



# CHECK IT OUT! APASWE

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Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year 2013!



On behalf of APASWE Board, I express my sincere appreciation for your interest in, cooperation with and contribution to APASWE and its activities.

In these few years, APASWE has significantly grown up. Many new schools joined and old schools rejoined. We have now nearly two hundred institutional members from thirty countries in Asia-Pacific Region. According to preliminary data of IASSW World Census, Asian and Pacific Region has the biggest number of schools of social work in the world, and the number has reached almost 40 percent if revised with our data in hand. APASWE biannual regional conferences have been continuing, several joint researches and projects have been implemented, efforts to strengthen ties with national associations, member schools and individuals have been made through occasional meetings, monthly *Check It Out! APASWE*, and daily email communication. Our voice has influenced the global stage to review the International Definition of Social Work.

In 2013, the APASWE will again challenge new endeavors including the exploration of a new channel to be connected to each faculty member of member schools. I am proud of the current outstanding board members who are certainly among the best in the 40 year APASWE history.

Keep staying with us and let's work together, again in 2013.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

In Solidarity,

Tatsuru Akimoto, DSW  
President, APASWE



Kia ora, and warm Pacific greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand! New Year is a summer holiday in New Zealand, and there are long, lazy days at the beach, the birds circle overhead, and we gather around an evening barbecue with friends and family. This is a time when we pause to reflect on what we have achieved in the past year, and what we have left to do in the next. In our busy lives as social work academics let us not forget to celebrate our successes, because too often we focus only on deadlines and demands. Social workers will always have work to do, because we see the needs, the injustices, the exclusions in our communities. For just this moment let us remember the achievements and the successes, and accept the good wishes of our colleagues. Please accept my warmest congratulations for your successes in this past year, and for work well done. And then together we will return to our work to face our deadlines and responsibilities with renewed courage and vision.

Happy 2013 to all colleagues and friends of APASWE.

Mark Henrickson  
Vice President of APASWE  
Aotearoa New Zealand



*Dear Colleagues,*

How have you been? Hope you all have been well. I am Fentiny Nugroho, currently a head of Department of Social Welfare, University of Indonesia. I have had wonderful experiences in serving as a Committee Board member of APASWE. The APASWE President and other Board members are dedicated people who have a great commitment to advance social work education. I am assigned by the President, Prof. Tatsuru Akimoto, to organize “news and stories from the members” together with Ms. Etsuko Sakamoto for the APASWE’s media “Check it Out”. I really enjoy it. On this occasion, I’d like to extend my greatest gratitude to my colleagues who sent news/stories about what have been done in their countries related to social work education and practice. It’s great to share and learn each others. We hope to receive more news and stories from other countries in 2013.

APASWE belongs to us...let’s work together to develop it for the advancement of social work education in our country specifically and Asia Pacific generally. Please stay as its members and encourage more schools and lecturers to be the members.

I wish all Board, members and friends of APASWE have a wonderful Holiday and a happy New Year. Have the best health and a greater success throughout 2013.

All the best

Fentiny Nugroho, Ph.D  
Committee member  
Jakarta, Indonesia



Hi all APASWE members,

My name is Polly Yeung and I have been the Treasurer for APASWE since 2011. I am currently working at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season and a fruitful New Year of 2013.

Dr. Polly Yeung  
Treasurer, APASWE  
Palmerston North, New Zealand



Dear colleagues,

It has been a pleasure serving APASWE. Working with those in the Board has been fun, and special thanks to our President who never stops planning and thinking! To all in APASWE community, wishing all a healthy, peaceful and productive 2013.

Zulkarnain A. Hatta, DSW  
Secretary of APASWE  
Penang, Malaysia



Greetings from Sri Lanka,

Social Workers all over the world are dedicated to make the world a happier living place for the people. Throughout the history of Social Work we committed our services for building up a better world. In Sri Lanka after about thirty years of painful experiences we now enjoy the beauty of peace and happiness. Social Work education has been expanding at post graduate levels and in diversified fields of practice.

The APASWE has now become very active with the leadership of the President and others. The President visited Sri Lanka and encouraged us to be an active member of the APASWE. It is very much appreciated the initiative taken by the APASWE towards shifting our perspective on building up the indigenous Social Work practices in our countries.

On behalf of 800 professional social workers in Sri Lanka I take this opportunity to wish the President, Board members, member organizations and all Social Workers around the world A Very Happy Christmas and all the best for the coming New Year 2013. I wish you all peace, harmony, happiness and courage to continue your valuable services towards making the world a better place for all of us.

Thank you.

Amarawansa Ranaweera

Committee member

Hon. President, Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers

Director, Sri Lanka School of Social Work.

We are at the end of 2012: time for reflection, celebration and further commitments. I am sure 2012 has been another great year for APASWE and I take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the APSWE institutional, individual members and the board members of the past and current for their continued support to the APASWE and for NOT asking APASWE - WHAT and HOW they will be benefited from/by it BUT by asking HOW can they be of support to the APASWE so that it can be further powerful and represent our passions and collective aspirations as social work educators and practitioners. I have learnt a great deal personally and professionally working as the co-opted member of the board for the second term. I thank you all for your leadership and the vision for the APASWE and hope to serve and committed to its goals further. I wish 2013 offer full of joy, hope, solidarity, challenges and meaning to our work and lives. Long Live APASWE!!

Bala Raju Nikku, Ph.D,

Committee member