

Pan Pacific South East Asia Women's Association

PPSEAWA CONFERENCE 2007

WELCOME FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PRESIDENT

As President of the hosting nation I welcome you and look forward to showcasing New Zealand and sharing a Wonderful time growing in peace and friendship together. We welcome you as sisters who share the dream of a just and peaceful society in our lifetime. Our conference promises many highlights and we want you to feel that you will be our honoured guests all the time you are in our land. In New Zealand we are fortunate to have moved a long way towards achieving the United Nations millennium goals but we all have far to go in achieving sustainable development with equity for all nations. We pride ourselves in our acceptance of a diverse number of cultures within our country and recognize the need for diverse special sights into how we can best help each other in our daily work. New Zealand welcomes your culture. Show your dancing feet and singing voices and your attitude to life and we will all be enriched by your sharing. Your presence with us will be a wonderful present to the world of sisterhood among the 23 nations that comprise PPSEAWA.

WELCOME FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear PPSEAWA Sisters,
Welcome to the 23rd PPSEAWA International Conference to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 21-27th March 2007. Women making a difference through peace is the overarching theme with the UN Millennium Development Goals as the guiding principles. Peace will remain a dream if we do not find ways to eliminate poverty, inequality, illiteracy, discrimination and disease. We have to make a difference! How far have we carried forward the lessons learnt and commitments made at the last conference in Singapore? Three years have passed with great speed but has PPSEAWA as an international organisation met the expectations of its members? Have our member countries achieved their country goals for sharing the culture of peace and promoting the Peace Statement we adopted in Singapore. Conference time is for meeting old friends and making new ones, but equally important is working together to shape PPSEAWA's future.

With love and in peace.

Viopapa Annandale

PPSEAWA International President, 2004-2007
President

ABOUT PPSEAWA

Women making a difference through peace

WELCOME

TO THE 23rd PPSEAWA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

PPSEAWA is a non-political and a non-profit organisation founded in 1928.

PPSEAWA is financed by contributions from individuals, organisations and PPSEAWA member organisations.

PPSEAWA is the only international women's organisation devoted to peace and understanding in the Pacific and South East Asia.

PPSEAWA's objectives are to:

- strengthen the bonds of peace by fostering a friendship and better understanding among women in all areas of the Pacific and South East Asia;
- promote cooperation among women of these regions for the study and improvement of social, economic, and cultural conditions.

PPSEAWA is active in:

- identifying needs and problems of women and children;
- protecting the status of women and children;
- promoting family and child welfare;
- furthering education, skills training, and literacy programs for all age groups;
- raising funds and mobilising local help;
- working to protect and improve the environment.

PPSEAWA sees the future in:

- growth of the organisation both through increased membership in existing member organisations and through the establishment of new member organisations;
- increased activity in all PPSEAWA countries;
- increased participation in all United Nations affairs.

PPSEAWA has consultative status in category II to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC),

with the privilege and responsibility of making its voice heard in international decision making.

The Association is represented at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and at ESCAP, UNICEF, and UNESCO. Continued monitoring of and participation in these United Nations bodies enable PPSEAWA to inform its members and help them identify areas where they can be of assistance and mobilise local help.

*Fostering friendship and better understanding among
women*

Promoting family and child welfare

Achieving Millennium Goals

UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2) Achieve universal primary education
- 3) Promote gender equality and empower women
- 4) Reduce child mortality
- 5) Improve maternal health
- 6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- 7) Ensure environmental sustainability
- 8) Develop a global partnership for development

Tuesday 20th

PRE-CONFERENCE

1.00pm

3rd Council Meeting

Council Members

(open to National Presidents or their representative as observers)

Centra Hotel

1.00pm Registration all afternoon

Centra Hotel

foyer

7.00pm International President's dinner

Hotel

Scott's Room

Wednesday 21st (NZ Race Relations Day)

Sharing the culture of peace

9am

Buses leave for venue

Buses throughout morning

9.30am

HOD's briefing

Refreshment break

1 hour

10.30am

Flag ceremony rehearsal

Setting up of country displays and sales tables

1 hour 30 mins

Lunch For HOD's, flag bearers and sales table people only 1 hour

1.00pm All be seated in Auditorium

1.15pm Powhiri for all delegates and invited guests

See notes on

last page

1.16pm Entrance of official party

Entrance of flags of participating countries

All Stand

1.30pm

Welcome speeches from: Sir Barry Curtis, Mayor of Manukau
Her Excellency Mrs Susan Satyanand
Jenny Kendall, President of PPSEAWA NZ
Greetings from Heads of State
30mins

2.00pm

Key note address from Lianne Dalziel MP, Minister of Woman's Affairs
Official Party to leave stage
30 mins
All Stand

