



## CONCEPT NOTE

### Annual International Training Course

1. Course Title: ...Global Social Work and Social Welfare Course...
2. Duration: ...27 – 30 August 2024...

#### BACKGROUND

Social work and social welfare are professions dedicated to promoting social change, solving problems in human relationships, and empowering individuals and communities to improve their well-being. They play a crucial role in addressing inequality, poverty, discrimination, and other social issues, and strive to create a more just and equitable world. It is essential for every community to have individuals with the expertise to address and manage these issues on behalf of society, ensuring the well-being and progress of the community as a whole.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the world has faced significant challenges, including increased levels of poverty, food scarcity, and inflation, resulting in a decline in both the social and economic aspects across the world. The current global health crisis highlights the need for a larger group of social work and social welfare professionals to effectively address the ongoing challenges facing society. Due to this, the field of social work has become increasingly professionalized in many Southeast Asian countries, with the establishment of formal education and training programs, professional associations, and licensing requirements for practitioners. However, challenges persist in ensuring the quality and accessibility of social work education and training due to limited resources, inadequate infrastructure, and political instability. This highlights the demand for social workers in the world, driven by growing challenges across various nations.

The ASEAN Training Centre for Social Work and Social Welfare (ATCSW) on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, was established on November 3, 2019, at the 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Thailand, and it is responsible for creating and providing training programs and educational curricula focused on social work and social welfare. The emphasis is on developing technical and professional skills necessary for advancing the global fields of social work and social welfare. As outlined in the ASEAN Social Work Consortium (ASWC) Work Plan 2021 – 2025, Priority Area 2, the ATCSW will develop training manuals/modules, conduct capacity building activities, and offer learning courses both online and offline to address identified gaps in professional education worldwide. Priority modules include Global Social Work and Social Welfare, Social Protection, and Protection of Children in the Context of Migration. The ATCSW will align its initiatives with the strategic framework outlined by the ASWC to enhance the realm of social work and social welfare throughout all regions.

ATCSW recognizes the importance of organizing the Global Social Work and Social Welfare course for ASEAN member states. The goal is to envision the future approach to social work and social welfare in the globe. This initiative aims to cultivate and prepare skilled professionals who will play a collaborative role in advancing social work and social welfare practitioners globally. The course covers theoretical and practical foundations of social work and social welfare, delivered by experienced social work practitioners to equip professionals with comprehensive knowledge and guidance. The course aims to equip participants with the skills necessary to engage in collaborative knowledge-sharing endeavours within the field of social work. Additionally, it facilitates the establishment of a network spanning throughout the globe, nurturing individuals who will serve as key contributors to the continuous advancement and efficacy of social work and social welfare endeavours.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The key objectives of the event are:

- To expand participants' comprehension of social work and social welfare concepts and theories, encompassing both regional and global perspectives, and to foster awareness of global dynamics across various realms. This includes understanding the roles played by international organizations, conventions, and commitments that influence the practice of social work and social welfare;

- To share good practices and lessons learned from experts and practitioners working in social work and social welfare in the world;
- To strengthen networks of social work and social welfare practitioners in the globe.

### Course Contents

- Duration: Lecture 24 hours
- Subjects list
  - 1) International Convention and Commitment in Social Work Practice
  - 2) Emerging global threats, patterns of disruption and social change: the impact on social work, and the role of social work in restoring hope and trust in a changing world
  - 3) Global Social Work and Social Welfare Concepts and Theories
  - 4) Global Social Work and Social Welfare Ethics and Guidelines
  - 5) The Development of Local Authorities of a Community-based Integrated Elderly Care Model
  - 6) Roles of ASEAN on Social Work and Social Welfare
  - 7) Community development for social workers
  - 8) Future and trends of social work in the world

### Participants' Criteria:

Applicants are required to meet the following requirements:

- Be nominated by their respective governments;
- Education: Unlimited (Priorities are given to social workers and social policy practitioners.)
- Language: proficiency in English
  - \* speaking -some commands
  - \* reading – basic comprehension
  - \* writing – basic to intermediate
  - \* listening – intermediate or higher

### Attendance and Evaluation

Participants who complete the training will receive a certificate based on:

- Pre-test and post-test
- Course and instructor evaluation
- Attendance

## Global Social Work and Social Welfare Course Agenda

Date: 27 – 30 August 2024

Format: Online Platform

Date	Time	Activities	Resources Persons
Day 1	08:30 – 12:30 AM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: International Convention and Commitment in Social Work Practice</b></p> <p>Social Policies at international levels, protection of human rights, fundamental rights of people, declarations, conventions and international covenants on human rights, reducing social inequality, Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Trafficking in Person Report (TIP Report), The World Summit of Social Development, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Recommendation concerning Social Protection Floor</p>	1
	13:30 – 16:30 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Emerging global threats, patterns of disruption and social change: the impact on social work, and the role of social work in restoring hope and trust in a changing world</b></p> <p>Emerging global threats such as climate change, political instability, economic inequality, technological disruption, and health crises are significantly impacting social work by creating complex challenges and opportunities for innovative practice. Social workers are</p>	1

