



## **Kanda Vajrabhaya**

### **Thailand's Representative to the ACWC for Women's Rights**

Mdm Kanda Vajrabhaya is a former Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. Throughout her career, she has been with the public sector holding positions as Director at the Office of the Civil Service Commission and at the Ministry Social Development and Human Security, Thailand. Trained as a Political Scientist, she has specialized in the field of international negotiation, human resources management, social development and human security, and gender equality. Her career has involved actively leading Thai delegations to international cooperation arenas, notably during the 50<sup>th</sup> -54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA and to the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA. Nationally, as a Chief Gender Equality Officer, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, she has formulated the Working Plan on Gender Equality Promotion for Chief Gender Equality Officers in all line ministries and departments. She is a dynamic gender equality advocate with a successful track record in advising and leading negotiations, both nationally, regionally, and internationally on general equality measures, elimination of discrimination, and women's advancement. Her dynamic participation in the women's rights agenda has led her to be appointed as the Chair of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) as well as the Thailand's Representative for Women's Rights to the ACWC since 2010. She is recipient of the Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (2008). She undertook her post-graduate study at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.