men in Taiwan, Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) founded the Women's Development Committee in September, 1993. To advance gender equality, DPP renamed the Women's Development Committee as the Department of Women's Development in July 1996 in order to set up local women organizations and empower women's abilities.

We encourage female party members to participate in political affairs, create a women-friendly political environment, strive for more right and relevant welfare for women. We connect with local female party members who work within our party to increase women's political participation. We establish and advocate the policies of women/gender, using the power of our party to improve the social status of Taiwanese women.

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About us

Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association, TGEEA, is founded on November 16, 2002. The goals of TGEEA are: a) to offer training courses and workshops to all-level teachers; b) to develop a network to support teachers devoted to gender equity education; c) to create teaching materials and pedagogy on gender equity education; d) to build up international networks of gender equity education.

Our members include: a) all-level teachers who are interested in and devoted to gender equity education; b) college and university professors who do researches on gender studies or teach women/gender courses; c) other adults and college students who support gender equity education.

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About us

In Taiwan, the caring services for the disabled are almost always provided by their families. To respond this situation that the long-term ignorance to the needs of family caregivers, the Taiwan Association of Family Caregivers (T AFC) was set up by experts, scholars and professionals established in 1996. It is the first non-profit organization to advocate the rights and needs for the family caregivers. As well as relevant organizations, members of T AFC's include scholars, nurses, doctors, occupational therapists, social workers and caregivers.

Our main tasks are to accelerate the public understanding and care about family caregivers, oversee the policy quality and budgets provided by government, connect local groups' resources and conduct related researches and training workshops.

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About us

In 1982, a group of women published a monthly magazine called the Awakening Magazine for the purpose of raising women's self-awareness and striving for women's rights in Taiwan. With the goal of broader mobilization of women and resources, the founders established the Awakening Foundation in October, 1987.

Our mission includes advocacy, awakening, mobilization and equality. The Awakening Foundation has been given impetus to policy and institutional reform that actively practices and promotes gender equality. It has taken actions on lobbying women issues and broadening women's participation in public affairs. Furthermore, the Foundation hosting lectures and seminars for communities and providing legal aid, information and consultation to individual women and other organizations.

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International organization

World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)

About us

National Alliance of Taiwan Women's Associations (NATWA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization affiliated with more than 65 women's organizations in Taiwan. The head office serves as a platform to consolidate and share resources. Together, we aim to advance gender equality, mainstream gender policy and promote women's status.

We concern many areas ranging from policy advocacy, direct service, vocational training and social welfare provision. We have arranged activities such as career planning, micro-business development and computer skill training program. We monitor government's annual gender budget. We promote gender equality and women's rights by organizing trips, public hearings, and press conferences.

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About us

A group of housewives began to promote green living in 1987 and officially established the Foundation in 1989. Its mission was to consolidate women's power to care for the communities, enhance the quality of life, promote gender harmony, and improve the living environment. Since its inception, the Foundation has involved in environmental issues, education, women's growth and consumer quality. We foster the system of joint thinking and decision-making with an aim to observe and care for public issues.

So far, the Foundation has set up the environmental protection, women's growth, education, and consumer rights committees. It is a manifestation of women's power in environmental protection and reform through collective participation.

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International organization

International Council of Women

About us

Early as in the 1960s, The president of YMCA of Taiwan Cecilia Y. Koo united several women's groups to establish the NCW. She lead for the goals of raising awareness on important women's issues, promoting women's social status, improving the lives of disadvantaged women and children, enhancing civilian diplomacy, cultivating women's leadership , etc. At present, NCW has 10 group members and 89 individual members.

Over the years, NCW had actively interacted with other international women's groups and attend many international conventions with great success. NCW has become members of the most important women's organizations includes International Council of Women (ICW), Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA), The General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC).

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About us

To further the national interest and develop and coordinate a comprehensive women's policy, the Commission on Women's Rights Promotion (CWRP) was established by the Executive Yuan in 1997. To sustain the government's commitment, the CWRP established the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD) in 1997, to serve as a bridge for constructive dialogue between the government and the private sectors, and to build a center of resource and information exchange for all women in Taiwan.

FWRPD has conducted gender equality development on researching gender mainstreaming and gender resources kits, providing women's training and education, promoting and networking women groups and women entrepreneurs, participating international exchange and UN, APEC gender related meetings.

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About us

The Garden of Hope Foundation is a non-profit group established in 1988 to help disadvantaged girls and young women. With determination and courage to pursue justice and love, we strive not only to prevent and eliminate harms of sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, teen pregnancy and human trafficking, but also to create a friendly environment for children and women through progressive social reform.

We provide national network of shelters and centers provides professional services in counseling, temporary housing, employment training, social work and legal aid for women and girls in need. On top of victim services, the Garden of Hope also recognizes the fundamental needs of advocacy, preventive actions and empowerment in eliminating violence against women and girls.

