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**SCWO Announces its 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board**

**Singapore, Monday 27 June 2016.** The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) held its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the SCWO Centre.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board, elected at this AGM will be serving for the next two years – from 2016 to 2018.

**Dr June Goh**, a Doctor by profession, and member of the Association of Women Doctors, and former 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President has been elected President of SCWO.

We are pleased to announce the names of SCWO's 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board:

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1	President	Dr June Goh	Association of Women Doctors
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ms Ho Shiong Yee	NTUC Women & Family Unit
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim	Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Ms Susie Wong	Baha'i Office for the Advancement of Women
5	Hon Gen Secretary	Mrs Joanna Portilla	PA WIN (Women's Integration Network Council)
6	Asst Hon Secretary	Ms Sara Mei Woo	Singapore Women's Association
7	Hon Treasurer	Ms Janet Lim	Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West
8	Asst Hon Treasurer	Ms Avan Chan	Financial Women's Association of Singapore
9	Board Member	Ms Irene Boey	University Women's Association Singapore
10	Board Member	Ms Lavinia Thanapathy	PrimeTime Business & Professional Women's Association
11	Board Member	Ms Trina Liang	United Nations Development Fund for Women (Singapore Chapter)
12	Board Member	Ms Winifred Loh	Association of Women for Action & Research
13	Imm Past President	Ms Malathi Das	ZONTA Club of Singapore

The Members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board, together, form a diverse combination of different expertise and experiences that reflect the broad membership of SCWO. They include Professional and Business as well as Community, Faith and Special Interest women's groups.

Consisting of a good mix of past and new members, providing continuity and fresh ideas, it intends to enhance the work of past boards in providing a coherent and cohesive voice for women, family and community issues.

## About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. **Our 60 Member Organisations represent more than 500,000 women in Singapore.** Incorporated in March 1980, the SCWO serves to unite the various organisations, clubs, committees, groups and women leaders together working in accordance with its various aims and objectives. The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations seeks to coordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members. It seeks to promote the ideals of "**Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth**" for women in Singapore.

**Our services** include **The Star Shelter**, a temporary refuge survivors of domestic abuse, **Maintenance Support Central**, a one-stop centre that provides services for the effective enforcement of maintenance orders, Legal Clinics that provide both **Civil Law and Muslim Law Legal Clinics** and an **IT Hub**, a training centre run by volunteers for women and their family members to be IT connected and updated.

Other initiatives include the **Singapore Women's Hall of Fame**, which celebrates the outstanding women who have made, or are making an impact on our nation, **BoardAgender**, a forum to create greater awareness and understanding of the benefits of gender balanced businesses and the **Women's Register**, a platform for Networking, Education and Inspiration.

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**SCWO 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board (2016 – 2018)**



Standing (left to right): Sara Mei Woo, Winifred Loh, Trina Liang, Avan Chan, Irene Boey, Lavinia Thanapathy  
Seated (left to right): Janet Lim, Shiong Yee Ho, Dr June Goh, Susie Wong  
Absent: Malathi Das, Hazlina Abdul Halim & Joanna Portilla



### **June Goh – Association of Women Doctors (Singapore)**

Dr June Goh is a Senior Consultant in Singapore General Hospital and the Director of Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care. She is very involved in teaching both medical students and post graduate doctors as member of the Core Faculty Anaesthesia Residency Programme, Adjunct Assistant Professor Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and Clinical Lecturer in the Yong Loo Lin Medical School. She Chairs the STAR budding researcher's award and the transplant oversight committee. She is also currently serving on the Dover Park Hospice Governing Council and co-chairs the fundraising committee.

She graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1990 completed her postgraduate anaesthesia training in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. She has been an active member and past president of the Association of Women Doctors Singapore (AWDS) executive committee, helping out with the various activities organised by AWDS. The events have ranged from public education, charity to networking:

The Association of Women Doctors (Singapore) (AWDS) and the Singapore Film Society (SFS) hosted an exclusive movie premiere of Snoopy & Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie on 10th December 2015. This fund raising event was in support of the National University of Singapore Medical Society. She helped organize a Public Forum on Breast Cancer on 8th March 2014 at the Queenstown Community Centre. Other activities include an Easter charity tea in collaboration with Club 21 that raised funds for Sanctuary house in 2013.

