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Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta is currently a senior researcher and a lecturer at the Asian Research Center for Migration (ARCM), Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. She was an appointed and elected committee member of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) during 2003- 2006 and 2006-2008. Currently she is a member of National Sub-Committee on anti-human trafficking, especially for women and children (appointed by the Prime Minister), and a member of the National Sub-Committee on anti-human trafficking in the Mekong Sub-Region (appointed by Deputy Prime Minister).

Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta graduated from Khema Siri Memorial and Mater Dei School, and holds her Bachelor Degrees in Public Administration from Kasetsart University, and Communication Arts from Sukhothai Thammathirat University. She received her Master of Policy Development and Public Administration from University of Wisconsin at Madison, U.S.A, and a Master of Business Administration from Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. She was a DPhil Visiting Fellow at the Refugee Studies Center, Oxford University, U.K. She received the Thai Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Scholarship from the Thailand Research Fund (TRF). She holds her Ph.D. in Development Administration (International Program) from the National Institute of Public Administration (NIDA), Bangkok, Thailand. Her area of expertise is related to Development Administration, which includes gender equality, women's rights, human rights, and migration (including labor migration, human trafficking, people smuggling, displaced person).

In addition to her multi-facet education background obtained from national and international education institutes, both from Thailand and globally renowned universities, her work experience covers all significant sectors that sharpen her skills to be a potential resource person for Thailand.

In regards to international organizations, she was a National Programme Officer for Governance CEDAW Southeast Asia Programme at UN WOMEN regional office for Asia and the Pacific during 2014-2015. This included working with state and non-state obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. She also led a number of activities aimed at securing safe migration practices in Thailand as well as maintained and strengthened relationships among all partners.

In addition, she was a National Project Coordinator of the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Mekong Sub-Region during 2008- 2010, ensuring the effectiveness of the implementation of the COMMIT MOU (Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region). She was also one of the Asia Foundation (TAF) resource persons during regional conferences on issues related to human trafficking for 2012 and 2017.

In the private sector, she was an executive assistant to Managing Director of York International (air conditioning and refrigeration Co., Ltd.), and is also a senior consultant/advisor for Guinness Gallagher International (Singapore).

In CSOs, she is a Board member of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) and voluntary work with various organizations/institutes in promoting and protecting the rights of women, transgender and children.

In the government sector, she was a national education officer at the Office of National Education Commission (ONEC), Office of Prime Minister from 1997 – 1999.

At academic institutions and as independent consultant, she was a senior researcher and lecturer on research methodology, migration and development issues, also including the organization of annual international conferences on migration.

Her publications include a “National Journal on Human Trafficking in Thailand: From Tier 3 to Tier 2 Watch List,” in the *Nation Weekend Magazine* (2016), and international publications on “Anti-labour exploitation and anti-human trafficking tool: Capacity building for Thai migrant workers,” “On the Move: Critical Migration Themes in ASEAN,” published by International Organization for Migration and the Asian Research Center for Migration (2013), and the “Thai Government's Repatriation and Reintegration Programmes: Responding to Trafficked Female Commercial Sex Workers from the Greater Mekong Sub-region,” published by Blackwell Publishing Ltd., *Journal Compilation* (2009).