

## ICSW NORTH EAST ASIA REGION

### Secretariat Report

(July 2018 to June 2019)

#### **1. 2018, 2020 and 2022 Joint World Conferences**

In the last NEA General Assembly Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018, members raised different concerns towards the arrangement of three conferences. Mr. Chua Hoi Wai conveyed members' concerns in the ICSW General Assembly Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July and board meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

In March 2019, a survey for ICSW board members: 2022 World Conference was conducted via email. The survey aimed to collect the views towards 2022 World Conference, including the preference on working together with IASSW and IFSW on the 2022 conference, expanding the number of 'strategic partners' for the 2022 Conference, consideration of locations, etc. Mr. Chua Hoi Wai expressed his concerns in the survey. ICSW, IFSW and IASSW now invite members to indicate their interests in hosting the 2022 Joint World Conference.

#### **2. Turnover in ICSW Head Office**

In June 2019, the Supervisory Advisory Board confirmed the change in the position of Executive Director. Mr. Sergei Zelenev stepped down from the post in May 2019 and Mr. Tom Johannesen from Norway would serve as Chief Executive Officer to work with all ICSW members and others. Mr. Sergei Zelenev is now serving as the ICSW representative to the United Nations.

#### **3. Discussion with ICSW President**

In February 2019, Mr. Chua Hoi Wai had a discussion with the ICSW President, Ms Eva Holmberg Herrström on the development of ICSW. Eva reaffirmed the success of NEA symposium held in 2018 Joint World Conference, and wished the regional conference to be held in Mongolia in July 2019 a very successful one.

#### **4. NEA Regional Newsletter**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Issue of NEA newsletter has been successfully published in July 2019. The main theme of the newsletter is "Family Development and Welfare in NEA".