June served as 2<sup>nd</sup> then 1st Vice President in her previous terms in SCWO and has been active in organizing and participating in the various activities initiated by SCWO. She Co-Chairs Star Shelter and has attended activities planned for the residents and interacted well with them.

Being passionate about women's family and health issues, she has actively participated in dialogues and feedback sessions organised by Ministry of Social and Family Development and the People's Association. In the past year, these issues have involved the CPF, Medishield, Eldercare Package, National Servicemen and the National Budget.

- MSF/SCWO Network Meeting will be held on Tue 5 Jan 2016
- Medishield Dialogue session with Dr Amy Khor 19th Jan 2016
- CEDAW (CEDAW Review Planning Meeting July 2015, See Doors Open -A Forum to Celebrate 20 years of CEDAW Oct 2015
- Carers Who Need Care: Making Difficult Decisions When Domestic Workers Fall Ill (Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)
- President's Forum -Sat 20 Feb 2016

She attended the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions which undertook a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The President's forum September 2013 featuring breast cancer awareness was planned and moderated by her.



### **Ho Shiong Yee - NTUC Women and Family Unit**

Ho Shiong Yee is the Office Administrator in The Polyolefin Company (S) Pte Ltd and the Assistant General Secretary of United Workers of Petroleum Industry (UWPI).

She has served in the Labour Movement since 1986 and the NTUC Women's Committee since 2000. She is currently the Vice Chair-person of the NTUC Women's Committee and currently involved in strengthening the leadership of the 1800-strong Women Leaders in the National Trades Union Congress network. She now leads in Leadership Training for NTUC Women's Committee leaders looking into the training needs for women leaders.

She is passionate about issues affecting women and galvanise support in issues affecting Women's employability and financial security under NTUC Women's-Back2Work Programme and also actively involved in WeCare for U Project for single mums and their children spending many of her Saturday afternoons helping out whenever there were events.

In 2008, Shiong Yee was conferred with the NTUC Comrades of Labour Award and recently, conferred with the NTUC May Day Model Partnership Award 2016 by NTUC together with the Management for successfully setting up three lactation rooms and implementing flexible work arrangement in the male dominated chemical industry in Jurong Island

She was a National Family Council Committee Member (MCYS) from 2006 – 2010, discussing and speaking up on issues concerning marriage, relationships, family values and is also a team member of the workgroup for the establishment of The Marriage Central.

To better engage women members and raise the profile of women participation in her union, which is a male dominated in the Petrochemical industry, she also initiated and championed the formation of UWPI Women's Network, planning and organizing activities for their women members.

She is also a strong advocate on improving the transportation issues at Jurong Island was a Board Member of the Public Transport Council (PTC) from 2005 to 2011.

Shiong Yee's passion has kept her going in her multiple leadership roles on various organizations. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisation (SCWO) from 2014 to 2016 and the Honorary Secretary of Star Shelter – a secular crisis centre for women and children who are victims of family violence. She has canvassed for sponsorship & financial support to enable the shelter to be able to sustain and help the women in need.

Shiong Yee served on International Committee for Petroleum Industry Workers and with her vast exposure and experience, she stays abreast of the various issues women faced on global and local levels. She brings a lot of insight to uplift women in society with a strong passion and warm personality.



### **Hazlina Abdul Halim - Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura (PPIS)**

Hazlina Amran-Halim is currently the Assignments Editor at Singapore Desk, Channel NewsAsia.

Hazlina who is effectively bilingual in English and Malay, also presents news and current affairs programmes on Suria, Channel 5 and Okto.

Prior to her homecoming in 2011, Hazlina spent five years in Perth, Western Australia, finding out how other communities lived their lives.

During her stay downunder she also completed a Master of Film and Television with Distinction from Curtin University of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and Political Science from the University of Western Australia.

In her previous appointment, Hazlina lectured in Communications and Media Management at Temasek Polytechnic. For three years, she dedicated her time to moulding future media professionals. Aside from lecturing, Hazlina also led numerous projects, including the Singapore Youth and Media Dialogue.

But her best memories with the young ones will definitely be the experience of taking them on learning and overseas community service trips to places such as New York, Melbourne, Siem Reap and Bandung.

Hazlina is currently serving her second term as a Board Member at the Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura (PPIS), a non-profit social welfare organisation dedicated to women empowerment and family services programmes. She is the Chairperson of the Organisation's Corporate Communications Advisory Committee as well as a founding member of the Research Engagement Taskforce.

