



# XXXI BPW International Congress

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**Herlin Chien**  
Candidate for Regional Coordinator – Asia Pacific

Member of  
Nominated by  
For position of

BPW Kaohsiung  
Shou Chen Kuo, President BPW Taiwan  
Regional Coordinator – Asia Pacific

### My Vision

My intention in becoming the Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator is to further institutionalise and consolidate solidarity and collaboration of women in Asia Pacific (AP) region. In particular, my plan for the triennium will focus on strengthening the social (S) and governance (G) factors of the ESG consideration in order to improve BPW AP as a forward-thinking block within the BPW International structure and to ensure social value creation to achieve sustainability in the region.

To achieve the above vision, a 3D program is proposed as the following:

1. Democracy Initiative: (SDG 16/SDG 10)
  - D1-1: Encourage and institutionalize democratic practice in BPW AP.
  - D1-2: Emphasize the embracement of DE&I (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) in BPW AP.
  - D1-3: Push for broader female citizen engagement in public affairs to ensure equal and meaningful female participation in decision-making process of all levels.
2. Dialogue Initiative: (SDG 17/SDG 5)
  - D2-1: Survey women related indicators to understand our common challenges and differences between members of BPW AP.
  - D2-2: Invite and incubate new clubs in AP region, such as India which is ranked number one in terms of population both in regional and world share.
  - D2-3: Expand BPW AP communication with other women NGOs and international organisations in the region including ESCAP and beyond AP, such as Africa-AP dialogue for we are the two regions with most countries in the Global South that experience common sustainability challenges including child marriage, women's poverty reduction, rapid urbanisation, or rampant corruption.
3. Direction Initiative: (SDG 4/SDG 9)
  - D3-1: Support vulnerable girl and young women to pursue their potential via completion of tertiary education.



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- D3-2: Create mentorship to empower young BPW in AP.
- D3-3: Broaden young women's participation in BPW AP online training and AP face-to-face meetings or conferences.

### BPW Offices held

- BPW Taiwan Board Member.
- BPW Taiwan International Affairs Committee Coordinator.
- BPW Kaohsiung Vice President.
- BPW Taiwan Young BPW Coordinator.
- BPW Kaohsiung Secretary General.
- BPW Taiwan Membership Since 2008.

### Positions in other International and National Organisations

- Taiwan Host of Asian Civil Society Research Network (ACSRN).
- Founding Director for ICLEI EAST ASIA KAOHSIUNG CAPACITY CENTER (to promote city sustainability).
- IPBES Nature For Future Preparation Document Review Member.
- Taiwan Citizen Participation Association Vice President.
- Citizen Congress Watch (CCW) Academic Committee Advisor.
- Tsao-Gong Agriculture Irrigation Research Foundation Board Member Taiwan Open Democracy Observatory Association Vice President.
- Taiwan Environmental Protection Union (TEPU) Academic Advisor.
- Kaohsiung Civil Servant Citizen Watch Academic Advisor..
- Intern Researcher at Amnesty International Southern Office In Atlanta, GA, USA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

- PhD in Sustainability Science (2021) United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, Tokyo, Japan.
- PhD in Political Science (2008) National Sun Yat-sen University, Graduate Institute of Political Science, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- Masters in International Affairs (2003) Georgia Institute of Technology, School of International Affairs, Georgia, USA.
- Bachelor in Area Studies (2001) University of Oklahoma, Department of Area Studies (European studies, French), Oklahoma, USA.
- Linguistics training, Universite de Nancy II, Nancy, France (1998).

### Professional Experience



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- National Pintung University of Science and Technology (NPUST), Pingtung, Taiwan Deputy-CEO, NPUST Office of Sustainable Development (2020,6 - now)
- Full Professor, College of Humanity and Social Sciences, NPUST (2024/2- now)
- research interest: social-ecological system/ecosystem services/blue-green infrastructure/citizen participation/adaptive governance/sustainable city/UN SDGs
- Member of Asian Civil Society Research Network; Head of Taiwan Charter (2023/03 - now) Sustainability Science Editor 2022-
- Host of TSH@NPUST (Taiwan Sustainability Hub site) 1.5 Degree Food and Consumption Transition (2023/2 - now)
- Director, Language Centre (2022/8- 2023/7)
- Vice-Dean, Office of International Affairs (2019/12 - 2022/7 )
- Associate Professor, College of Humanity and Social Sciences, NPUST (2019/8 - 2024/2 )
- 3rd ESP (Ecosystem Services Partnership) Asia Conference Scientific Program Committee member ESP Asia Training on Integrated Ecosystem Services Assessment local host May, 2023 Founding Director, ICLEI East Asia Kaohsiung Capacity Center, hosted by Kaohsiung City Government for ICLEI (2012)
- Department of International Affairs Assistant Professor (2009-2016), Associate Professor (2016-2018), Director of International Cooperation Office (2010-2013), Director of Southeast Asia Languages Centre, Wenzao Ursuline of University of Languages
- Visiting Scholar: Thammasat University, The School of Global Studies, Thailand (2018)/Shanghai International Studies University, China (2011)/University of California, Irvine, School of Social Ecology, Centre for Organisational Research, USA (2007-2008, 2014)/Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Institut d'Asie Orientale, France (2006)

### Additional Information

Languages: Chinese, English, French

Professional websites:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hc-research/introduction>

<https://asiancivilsociety.com/asian-civil-society-research-network-taiwan-charter/>

<https://tsh.npust.edu.tw/>

### SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR HERLIN CHIEN

**BY Shou Chen Kou, President, BPW Taiwan**

The Federation of Business and Professional Women Taiwan supports Dr. Herlin Chien as Asia Pacific Coordinator.

Dr. Herlin Chien has been our member since 2008, over the past 16 years She has served several executive positions such as international affairs committee coordinator, board member and Vice-President of Kaohsiung Club. She has participated in activities passionately and given her time and knowledge to support BPW Taiwan.



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Her best personalities are to unite people with diversity to make a project successful, she supports and helps others to achieve goals, and she has strong organisational skills. She has held many conferences and meetings nationally and internationally. Her performance is always very efficient and creative.

Furthermore, she serves as a full professor at College of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology in Taiwan. She has more than 15 years of experience in higher education talent cultivation and international affairs related research.