



## **Declaration**

### **Network of Domestic Workers in Thailand**

### **For the International Domestic Workers Day June 16, 2015**

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As an occasion of the International Domestic Workers' Day June 16, 2015, this is considered as 4th anniversary of the ILO C.189 on Domestic Workers Convention of the International Labour Organization. The Network of Domestic Workers in Thailand would like to express our appreciation to the government of the 19 countries who ratified ILO C.189.

Even if there are some progressive on the protection rights of the international domestic workers, however, the 19 countries that ratify are still not enough. There are numbers of domestic workers across the world needed for the social protection and rights to be equally protected as other workers in different sectors. All the government including the Thai government must ratify ILO convention and regulate related laws to this convention in order to provide protection rights for domestic workers without any discrimination against nationality or religion.

For Thailand, even the government does not attempt to improve the related law and protection act for domestic workers even the government has already introduced Ministerial Regulation 14 (B.E.2555). However, domestic workers are still exploited very badly because the Ministerial Regulation is still lacking of protection to domestic workers in any issues. More importantly, this Ministerial Regulation has not been efficiently implemented to protect domestic workers in general. Many of domestic workers are still working more than 12 hours a day without any day off, no rights or any welfare according to the law. Many of them are physically abused; many of them have never received compensation. Regarding to these domestic workers can't access to the Thai justice system and compensation.

On the occasion of International Domestic Workers' Day 2015, the Network of Domestic Workers in Thailand, we would like to propose our demand to all the responsible stakeholders for the immediately action on these followings:

1. To demand to the Department of Labour Protection and Welfare and related organizations to proceed for the enforcement to the Ministerial Regulation 14 (B.E.2555) to protect domestic workers in every household efficiently.
2. To demand to the Department of Labour Protection and Welfare and related organizations to improve the procedure for domestic workers to access to labor protection and assistance for domestic workers to be protected under the law.
3. To increase the quality and welfare of domestic workers through improving social security law for domestic workers to access to Social Security Measure 33 like others workers in different sectors.
4. To demand the Thai government to ratify ILO C.189 on Domestic Workers Convention immediately and to improve labour protection law for domestic workers

to integrate with the ILO convention C.189 by identifying the related measures to protect domestic workers from violations and threatening.

The Network of Domestic Workers in Thailand strongly expects for the responsibility from all stakeholders to strongly consider the demand of our network and immediately take the actions accordingly.

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**June 14, 2015**