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About us

Taiwan Breast Cancer Alliance (TBCA) was founded in 2002. The goal of TBCA is to unite all breast cancer patient support groups, to share resources and experiences while promoting self-awareness for the nation's public health.

The missions of TBCA are: a) to assist the foundation of breast cancer patients' groups; b) to facilitate the communications and cooperation among breast cancer patients' groups and related government agencies; c) to set up breast cancer information/ services website; d) to set agenda on breast cancer prevention/ treatment, raise awareness and promote research development; e) to voice opinions for breast cancer patients, and safeguard the rights of breast cancer patients; f) to take part in international breast cancer prevention/treatment campaigns to strengthen global exchanges on this issue.

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About us

Taipei Association for the Promotion of Women's Rights (TAPWR) was formed on February 5, 1994. Its ultimate goal is to serve the female citizens and thus promote the gender equality. The main belief of TAPWR is to educate women, promote feminism ideology, and advocate gender equality of the society. The mission is to elevate woman's prestige, to solicit more women's rights and benefits, and to promote equal rights for men and women.

TAPWR especially concerned about women's health promotion, Sex equality education, Personal Safety advocacy and participate in Community Work. We provide teenager unexpected pregnancy assistance, legal aid during separation period, health promotion and education for lesbian.

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About us

The Modern Women's Foundation was founded in 1987 by the Office of Legislator Wei-kang Pan's enthusiastic appeal and promotion. The Foundation is committed to women's self-recognition, self-fulfillment and self-development. It keeps driving the public attention to the issues of women's safety and rights.

Early as in 1988, we set up a women protection center, offering woman victims professional information and service in legal, medical services. We continue to fight for an equal, safe and dignified social environment for women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or sexual harassment. We aggressively promote various forward-looking systems and service projects.

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About us

In the years of 1987 and 1988, to rescue and provide long-term assistance to the large group of girls who have been sold by their parents and forced into prostitution, a number of enthusiastic lawyers, scholars, and social workers joined to establish "Taiwan Women's Rescue Foundation" in August 1987, aiming to rescue unfortunate women, provide legal consultation and service, and give living and education guidance, while rebuilding their self-confidence and helping them go back to family and the society.

The foundation has been a pioneer to eliminate women trafficking in Taiwan and eradicate child prostitution. Moreover, the TWRF will utilize the advocacy of law, social education and promotion to merge the government and the society into the process of women rights movement in Taiwan without a moment of hesitation.

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About us

In 1984, an associate professor gathered groups of divorced women and established an informal organization called the "Give Her a Hand Association", which aimed to provide psychological support for women in need. Through the dedication and efforts of the pioneers, the Warm Life Association was formally established in 1988.

Not only for divorced women, many married and single women identified with our mission and joined to help others. The "sisters" support each other through provisions of legal advice, marital consultation groups, case interviews, social resource referral, and education training. and actively promote legislative reform to improve protection of women's rights through institutional initiatives.

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About us

The Association was founded by Taipei City Councilor, Ms Chen Shu-Hua in 1995. In view that a number of legal provisions were unfair to women under the time and socio-economic background, the President of the Association gathered a group of women to protest against the laws and demand for amendment, in an aim to solve the problems of long-term absence of human rights protection for women in Taiwan from the fundamental rule of laws. Through this event, the Association was officially set up and registered, and aims to promote the local culture and instill independent thinking and confidence for women, as well as uplift the women's social status in the society. The Association has organized numerous reading clubs, charity auctions, and cultural exchange activities over the years.

Chinese Woman's Business Association

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About us

The Association had set up for 29 years. In this period, more than 20 branches have been founded internationally, with a total membership exceeding two thousand. The country's economy is gearing up to become leading edgy in high-technology and service industry. These are two sectors in which woman professionals are making great contributions.

The Chinese Woman's Business Association is not a purely professional association. "From the society, for the society", this is our spirit. We provide information and support for our members. We have been engaged in charity affairs, such as visiting orphanages and handicapped, not only in Taiwan, but also in Mainland China and abroad.

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About us

The Organization was set up by Professor Chen Yi-Ming of National Yang Ming University in 1994. It was initiated as a "halfway house for AIDS patients", aiming to provide care for HIV positive patients. Up to 1999, the establishment of relevant organizations and the notable effect of the cocktail therapy reduced the demand for a halfway house; therefore, the Organization began to gradually redirect towards advocacy for patient's rights. The Organization provides continuing services and supports for patient visits and anonymous screening to solve the social and medical problems brought by the spread of AIDS and to promote AIDS prevention activities and education, including training of volunteers and AIDS bed linen charity drive, aiming to raise public awareness and concern about AIDS.

