

**Report Summary of the 18th ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development
13 – 14 November 2023, Ha Long City, Viet Nam**

Pol. Lt. Manus Nonuch, President of National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand (NCSWT) has assigned Prof. Emeritus Dr. Chanita Rukspollmuang, NCSWT Board Member and Chair of International Affairs Committee, to represent National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand in attending the 18th ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development and the Workshop on the Mid-term review of the SOMSWD Work Plan 2021-2025, during November 13 – 14, 2023 in Ha Long City, Viet Nam. The 18th ASEAN GO- NGO Forum was organized by the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam with the theme “Responsive Social Protection in the Changing World”. 70 Attendants were representatives from government and private sectors from 10 ASEAN member countries including a representative from Timor-Leste as an observer.

The Forum was aimed to strengthen cooperation among network partners in ASEAN Member Countries, to provide dialogues and exchange ideas on social protection with ASEAN partners to benefit the vulnerable groups including children, women, older persons, and people with disabilities. The participants jointly proposed guidelines and measures to promote and support all countries to be able to appropriately cope and deal with new challenges that are affecting people in society today and in the future.

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