2.30pm Tribute to Elizabeth Louise Guradi, past president of PPSEAWA

Vote of thanks given by Noelene Casey
30 mins

3.00pm All move to foyer for finger food reception and the cutting of birthday cake by the International President

1 hour

4.00pm Sales table/display inspection by all 1 hour**5.00pm** Buses leave for hotel

Evening free for delegation meetings and practices

Thursday 22nd

Women's responsibilities within the community

8.30am Buses leave for venue**9.15am** Conference orientation / Thought for the day 15 mins**9.30am**

Guest Speaker: Rachel Brown
CEO Sustainable Business Network
Q & A
1 hour 15 mins

10.45am Refreshment Break 30 mins**11.15am**

Panel Discussion: Chaired by Rachel Brown
Each give a 15 min presentation on the day's theme before Q & A.
Panelists: Rachel Brown (NZ), Kazuko Kano (Japan), Betty Blake (Tonga)
Q & A
45 mins
30 mins

12.30pm 2 Cultural Items 20 mins**12.50pm** Lunch 40 mins**1.30pm** 2 Cultural Items 20 mins**1.50pm**

Discussion groups with delegations mixed
Each group to be given a different topic relating to MDG goal 3
10 groups of 20
1 hour 10 mins

3.00pm Refreshment Break 30 mins**3.30pm** Report back from groups incorporating a role play (5 mins each) 1 hour 30 mins**5.00pm** Finish**5.15pm** Buses leave for hotel

Evening free for late night shopping (Manukau only) and/or country meetings. Own transport.

Friday 23rd

Local to Global

Partnerships for development

8.30am Buses leave for Venue

9.15am Announcements / Thought for the day
Chair for morning session - Sarah Kernot (Aust)
15 mins

9.30am

Guest Speaker: CID Rae Julia
NZAID delegate
Topic: Capacity Building and Good Governance
Q & A
1 hour 30 mins

11.00am Refreshment break 30 mins

11.30am Practical workshops with CID and NZAID 1 hour

12.30pm Lunch 1 hour

1.30pm Awhetu Social services: A talk on cultural governance from a Samoan perspective
45 mins

2.15pm 2 cultural Items 15 mins

2.30pm

1st Business Session
Roll call of countries present
Vale Tree (Obituaries)
President's report tabled as read
Treasurer's report
Acknowledgement of special awards received by PPSEAWA members
Bylaws Resolutions
Resolutions for International Council from Thursday and Friday
- any resolutions from workshops
- any resolutions from previous days' discussion groups
1 hour

3.30pm Refreshment Break 15 mins

3.45pm

International Council Meeting
Bids for 24th International Conference at Council meeting
International dancing class - Nani Soedarsono (Indonesia & Polynesia)
(dancing continues during International Council Meeting)
1 hour 15 mins

5.00pm Manukau City Mayor's finger food reception. Rattan Thakurdas playing on sitar
1 hour

6.00pm Buses leave for visit to Manurewa marae Gold coin donation

9.00pm Buses return from marae to Centra Hotel

Saturday 24th

Youth - Locally and Globally

8.30am Buses leave for venue

9.00am Announcements / Thought for the day
Nominations for International Council close at 1 pm

15 mins

9.15am

Guest Speakers: Members from the Taonga Educational Trust Centre
“Teenage mothers return to schooling”

Q&A

1 hour

10.15am Refreshment break 15 mins

10.30am Miss South Pacific, Krystina Kaubai speaks “where am I?” 30 mins

11.00am Youth for Sustainable Future Pacifica introduction 20 mins

11.20am Sharing our experiences 20 mins

11.40am Tales from the South Pacific 20 mins

12.00 noon Lunch 1 hour

1.00pm Council nominations close

YSPF discussion group and workshops “where to from here?” 30 mins

1.30pm Reporting back to main group 30 mins

2.00pm Continuing workshops - the role of PPSEAWA in mentoring youth to meeting MDG goals

1 hour

3.00pm Dance classes run by Miss South Pacific and helpers 1 hour

4.00pm Buses leave for hotel

DINNER NOT PROVIDED

Evening free for socialising

Sunday 25th

Living in Harmony

9.00am Buses leave for venue

10.00am

Interfaith Celebration

Organised by Mrs Sailau

Chairman: World Conference on Religion and Peace (Auckland)

Invitation to all faiths and religions to participate

1 hour

11.00am Refreshment break for everyone including guests 30 mins

11.30am

Living in Harmony - the New Zealand Experience

Guest Speaker: Mr Joris de Bres, NZ Human Rights Commissioner

Q & A

1 hour

12.30pm Tree planting ceremony with Natural Habitat

(Outside main entrance)

