

Press Release

On 13 October, 14.30-17.30 hrs. Press Release at Amphitheatre (ground floor) Building B, Sava Centre, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, Hon. Mrs. Suwannee Sirivejchapun, Senator, Hon. Mr. Santi Kiranand and Hon. Ms. Nateepat Kulsetthasith, Member of House of Representatives, joined the 30th Forum of Women Parliamentary. In this regard, Hon. Mr. Santi Kiranand and Hon. Ms. Nateepat Kulsetthasith discussed the topic “Eliminating Discrimination in Law” and mentioned the Gender Equality Act B.E. 2558 (2015) which provides protective measures for people who are subject to unfair gender discriminations. They shall submit a complaint to the Committee on Consideration of Unfair Gender Discrimination for consideration. In addition, in order to narrow the gap between female and male in the office, the Labour Protection Act, B.E. 2541 (1998) states that an employer shall treat male and female employees equally in employment, an employer shall be prohibited from committing sexual abuse, harassment or nuisance against an employee, And an employer shall not terminate the employment of a female employee on the grounds of her pregnancy. On the rights of women and girls issues, Thailand stepped forward to the human rights of women and child in prison. The Corrections Act, B.E. 2560 (2017) states the practices related to the treatment of female inmates such as the use of restraints or shackles on female inmates and giving birth in the hospital which located in the same area of the prison. In addition the register of births in the prison is prohibited and shall identify only the area where the prison is located.

Moreover, the House of Representatives of Thailand promotes gender equality by establishment “The Committee on Children, Youth, Women, Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Ethnic Groups, and LGBTs” in order to study study the issues related to those groups and coordinate with domestic and foreign agencies, and international community to solve the problems and promote rights protection and improve the quality of life of children youth, women, older persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic groups, and LGBTs. This is the first time of the Thai politics that it specifies the LGBT group in the committee. As for the State Reporting Process to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Thai Parliament recognizes the importance of participation in the State Reporting Process and in 2017, Hon. Mrs. Suwannee Sirivejchapun, member of the National Legislative Assembly reported process of CEDAW implementation, of the Thai Parliament.

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