Meanwhile at SCWO, Hazlina is the Assistant Honorary Secretary and chairs the organisation's Women's Register which recently underwent a revamp. Plus, as a member of SCWO's Advocacy and Research team, Hazlina is involved in SCWO's CEDAW Shadow report submission

And in her free time, Hazlina enjoys diving, reading and trying out a cup of mocha from different parts of the world.

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**Susie Wong - Baha'i Office for the Advancement of Women**

Ms Susie Wong is a member of the Baha'i Community of Singapore since 1984 and was appointed as President of the Baha'i Office for the Advancement of Women (BOAW) since year 2004 and Director of the Baha'i Office of External Affairs since 2010. She has been actively involved in several International and local programs in promoting the advancement of women and unity of mankind.

She believes that *"The world of humanity has two wings; one is woman and the other man. Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly. Should one wing remain weak, flight is impossible. Not until the world of woman becomes equal to the world of man in the acquisition of virtues and perfection's, can success and prosperity be attained as they ought to be."* - This message has been the great motivation cause in her involvement in promoting the status of women.

She has served in previous SCWO boards, under the leadership of Dr Jennifer Lee, Ms Tisa Ng, Mrs Wee Wan Joo, Dr Ann Tan, Mrs Laura Huang and Ms Malathi Das.

Ms Susie Wong currently manages a Corporate Insurance Agency Company in Singapore. She has been in the Corporate Insurance Industry since 1998.

She hopes to continue the legacy works of the late Mrs Shirin Fozdar, who was a Women Champion in Singapore in bringing about the advancement of women and gender equality.



**Ms Joanna Portilla**  
**Peoples Association Women's Integration Network (WIN) Council**

Joanna Portilla, PBM is the Chairman of the People's Association (PA) Women's Integration Network (WIN) Council since 2008. A dedicated and passionate volunteer who has demonstrated strong leadership capabilities in the many initiatives and projects she had undertaken. Joanna is well-loved by many who has worked with her as she is one who leads by example. Projects led by Joanna included the:

- Groom-A-Child-to-Excel (GRACE) mentorship programme, which aims to develop the potential of primary school-going girls from low income families. Joanna is a mentor to 2 girls for the last 6 years and has helped to nurture them through various enrichment programmes and community events and referred them for financial assistance.
- Citi-Tsao Financial Education Programme for Mature Women, to educate women on growing their savings for financial independence in their old age.
- Launch of WorkPro Ambassador programme in 2013 to help women back to work.
- Launch of WEC Befrienders' Programme in March 2014, where 500 WEC Befrienders who will be trained on government policies and schemes to reach out and share with residents, in particular, the elderly, women and low-income families.

Joanna is also a strong advocate for women's issues and has often been invited to speak at forums and conferences as well as on radio and television shows. She has also chaired and facilitated many focus group discussions and dialogues on women issues on topics such as work-life harmony, women in national service, women back to work just to name a few.

Joanna has extensive experiences working with different Voluntary Welfare organisations (VWOs) and forged lasting many collaborations. She is also an active fund-raiser whose recent project was the "Donation Drive for Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines" in November 2013 where relief aid was sent to the victims as well as raising \$35,000 for Dover Park Hospice as part of WIN Council's International Women's Day celebrations on 30 March 2014.

Besides being a Mumpreneur in the education industry, Joanna is also a loving wife, and a mum to her 9-year old son. A dynamic and charismatic lady, Joanna has often been invited to be emcee for many major events for WIN Council and SCWO. In addition, Joanna is a Family Life Champion who helps to bring singles together, and a well-respected Marriage Solemniser.



**Sara Mei Woo – Singapore Women's Association**

Sara Mei Woo was practising as a seasoned HR Practitioner with a worldwide, UK based MNC in its Asian Regional Office in Singapore. Her eventual role in regional learning and development evokes her passion in training and development work. She has conducted training programmes in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan and China. Currently, Sara Mei is a senior consultant in Career Transition and a Coach in Life MakeOver. In addition, she has a more interesting and exciting life!

Sara Mei has been actively involved with the Singapore Women's Association (SWA) since 1975 for 41 years and had held various positions before becoming its President for five terms. On 28th May 2016, she is appointed Advisor to SWA. SWA is the founder member of the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) where Sara Mei has been involved since 1984, held various positions and was elected FAWA International President in 2014. She had also served as a Board Member and 2nd Vice President with the Singapore Council of Women's Organizations (SCWO).