20 mins

12.50pm Lunch 40 mins

1.30pm 2 cultural Items 20 mins

1.50pm

2nd Business Session

Country Reports highlights presented by National Presidents

(5 mins each max)

1 hour 15 mins

3.05pm Refreshments 30 mins

3.35pm

2nd Business Session continues - Country Reports

Nominees for International Council presented (1 to 2 mins max)

Any resolutions from group discussions presented

1 hour 30 mins

5.05pm Buses return to Centra Hotel

NO DINNER PROVIDED

6.00pm Light finger food hosted by PPSEAWA Australia at Centra Hotel

7.30pm

1. Sarah Kernot: Peace building - A grass roots approach
 2. Paddy Walker & Cook Islands peace songs - CD; Peace programme for schools
- 1 hour 30 mins

Monday 26th

Women Sharing Culture

8.30am Buses leave for venue

9.15am Announcements/Thought for the day 15 mins

9.30am

Guest Speakers:

Hon. Loumanurao Winnie Laban

Olga Shmel'kova (PPSEAWA Russia)

3rd speaker to be confirmed at conference

1 hour 10 mins

10.40am Refreshments 20 mins

11.00am

3rd Business Session, chaired by International President

Resolutions concerning programmes and a plan of action

Resolutions concerning the organisation of PPSEAWA

Elections for the International Council

1 hour 30 mins

12.30pm Lunch 1 hour

1.30pm Cultural items - (remaining countries) 2 hours

3.30pm Refreshments 30 mins

4.00pm Buses return to Centra Hotel

5.00pm Joint council meeting continues

Free evening to meet and spend time with new friends

Tuesday 27th United Nations Day

Women making a difference

8.30am Buses leave for venue

9.15am Announcements/Thought for the day

Chairperson: Lady Rhyl Jansen

15 mins

9.30am

Guest Speaker: Amelia Siamonua

Senior Program Advisor, Integrated Program Framework Team

CARE USA

Q & A

1 hour 30 mins

11.00am Refreshments 30 mins

11.30am

4th Business Session

Short reports from UN Officers

Chaired by Ravesi Johnson (Fiji) convenor for implementation of MDGs programs

Delegation presentations:

(i) Plans to Make a Difference through Peace (Specific peace projects)

(ii) Delegation group discussion on MDGs - Choosing a MDG and creating a plan of action

(iii) Proposal of international projects to Make a Difference through Peace

(iv) Recommendations to incoming International Council for action

1 hour 30 mins

1.00pm Lunch 1 hour

2.00pm

Closing ceremony

PPSEAWA Nobel Peace Nominees (Katrina Gulliver)

Votes of thanks to outgoing International Council and PPSEAWA NZ

1 hour

3.00pm Afternoon tea and incoming Council meeting 1 hour 30 mins

4.30pm Buses leave for hotel

6.30pm Buses leave for venue

7.30pm Closing dinner at Telstra Clear Pacific

To include half an hour of entertainment from Samoa. Special items

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POWHIRI

A spiritual welcome

The word **Powhiri** is often used to mean every aspect of welcoming visitors beginning with the Karanga (call), the Whaikorero (formal speech making), Waiata (song), Hongi/Hariru (greetings) and Kai (meal) after which Manuhiri (visitors) may move freely amongst the Tangata Whenua (host people) and be part of the occasion without any ritual restrictions.

Karanga (call) A kai karanga (woman caller) from the host side calls first to indicate to the Manuhiri to move forward on to the Marae/place. This is answered by a woman's response from the Manuhiri. These calls of welcome and acknowledgment, can also be a call indicating where the group is from. We stand for a short time in memory of those who have passed on.

Whaikorero (formal speech-making) are performed by male elders on the Marae/place. Each Kai Korero (speaker's) speech will be concluded with a Waiata from his support people.

Koha (gifts, money/other) Normally the last speaker on the Manuhiri side presents the koha. It is a gift of love and respect to the Tangata Whenua for their impending hospitality.

Hariru (shaking of hands) & Hongi (pressing noses) The action of performing the Hongi is associated with the Hariru. The two participants shake hands, each using the right hand. At the same time the left hand of each may be placed upon the other person's shoulder, the head is bent, the eyes are closed, and the noses are pressed. It is a gesture designed to express loving, caring, and sharing. The Hariru and Hongi is the physical contact that removes the tapu that existed as a result of entering and meeting on the marae-atea (area between both groups of people). The people and the marae-atea have now become noa (free from tapu).

Kai (Meal) The tradition is to offer and accept food to remove the tapu of the Manuhiri and establish peace and equanimity in the meeting. All visitors must partake of the food to accept the gift of hospitality and welcome. Not to eat would be to refuse the gifts of the Tangata whenua.

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