

Launching of the INLW Asia-Pacific Chapter in Taichung, Taiwan on July 12th, 2018

On July 12th, 2018 a Press Conference and meeting was held in Taichung Town Hall in Taiwan announcing the Launching of a new INLW Chapter. This Asia-Pacific Chapter is to be established in the new Taichung development of International NGO Centre.



Mayor Chia-Lung Lin with Maysing Yang, Juli Minoves and Margaret de Vos

INLW President Margaret de Vos van Steenwijk and LI President Juli Minoves were invited to attend the launching of INLW Asia Pacific Chapter.

Taichung is the second biggest city of Taiwan and under ambitious leadership of the DPP Mayor Chia-Lung Lin it is developing its international relations network.

At the seminar on “He for She: Stand together” Juli Minoves, Margaret de Vos, Jing-Yin Lin, MP and Maysing Yang, VP (vice-president) INLW and initiator of the INLW Asian Pacific Chapter spoke on *How standing together and empowering women can help to achieve the Sustainable Development goals.*



Margaret de Vos emphasized the importance of setting up the INLW Asia & Pacific Chapter. Men and Women must work on getting women to participate fully in society to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Jing-Yin Lin, MP speaking. She is to succeed Maysing Yang as Vice President for INLW Asia.



Margaret hands the certificate of launching of the INLW Chapter to Maysing Yang

Some of the women present interested in the new INLW Chapter



Later a visit was made to the INGO Training and Conference Center which is in the outskirts of Taichung, an area Wufeng, which is being redeveloped. It was abandoned after suffering on September 21, 1999 a 7.3-magnitude earthquake.

The remains of the School hit by the earthquake, around which the museum is built.



They visited the 921 Earthquake museum there, which was very impressive! Thank goodness the earthquake happened at 1 in the night, so the children escaped being hurt or killed at school.

There are varied International NGO offices' there, which we visited.



INLW Asian Pacific Chapter would be able to have an office there.

An international rescue dog training center was visited

As always Juli Minoves and Margaret de Vos were received with great hospitality. We visited the famous Concert Hall Building in Taichung, an ancient village temple as well as the marshes on the west coast. We hope to hear soon of the plans of this very important INLW Chapter which Maysing Yang is developing and wish her much success in developing it further.