She had participated in UN world conferences for women in Nairobi in 1985, Beijing in 1995 and New York. Sara Mei had been invited as a Keynote and Inspirational Speaker, delivered country papers at Asia-Pacific conferences in Guam, Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Macau, Singapore and Taiwan.

To add more spice to her life, in early 2003, Sara Mei moved on to Nepal and ran a fine dining Thai restaurant. The thought of making Nepal her second home to continue with her community work also came to mind. While in Nepal, she joined the Welfare Committee in AWON (Active Women in Nepal) participating in fund raising for the underprivileged children. Her restaurant is also a platform for her to fund raise. Her work continued till today helping the underprivileged children and youths in Nepal where she started in 1990.

Sara Mei holds a Business degree from Curtin University, Australia and a Diploma for Training and Development from SIM in conjunction with the Institute of Personnel and Development, UK. She attended a Trainers programme in the UK and was part of the first Study Mission group to the USA with the Singapore Training & Development Association (ST ADA). Sara Mei had also participated in a Management Development Programme with CEDEP a sister organisation of INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France.



**Janet Lim – Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West**

Janet was President of the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore West for two terms (2014-2015 & 2015-2016)

Janet has lead members to experience the value of being a member with our club objectives of Personal friendship, International understanding and personal service.

During her term, the club members had participated in food packing for lower income household and raising funds to sponsor 32 school children for one year of household items. This project was done with “Food from the Heart” NGO. The next project completed during her term was organising members to participate with Helping Hands NGO to plan and fund a dinner for inmates of Helping Hands to host their family members. This help the inmates to re-establish family links while being integrates into society and work life.

Janet led members to the District Rally which is held yearly with 30 other clubs from Singapore and Malaysia. Great fun were generated for our members by practicing for dancing item to show off to the District.

Her experience serving in a charitable organisation began with MINDS when I served as Assistant Treasurer and later Treasurer in the school management committee.

She sits in her employer's corporate social responsibility committee which provided opportunity for staff and their family to serve in community events.

Janet is a dedicated mother of 3 children who are married. She is still active in her career and hold a post in a firm in the oil and gas logistic industry. She is an accountant by profession



**Avan Chan - Financial Women's Association of Singapore (FWAS)**

Avan Chan is currently the regional head of Oversight & Control for Commercial Banking at JP Morgan. She manages the CB APAC regional governance and control initiatives and leads the implementation of global control programs & initiatives in APAC.

Avan has over 19 years of experience serving in the banking industry in HK and Singapore with regional responsibilities in internal audit, front office operational risk management, risk mitigation projects and global control initiatives. Avan has developed unique governance and controls expertise supporting the investment banking, private wealth and commercial banking businesses in a number of top tier financial institutions in APAC. Being a passionate "builder" and problem solver, Avan helps organisations build out sound governance and control frameworks and practices.

Outside of corporate work, Avan involves in gender diversity / diversity initiatives which include:  
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- a) Serving the Women internal Network (WIN) Leadership team (2016)
- b) Completed the APAC inclusive Leadership program for high potential staff (2015-2016)

### **Contribution to FWAS**

As the Vice President (2015-2016) and Exco member (2008-present) of the Financial Women's Association Singapore ("FWASG"), a non-profit association which advocates and advances gender diversity in the Singapore Financial Services Industry. Over the 9 years tenure, Avan has taken up a number of functional roles including:

- a) Newsletter co-editor (2008-2009)
- b) Led the Events sub-committee and built out FWA events execution capabilities, partnership with corporates and speakers and the organisation profile significantly to deliver larger brown bag and flagship events consistently (2012-2014)
- c) As mentor of the mentorship program (2012-2013)
- d) Led the mentee project in building up the Males Champion initiatives for future execution (2014)

Avan was professionally trained and qualified as a Chartered Secretary (UK) and Chartered Accountant (Australia). Currently she is a Fellow CPA of Australia (FCPA). Avan holds a B.Ec. from The Macquarie University, Sydney. She is also a member of the Singapore Institute of Directors ("SID").