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About us

Lourdes Association was established by the Daughters of Charity in Taiwan. During the 1990's the Daughters of Charity became aware of the suffering of those people who are infected with HIV/AIDS and their families. Hence, in 1997 the work for the children was terminated and the purpose of the home has been for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. It is the only Catholic organization in Taiwan for the service of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The objectivities of Lourdes are: 1) providing community-based services which improve the quality of life of those infected with HIV and AIDS; 2) campaigning for the human rights of those infected with HIV and AIDS; 3) educating greater public understanding of the personal impact of HIV and AIDS in order to break off the prejudice and discrimination against them.

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About us

Established in July 1988, the Centre for Grassroots Women Workers intends to provide opportunities for women workers and housewife who do part-time jobs to reform the male-dominated workers' unions, and to develop women workers' unions and workers' movements through the promotion of feminism.

In the beginning, the organizational structure was dominated by women intellectuals who often ironically oppress the voices and the feeling of grassroots women. After 1990, the women workers took the lead while assisted by advisors. We meet when the need arises. We hold community activities regarding legal advice, court case assistance, public education, prison visiting and also provide temporary shelter for migrant women.

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About us

Dorcas Family Ministry Organization was organized by a group of Christians who have gone through marital difficulties. With an understanding heart, founder, Miss Wu Wei-Jie has supported numerous people who were struggling in their marriages over the years. The Organization brought many people to relearn the value of marriage and family, understand themselves and their spouses, and re-embrace love.

The Organization has been devoted to organizing pre-marital courses, life-rebuilding programs, and happy marriage camps, as well as overseas volunteer activities. The Organization has also established a halfway house to provide emergency shelter for battered women and their children, as well as rehabilitation counseling, occupational training, and legal consultation.

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About us

The Center was founded in Ilan, Taiwan, and is committed to serving disadvantaged groups. The problem of increasing violence in the society has been threatening the safety of women, so "Ilan needed a space dedicated to women". This speech brought Miss Huang Shu-Ling to found the Center and become committed to the works of welfare for women. In addition to women victim, the Organization also services other disadvantaged groups, including single parents, children under care by grandparents, new immigrant families, and the physically and mentally disabled people, in aim to seek the best interests through utilization of social resources.

Services provided include family care home visits, emergency shelter, promotional education in schools, life adaptation counseling classes, daycare services, and nanny supervision home visits.

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About us

Collective of Sex Workers and Supporters (COSWAS) was formed by the supporters of sex workers' rights and those concerned with policies for the sex industry, as well as the core members of the Taipei Alliance of Licensed Prostitutes (TALP). It is the continuation of our extended struggle of the Taipei Licensed Prostitutes. COSWAS aims to follow-up and deepen our understanding on the system and conditions of the TALP. We are also concerned with the rights of sex workers and their working conditions and further catalyze policy debates on sex industry to develop concrete, realistic and positive policies as well as system with regards to the industry.

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About us

"Kaihuai Club", the predecessor of Taichung Kaihuai Association, is a service organization founded by hospital and social workers in 1994. In 1998, the Club was officially reorganized and registered. The Association integrated professional knowledge and patient's experience and power to service breast cancer patients through helping them adapt psychologically and emotionally and educate their families and the society.

The Association hosts patients' forums, rehabilitation patients counseling, and medical seminars regularly. Each year, the Association services nearly 10 thousand patients and co-operate with support groups of other counties and cities for breast cancer patients on long-term basis, as well as actively promote breast cancer prevention work and provide support through the power of patients and their family members.

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About us

The Association was officially established in 1997. It was initiated to develop the value of indigenous communities and break the stereotype of indigenous peoples. A group of aboriginal women took the initiative to care for indigenous people in the tribes as well as in the cities and made attempts to raise their identifications to their cultures. Through tasks in the four major areas, life education, social care, cultural heritage, and political development, the Association organized reading sessions and seminars to improve the self-awareness of aboriginal women, facilitate spiritual growth, and bring together the aboriginal women in the urban and rural communities. Through a variety of activities, the Association studies and records the traditional aboriginal cultures and participate in international events, aiming to improve aboriginal women's social status and quality of life, raise ethnic awareness, and manifest the thriving vitality of indigenous peoples.





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Background

To develop and coordinate a comprehensive women's policy, the Commission on Women's Rights Promotion (CWRP) was established by the Executive Yuan in 1997 in cross-departmental fashion. In 1999, the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD) was established under the "Executive Yuan National Women Personal Safety Fund", to serve as a bridge between the government and the private sectors, and to build a resource center for women in Taiwan.

Major Achievements

The FWRPD are dedicated to enhancing and developing women's rights and has conducted gender equality development on the following issues:

- Promote gender mainstreaming and gender resources kits
- Enhance Women empowerment and education
- Develop women/gender Network through various platform
- Engage in International exchange and participation

In the future, FWRPD will continue to promote and develop women's rights and establish a society of gender equality and mutual respect.

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