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**ADPC celebrate INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) celebrated **International Women's Day** on **8<sup>th</sup> March 2006** at the Royal Princess Larn Luang, Bangkok. The day's theme 'Emergencies and the Strength of Women,' acknowledged and honoured **Mrs. Prateep Ungsongtham Hata** from the Duang Prateep Foundation and **World Vision Foundation of Thailand**, who have contributed to Disaster Management in the region, particularly Gender Concerns in Disaster.

Dr. Suvit Yodmani, Executive Director, ADPC welcomed the distinguished guests calling on agencies to realize the benefit of relief and development policies, guidelines and staff training to support the integration of gender concerns into emergency response.

Dr. Jean D'Cunha, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM East & Southeast Asia emphasized the importance of integrating gender concerns into disaster Management.

The Keynote Addresses were delivered by Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij, Founder & President, Thai Women Watch and H.E. Mrs. Merete Fjeld Brattested, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, The Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Mrs. Prateep Ungsongtham Hata and World Vision Foundation of Thailand in their talks highlighted the grassroot activities of their organizations.

Pictures from the International Women's Day.....



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Reception  
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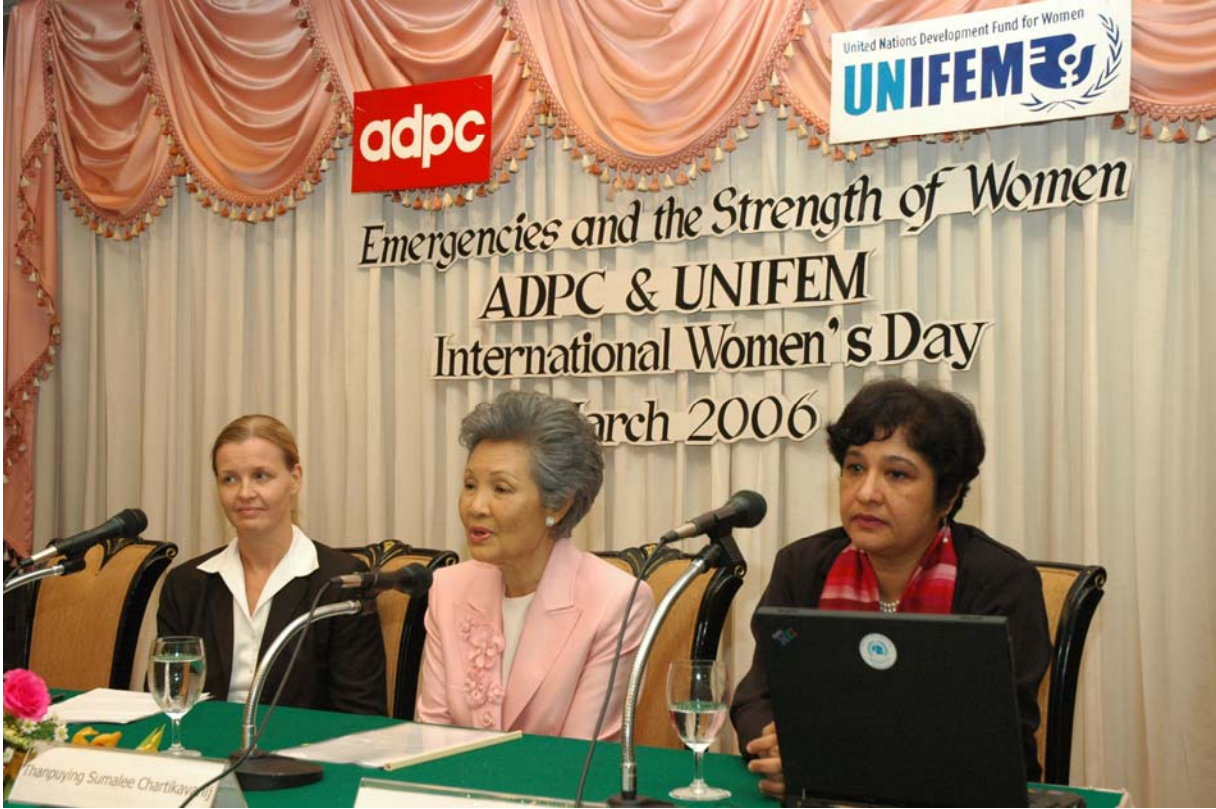
Dr. Suvit Yodmani, Executive Director, ADPC delivering the Welcome Address...



Dr. Jean D’Cunha, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM East & Southeast Asia sharing gender concerns into crisis response and reconstruction...



The Keynote speaker, Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavani's talk reflected on her experiences, scope, potential and the role of women in emergencies...



Keynote Speaker, H.E. Mrs. Merete Fjeld Brattested, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, The Royal Norwegian Embassy



Thanpuying Sumalee honouring and presenting a token of acknowledgment and recognition to Mrs. Prateep Ungsongtham Hata from Duang Prateep Foundation, Bangkok for her outstanding contributions.....



Ambassador Merete Brattested honouring the World Vision Foundation of Thailand for their remarkable contribution in integrating gender concerns into the mainstream of DM.



Dr. Suvit offering a token of appreciation to Thanpuying Sumalee



Dr. Jean offering a token of appreciation to Ambassador Brattested



Dr. Suvit, Mrs. Geeta Katju with other distinguished guests...



Senator Prateep Ungsongtham Hata, Secretary General, Duang Prateep Foundation



Dr. Jaruwaree Snidwongse, World Vision Foundation of Thailand





The Audience...



Question from the floor...



Dr. Suvit and Khunying Sangsuda Yodmani among the audience...



The Refreshment time.....