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		<p>crucial in addressing these disruptions by advocating for environmental and economic justice, providing crisis intervention, supporting mental health, and promoting digital inclusion. They play a vital role in restoring hope and trust through community empowerment, policy advocacy, resilience building, and promoting social cohesion. By maintaining ethical standards and engaging in continuous professional development, social workers can effectively navigate and mitigate the impacts of these global threats, fostering positive social change and well-being.</p>	

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<p>Day 2</p>	<p>09:00 – 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Global Social Work and Social Welfare Concepts and Theories</b></p> <p>Global Social Work and Social Welfare Concepts and Theories, e.g. principles of human rights, civil rights, welfare rights, humanism, human value and dignity, three practice areas of social work i.e. micro, mezzo, macro social work, social welfare system, welfare state, social security, human security, social protection, productive welfare, welfare mix, linkage between concepts, theories and its application to actual implementation in global context and experience-based social work</p>	<p>1</p>

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	13:00 – 16:00 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Global Social Work and Social Welfare Ethics and Guidelines</b></p> <p>Global social work and social welfare ethics and guidelines encompass a comprehensive framework that emphasizes the respect for human rights and dignity, social justice, professional integrity, confidentiality, and competence. Key international ethical standards, such as those from the IFSW and IASSW, highlight the importance of cultural sensitivity and a human rights-based approach. Ethical decision-making involves recognizing ethical issues, gathering information, evaluating alternatives, making informed decisions, implementing actions, and reflecting on outcomes. Understanding legal and cultural contexts, balancing universal and local ethics, addressing global inequities, and ethical responsibilities in crisis situations are crucial. Continuous learning, collaboration, and advocacy are essential for promoting ethical practices and social justice globally.</p>	1

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Day 3	09:00 – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: The Development of Local Authorities of a Community-based Integrated Elderly Care Model</b></p> <p>The development of local authorities' community-based integrated elderly care model focuses on creating a holistic and sustainable system to support</p>	1

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		<p>the aging population. This model emphasizes the collaboration between local government, healthcare providers, social workers, and community organizations to deliver comprehensive care services that address the physical, emotional, and social needs of the elderly. Key components include accessible healthcare, social support networks, age-friendly environments, and opportunities for active participation in community life. By integrating services and resources at the community level, local authorities can ensure that elderly individuals receive personalized, continuous care, enabling them to live independently and with dignity while fostering community cohesion and support.</p>	
	13:00 – 16:00 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Roles of ASEAN on Social Work and Social Welfare</b></p> <p>The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) plays a pivotal role in promoting social work and social welfare across its member states by fostering regional cooperation and integration. Through its various frameworks and initiatives, ASEAN addresses key social issues such as poverty alleviation, disaster management, and human rights protection. The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) focuses on enhancing the quality of life, social justice, and equitable development, promoting initiatives that support vulnerable populations. ASEAN's collaborative approach encourages member countries to share best practices, develop common standards, and implement</p>	1



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		joint projects, thereby strengthening the capacity and impact of social work and social welfare programs across the region.	

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Day 4	09:00 – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Community development for social workers</b></p> <p>Community development for social workers involves empowering communities to improve their social, economic, and environmental well-being through collective action and capacity building. Social workers facilitate this process by identifying community needs, mobilizing resources, and fostering local leadership. They use participatory methods to engage community members in planning and decision-making, ensuring that interventions are culturally relevant and sustainable. By promoting collaboration, advocating for policy changes, and supporting community-driven initiatives, social workers help create resilient, inclusive communities that can effectively address challenges and enhance the quality of life for all residents. This approach not only addresses immediate needs but also builds long-term community capacity and social cohesion.</p>	1
	13:00 – 16:00 PM	<p><b>Lecture on the topic: Future and trends of social work in the world</b></p> <p>The future of social work is poised for transformative changes driven by technological advancements, demographic shifts, and evolving social policies. Social</p>	1

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		<p>workers will increasingly leverage technology to enhance service delivery, from using data analytics to better understand client needs to employing virtual platforms for remote support. The growing emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches will encourage collaboration across fields, promoting holistic and integrated care. Additionally, as global challenges such as climate change, migration, and inequality intensify, social work will play a critical role in advocating for systemic change and supporting vulnerable populations. The profession's focus will likely expand to include more proactive measures in preventive care and community resilience, reflecting a broader commitment to social justice and equity in an interconnected world.</p>	

- The programs may be subject to change