

**TIP HEROES FORUM 2011**  
**Saturday November 26, 2011**  
**SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE**  
**11 Kent Ridge Drive, National University of Singapore**

**Objectives:**

Human trafficking is crime against humanity. ASEAN Member States increasingly recognize the need for an effective and coordinated response to trafficking persons.

The TIP HEROES FORUM aims to provide practical insights into what are being done by non-governmental agencies in the region to combat the horrendous crimes against women and girls and the urgent need for multi partnership strategies to be formed in the war against human trafficking.

09:30-10:00

Morning Reception

10:00-10:15

Welcome Opening Address

STOP Trafficking Campaign Partners

HOME, The Body Shop, UN Women

10.15 – 10.35

Session One

Keynote Speaker Ms. Siriporn Skrobaneek

A Case Study on War against Trafficking in Thailand

10:35-10:55

Session Two

Keynote Speaker : Ms. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda TIP Hero 2008

Strengthen Cooperation on the Prosecution, Protection, Prevention, Partnership

A Case Study on War against Trafficking in the Philippines

10.55 – 11.05 - Video / Q & A

11.05-11:25

Session Three

Keynote Speaker : Ms. Darlene Pajarito TIP Hero 2011

Forced Labour and Human Trafficking: Approaches to Law Enforcement

A Case Study on Prosecuting Traffickers in the Philippines

11:25 – 11:45

Session Four

Keynote Speaker : Ms. Anis Hidayah, Human Rights Defender 2011

Developing a Campaign against Human Trafficking  
A Case Study on War against Trafficking in Indonesia

11:45 – 12. 05

Session Five

Keynote Speaker : Ms. Bridget Tan, TIP Hero 2011

Developing a National Anti-Trafficking Resource Centre  
A Case Study on War against Trafficking in Singapore

12.05 – 12.15

Video / QA

12:15 – 13:15 - Lunch Break

13:15- 14:00

Session Five

Court of Women

Verdict of Jury

14:00 – 14.45

Session Five

Group Discussions

Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnership

14: 45 – 15:00 Tea break

15.00 – 15.45

Session Six

Plenary Discussion / Group Presentations

15:45- 16:30

Session Seven

Panel of Heroes

Moderator: Mr. Jolovan Wham

16.30 – 17.00

Session Eight

Next Steps: “Be a Hero for a Better World”

Closing Remarks

## About the Keynote Speakers

### **Ms. Siriporn Skrobanek**

*Founder of Foundation for Women, a non-governmental organization providing services to women and based in Bangkok, Thailand. FFW implements activities by applying human rights principles aiming at respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of individual women and girl child. She is also the Founding Member of the Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) and the author of “The Traffic in Women” Human Realities of the International Sex Trade.*



### **Ms. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda**

*Cecilia Flores-Oebanda, a long-time advocate against trafficking, and former political prisoner, continues to pave the road for NGO and government collaboration on anti-trafficking efforts in the Philippines and around the world. As the President and Executive Director of the Visayan Forum Foundation, Ms Flores-Oebanda works for the welfare of marginalized migrants. Since 2001, Visayan Forum has rescued and provided assistance to more than 32,000 victims and potential victims of trafficking, and has helped file 66 trafficking cases on behalf of 166 victims. Ms Flores-Oebanda is also the recipient of Anti-Slavery International’s Anti- Slavery Award in 2005 and the Skoll Foundation Award for Social entrepreneurship in 2008.*



### **Ms. Darlene Pajarito**

*Darlene Pajarito is an assistant city prosecutor in Zamboanga City and is known as one of the strongest anti-trafficking advocates in the Philippines. After joining the Department of Justice in 2004, Ms Pajarito secured the Philippines’ first sex trafficking conviction in 2005 and the first labour trafficking conviction in 2011. With convictions against five traffickers in Zamboanga, she has secured more convictions than have been handed down in any other Philippine city. At any one time, Ms Pajarito is prosecuting numerous trafficking cases. Ms. Pajarito has accomplished all this while juggling an average caseload of more than 300 other criminal cases in a country where criminal trials last an average of six years in the overburdened and backlogged judiciary.*

### **Ms. Anis Hidayah**

*Anis Hidayah, Executive Director of Jakarta-based Migrant Care, speaks out on behalf of the millions of Indonesian women and men who seek work abroad to feed their families and face serious risk of exploitation and abuse. As Migrant Care and Human Rights Watch have both documented, Indonesian women domestic workers in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait often work up to 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Many are not paid; some are confined, beaten, or raped by their employers. Several factors place migrant domestic workers at high risk of abuse, including exclusion from labour laws, predatory recruitment practices, poor oversight of both recruiters and employers, and immigration policies that facilitate abuses.*



*Hidayah dedicated her life's work to the protection of migrant workers' rights when, as a graduate student, she learned about a migrant domestic worker who had been raped in Saudi Arabia and was unable to obtain redress. Hidayah helped build a broad network of migrants' rights activists to raise the profile of the abuses suffered by this often hidden population. She organized countless protests, garnered extensive media coverage, and gained access to top policymakers in Indonesia's parliament and ministries of manpower, migration, and foreign affairs. Migrant Care monitors thousands of abuse cases, presses the Indonesian government to provide better protections for migrant workers, and advocates for stronger regional and international standards.*

### **Ms. Bridget Tan**

*In 2004, Ms Tan founded the Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics (HOME) to respond to the specific needs of migrant workers. Since its inception, HOME has provided food, shelter, advocacy assistance and legal counsel to more than 50,000 migrants, many of whom are female domestic workers. HOME continues to operate and expand its assistance to migrant workers and trafficking victims despite limited funding. Ms Tan works to increase public awareness of the hardships facing migrant workers and trafficking victims through the media. Despite threats and intimidation from employers and agents, Ms Tan continues to lead HOME in challenging illegal employment practices and raising awareness on the plight of foreign workers in Singapore*