

Review Social Work Day March, 15th 2016

On March, 15th 2016 The Indonesian Association of Social Worker and Centre for Development of Social Work Profession and Welfare Worker, Ministry of Social Affairs Republic of Indonesia has celebrated the World Social Work Day at Aneka Bakti Building Ministry of Social Welfare, Jakarta. The event discussed this year's theme 'Societies thrives when the dignity and rights of all people are respected'. The themes related to Indonesian social work to endeavour social work as the front-line for the dignity and worth of people.

The main event featuring six of engaging speakers with Prof Linda Briskman of Swinburne University of Technology Australia as a keynote speaker discussed about Social work and global agenda in the context of human and cultural diversity: reflection and dialog. Other speakers were various academic scholars from Indonesia and Malaysia, including Prof. Ismail Baba of University Utara Malaysia, Mr. Rafendi Djamin the Executive Director of Indonesia Human Rights Working Group, Dr. Suryo Darmono Tanuredja, Sp.Kj (K) from Psychiatric Department of University of Indonesia, Muhrison, Ph.D of Islamic State University, Yogyakarta and Prof. Irwanto of Atma Jaya Catholic University.

One important conclusion showed that human right issues are very important for everyone involves in a human service profession and for the social worker in particular. By having the correct perspectives that social worker as a human rights profession, many dilemmas and issues face by social work can be looked in a new perspective. It also revealed in the discussion that despite of the elusiveness of the compatibility of human rights with Islamic values continues to be seriously debated in Indonesia, efforts of promoting and balancing those perspectives have reached a promising result. At this point, the set of compatible human rights perspectives can give the social worker with a set of values for their practice when they worked with the client and also to the community. Furthermore, social worker also need actively involved in community development and in advocacy of the policy and links their roles into a holistic approach to social work practice. The reason is that policy change is vital to what happens both in organizations and communities.

The seminar also discussed about the Myths, Misconceptions, Misunderstanding in Mental Health. In the domain of Social work in mental health, it concerned in three parts: Social context that concerned with how individual's environment define mental health, their experience and problems. It includes issues of individual personality, vulnerability and resilience, family functioning, strengths and stressors, support networks, culture, community, class, ethnicity and

gender. Secondly, social consequences on individual, family and the broader community as well as influenced many societal aspects. That includes the impact on sense of self, life chances, and family wellbeing. Ultimately, the purpose of practice is to promote social justice and equality and provide accessible and responsive services for people with mental illness and their family.

Importantly, social work need shift to a more critical focus where students are given the skills to question power and structures at both a macro and micro level. This can be seen in the way reflective practice is taught to students. This makes them more aware of their own position as social workers and challenges them to continually find better, more inclusive ways of working. On going reflection and learning will keep social workers from falling into the traps of the past.

Finally, the role of social work plays an important part to develop collaborative initiative between various sectors and profession. Social worker not only bring change to peoples live but they also promote dignity and worth of the people as well as society itself. As the Minister of Social Affairs pointed out in her closing remarks, social workers are human rights worker who helps people realize their rights and help them in fulfilling collective rights, and social worker should be able to build equal perspective with other professions to bring change to peoples lives.

The IPSPI received reports from celebration events organized by IPSPI provincial, such as IPSPI at East Java provincial branch and IPSPI at Papua provincial branch. Social workers at those regions involved and gathered themselves in IPSPI provincial events. Their activities are peaceful action took to the streets and panel discussion with local stakeholders.