**Profile of Irene Boey**

Irene Boey is the current President of University Women's Association Singapore (UWAS). She has also started the IT circle at UWAS in 2012 and has served as chairperson since then. Other than creating new programs to benefit the inmates, she has also collaborated with partners and Institutions to offer many community programs to help the elderly in narrowing the digital divide and the needy children to gain confidence and improve their skills in English. Irene is also the Vice President of Association of Small & Medium Enterprise, Chairperson of SME Centre@ASME and the SME Talent Program.

Irene has an MBA in Entrepreneurial Management and her background is in IT specialising in Data Mining. She has been in Data Mining handling all aspects of data analytics & CRM using Artificial Intelligence, Business Intelligence & big data for more than 20 years. She is the Consulting Director at Integral Solutions (Asia) where she enabled organisations to make insightful use of data and is also the adjunct lecturer at NUS.

Irene is not new to SCWO having served as Board member and Assistant Treasurer from 2006. During her term, she has organised International Women's Day (IWD2006) for SCWO, the Discovery 120 which lasted 5 days involving 42 organisations with more than 80 different activities to showcase women's achievements and roles. She has also chaired the Conversations with Uncommon Women for SCWO in 2007 and invited many inspiring women to dialogue sessions with SCWO members. She was chairperson at the IT Hub from 2010 to 2014 and worked with volunteers to improve and expanded programs at IT Hub to enable participants to enjoy and enhance their learning experiences at affordable rates.



**Lavinia Thanapathy**  
**PrimeTime Business & Professional Women's Association**

Lavinia Thanapathy is the President of PrimeTime Business & Professional Women's Association, a volunteer-led non-profit that organises over 60 networking and professional development events a year for around 350 members from 30 countries. Lavinia leads an Executive Board of 12 women overseeing 12 special interest groups within the association.

PrimeTime, a member of the Singapore Council for Women's Organisations, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2017. Membership is open to professional and business women over the age of 21 and who are resident in Singapore.

Professionally, Lavinia has an international, 15-year record of creating brand awareness for businesses, government institutions and not-for-profit organisations. A lawyer by training, Lavinia is currently the Associate Director for Communications at the National University of Singapore's NUS Faculty of Law. Lavinia was previously the Vice President and Regional Editor-in-chief of an award-winning online publisher. Prior to that, she was the Head of Press for the European Union Delegation in Singapore.

Lavinia has a history of being active in the Singapore community. She has served for 5 years as Honorary Secretary and Head of Communications on the Executive Board of HCA Hospice Care, a registered charity in Singapore. Lavinia joined PrimeTime in 2001 and has held several PrimeTime Board roles including 1st Vice President, Communications Director, and Volunteer Director.

Lavinia is regularly invited to speak and comment on issues around female empowerment, specifically for working mothers. Most recently, she has spoken at a corporate event for Accor Hotels and at the Singapore Human Resource Institute and she was also invited by BBC World News to comment on Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2016.

Lavinia is married to Ambassador Karsten Warnecke, Executive Director Designate at the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF), and is the mother and stepmother to five children aged 6-25 years.

Lavinia's LinkedIn profile can be viewed at <https://sg.linkedin.com/in/laviniathanapathy>

Lavinia can be reached via email at [president@primetime.org.sg](mailto:president@primetime.org.sg)



**Trina Liang**  
**United Nations Development Fund for Women (Singapore Chapter)**

Trina Liang-Lin is Managing Director at Templebridge Investments and President of the Singapore Committee for UN WOMEN (previously UNIFEM). She is a pioneer and specialist in the Asian bond market securities sector. She has held senior positions in a number of global investment banks and has worked in Hong Kong, New York, London and Singapore. Ms. Liang-Lin holds a Masters degree in Finance and Accounting from the London School of Economics and a Bachelors degree in Economics from the National University of Singapore.

Under her watch at UN Women and together with her team, two important and significant advocacy milestones were reached with the Singapore government in 2012: first, a mandatory rest day for Foreign Domestic Workers commenced from January 2013; and a National Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons (TIP) which UN Women contributed to putting in place, guided Singapore's TIP strategy from 2012-2015, when Singapore got its first standalone anti-trafficking legislation. She is also the co-founder of Project Inspire, a global social enterprise competition for youth. She is Past President of the Financial Women's Association of Singapore (FWAS) and sits or has sat on numerous and diverse boards and committees including the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC) board of directors, the Victoria Advisory Committee (VAC - comprising Victoria School and Victoria Junior College), the Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT), the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), the Economics and Employment committee of the Singapore government's feedback unit, REACH, the audit committee of the Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) and is one of the 100 BoardAgender champions in Singapore.

