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THAILAND HONOURS SUSIE KONG

CNF President Susie Kong was chosen by Thailand as the 2009 recipient of the Princess Srinagarindra Award. Susie received the Award on 21 October 2010. Susie said she felt very humbled to receive this Award and was deeply touched by the great honour given to a nurse by the people of Thailand. This life time experience has reaffirmed her conviction that nursing is truly a great profession.



Susie receiving her Award from Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

The Princess Srinagarindra Award is conferred annually to a registered nurse or midwife who has made a significant contribution to the nursing or midwifery profession. The presentation ceremony was held at the Royal Grand Palace in Bangkok, presided over by her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, daughter of the King. It was attended by dignitaries who including the Prime Minister of Thailand.



Susie with the Princes Srinagarindra Award Committee

'SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION'

This was the message from the meeting of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) who have been appointed by Commonwealth Heads of Government to review and make recommendations about the role of the Commonwealth in today's global society. The EPG Chair, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia said the EPG is committed to sharpening the impact, strengthening the networks and raising the profile of the Commonwealth.

The EPG, which received 230 submissions, is calling for the Commonwealth to speak publicly and to act with greater authority on serious or persistent violations of Commonwealth values, including democracy, the rule of law, and human rights.



Members of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group

Key issues discussed by the EPG at its meeting on the 25-26 October included:

- ♣ A Commonwealth Charter to strengthen commitment to Commonwealth values.
- ♣ Greater authority to the Secretary-General to pronounce on serious or persistent violations of Commonwealth values.
- ♣ Strengthening the role of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) as the guardian of the Commonwealth's fundamental values.
- ♣ Empowering small states to strengthen their economic capacity and resilience.
- ♣ Supporting and encouraging initiatives to unlock the potential of the young people of the Commonwealth.
- ♣ Supporting initiatives to strengthen the credibility of national elections.

See: <http://www.thecommonwealth.org/> for more information.



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SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

Nurses in Pakistan are still trying to recover from the devastating floods in Pakistan in which many nurses lost loved ones and homes. At the same time they are trying to care for people injured in the floods and help communities to recover. You can let the nurses in Pakistan know you are thinking of them by sending a message of support and solidarity. Write to the Pakistan Nurses Federation:

Mrs Nisab Akhtar
Secretary General
Pakistan Nurses Federation
457-C Block, Faisal Town, Lahore, Pakistan

20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Nurses and midwives: meeting the challenges of the 21st century

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April, 2011
Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta <http://www.radisson.com.mt>. For information about registration, accommodation and the draft program please go to: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>. Registration is essential. CNF members are encouraged to advise their members of the dates; to put the dates in their diaries; and start planning to attend.



The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting is hosted by the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses

The ICN Committee of National Representatives meeting is being held in St. Julian's Malta 2-4 May 2011 with the ICN Congress being held in Valetta Malta 2-8 May 2011.



COMMISSION MEETS IN CYPRUS

The Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development met in Paphos Cyprus over the weekend of 30-31 October. Jill Iliffe, Executive Secretary of the CNF is one of the Commissioners. The Commission's first of three reports proposed that the Commonwealth should 're-connect' over the issue of migration by building migration management capacity in its member states; streamlining migration policies; helping migrants to share their successes; and enhancing international cooperation over migration. See:

<http://www.ramphalcentre.org/>



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