She is a sought-after keynote speaker, panelist and/or moderator at conferences, events and school talks and also, regularly opines on women's issues in the local press. In particular, her 2015 opinion article in the Straits Times continues to spark lively interest and discussion. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/five-gender-gaps-singapore-women-still-face-in-2015>.

She and her husband have been the National Arts Council conferred Patron of the Arts Supporters since 2011. In 2015 and 2016, she was appointed the co-chair of the President's Volunteer and Philanthropy Awards. In 2014, she was appointed Chairperson of the Philanthropy in Asia Summit. She was voted Woman of the Year (Business and Finance) by Women's Weekly Magazine in 2006 and Her World's 50 Most Inspiring Women Under 40 in 2010. She has also been named both Straits Times' 50 Young Singaporeans to Watch (2004) and 20 Women to Watch (2006).



**Winifred Loh – Association of Women for Action & Research (AWARE)**

Winifred Loh has contributed significantly to AWARE over the last 12 years. She is currently serving as the Immediate Past President, having served as President of AWARE from 2012 - 2016. She was also the Vice President of AWARE in 2006 - 2007 and a board member in 2004 - 2006.

Under her recent leadership, AWARE grew significantly, both in terms of impact, volunteers and financial resources. During this period, AWARE worked with the Government on the introduction and implementation of anti-harassment laws and policies and also launched Singapore's only Sexual Assault Care Centre. AWARE also continued to strengthen its position as a leading civil society organisation in Singapore.

The Board under Winifred Loh ensured a successful transition in April 2016 when AWARE experienced one of its most active elections with 13 members running for 9 seats.

Her experience in the non-profit sector extends to her role as a consultant for the Singapore International Foundation where she led the leadership and planning process in the Carood Watershed Project for VSO Bahaginan, a community development organisation based in the Philippines. In Hong Kong, she led the enhancement of a learning, monitoring and evaluation system for HER Fund – a grant-maker for marginalised women's groups. Since 2011, in partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), she has served as a mentor and facilitator on the Afghanistan Fellowship Programme.

### **Career Summary**

She is currently the Managing Director of Centre for Non Profit Leadership which is a part of the National Volunteer and Philanthropic Centre. In this capacity, she works with Singapore-based Boards, CEOs and senior management teams on deepening their leadership bench strength, and facilitating organizational transformations for greater social impact.



**Malathi Das – ZONTA Club of Singapore**

Malathi Das is a commercial litigation lawyer, who has special interest in family, gender and child issues. She graduated with LLB Honours from the National University of Singapore and currently heads the litigation and dispute resolution department of M/S Joyce A Tan & Partners.

From 2011 to 2013, Malathi served as President of regional law organisation, LAWASIA, making her its first woman and first Singaporean President. She is also a Board Member on the Law Society's Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee. She also serves on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). She is Teaching Fellow and subject co-ordinator for the post-graduate Family Practice course at the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE).

For her long-standing pro-bono services and her encouragement to other lawyers to play a role in facilitating access to justice and giving back to the community, Malathi was conferred the Pro Bono Ambassador Award from the Law Society of Singapore in 2011.

In ZONTA, she is the Chairperson of Public Affairs and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. She contributes her expertise in the programmes for the benefit and improvement of the community, such as the current service project for the social and educational development of school girls, under the Zonta-Project Pari Program, as well as publicising Zonta's Jane M Klausman Scholarship for Women in Business. She was part of the team which organised Zonta's Violence Against Women (VAW) seminar in May 2014 and responsible for its programme content.

Malathi was a member of the SCWO Taskforce which set up its Maintenance Support Central (MSC) and also responsible for extending the SCWO Legal Clinic to cover Muslim Law. In July 2011, she represented Singapore as part of the SCWO delegation to the 49<sup>th</sup> CEDAW Meeting at the United Nations headquarters in New York in 2011 and was team leader of the SCWO NGO Shadow Report. She has also represented SCWO at the APEC Women Leaders Network in 2012 and 2013 and various ASEAN Women's Economic Network (AWEN) meeting in 2014. She currently serves as its 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Malathi writes and speaks extensively on legal ethics, gender, children and elder issues and pro bono and provided free legal advice at legal clinics and conducts training for other professionals.