Meeting report

Final Session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024

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The event was organised by Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission (Office of the NBTC), the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) and ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and hosted by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Thailand

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1. Key Outcomes
- A total of 96 participants, including 70 students, took part in the Final Session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 in Meeting Room A at the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand.
- All students, teachers, and parents participated in the UNCC Tour led by UNESCAP team before the event started.
- The event was opened by Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and officiated by Ms. Geraldine Ansart, the UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, ad interim.
- During the last session on: Empowering Girls in ICT: Moving Forward for 2025, the participants suggested that:
  - ITU and Girls in ICT partners in Thailand should provide resources such as books, tutorials, and stable internet access. They also recommended organizing hackathons to foster creativity and practical skills, as well as promoting technology clubs in schools to provide a supportive environment for girls.
  - ITU and Girls in ICT partners in Thailand should leverage AI to provide tailored educational opportunities and emphasize the need for greater diversity among technology designers to ensure that technology effectively meets the needs of all genders and groups.

2. Final Session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024

The Final Session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 was held physically from 09:30-13:00 on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 in Meeting Room A (MR-A), at the United Nations Conference Centre. The final event was organized by Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission (Office of the NBTC), the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) and ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and it was hosted by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Thailand. A total of 96 participants from government agencies, UN agencies, industry, academia, and civil society organization attended, including 70 girls and boys from Bangkok, Uthai Thani, Ubon Ratchathani, Songkhla, and Roi Et provinces in Thailand.

UNCC tour led by UNESCAP
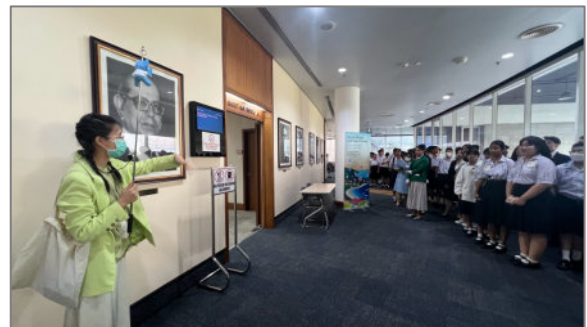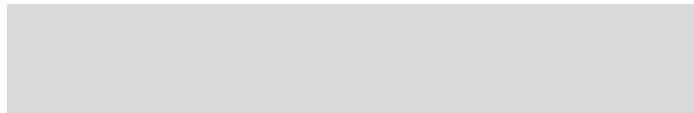
All students, teachers, and parents participated in the UNCC Tour led by the UNESCAP team before the event started. This session ran from 09:30 to 10:15. During the tour, Ms. Yuanwan Zuo from UNESCAP guided the group through the history of the UNESCAP building, important conferences, areas, including historical meeting rooms, the UN hall, and sections displaying photos and decorations within the building. There was also a question-and-answer session during which students who actively participated by asking or answering questions received small souvenirs from UNESCAP.

Welcoming remarks

- Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Telecommunication Union

Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director of ITU Asia and the Pacific, addressed the final session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 at the UN Conference Room in Bangkok. She thanked participants and organizers, including representatives from the NBTC, MDES, and the UN, for their support in empowering young women in Thailand. Special recognition was given to educators and students from across Thailand, including 50 attendees from Mattayom Wat Makutkasat School, Bangkok. Ms. Okuda acknowledged the contributions of partners such as APT, GSMA, UNICEF, and others in facilitating digital skills programs that aim to bridge the gender digital divide in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and ICT (Information and Communications Technology). Reflecting on the ITU's AI for Good Summit, she highlighted the potential challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies. The event, which began with over 650 participants at the opening ceremony in April, saw continued engagement with over 700 individuals participating in various training and career development sessions. Ms. Okuda concluded by soliciting feedback on the programs and encouraged continued progress towards a digital future.

Special addresses

- Ms. Rujira Thammachat, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)

Ms. Rujira Thammachat, speaking on behalf of Mr. Trairat Viriyasirikul, Acting Secretary-General of the NBTC, began by expressing her gratitude for the opportunity to deliver a special address. She acknowledged the importance of the Girls in ICT initiative and its relevance in a world where society and the economy are undergoing rapid changes. Ms. Thammachat emphasized that in an increasingly complex environment, it is crucial for everyone to understand how to utilize ICT, digital technologies, and STEM safely and effectively. This knowledge is vital in building an inclusive society.

She highlighted that it is a challenge for governments and relevant stakeholders, including international organizations like the ITU, to guide the world toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ms. Thammachat commended the Girls in ICT initiative as an outstanding effort in promoting the benefits of ICT to young women, noting that this year's theme, "Leadership," had proven to inspire participants through various events, including the three-month training program and the final session. She proudly shared that over 700 girls and young women in Thailand had developed their digital skills through the initiative and expressed hope that it would continue to reduce the digital divide in both Thailand and globally. The session also served as a platform for Ms. Thammachat to extend her appreciation to the ITU and all other involved agencies for their commitment and contribution to the event's success. Ms. Thammachat assured all participants that NBTC would continue to support the initiative by leveraging its available resources, including ICT and digital tools, to further promote girls' participation in ICT. She expressed her eagerness to exchange ideas to continue developing the initiative in the coming years.

- Ms. Thasawan Samorwong, Executive Director, International Affairs Division, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES)

Representing the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, Ms. Thasawan Samorwong expressed deep gratitude towards ITU and the United Nations for their steadfast support in empowering young women in ICT. Highlighting this year's theme, "Leadership," Ms. Samorwong emphasized the pivotal role of female leaders in inspiring girls to pursue STEM fields. Ms. Samorwong noted the successful completion of several ICT trainings and activity programs from April to August, organized in collaboration with ITU, CCDKM, and ETDA, which focused on leadership in digital transformation and skills empowerment. A key event was the "Leveraging AI for Life" training on 8 July at Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, attended by over 140 students from various technical colleges, where participants learned about practical AI applications and the ethical use of technology. Concluding her remarks, Ms. Samorwong celebrated the achievements of the young women involved and encouraged them to continue using their skills to become leaders in their fields, while reaffirming her ministry's commitment to creating an inclusive and equitable digital future.

- Mr. Pichet Phophakdee, Ph.D, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education of Thailand

Mr. Pichet Phophakdee, Ph.D., the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education at the Ministry of Education of Thailand, began his address by expressing his enthusiasm for participating in the event. He highlighted the recent involvement of Thai students in an international program over the last three to four months, which was organized by Office of the NBTC and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society Thailand, in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Mr. Phophakdee emphasized the importance of education and skills development in digital environments, especially for girls. He highlighted the event's theme, "Leadership," and the successful workshops that engaged schools nationwide, reinforcing the Ministry's commitment to fostering high-technology careers. He expressed gratitude to ITU and partners for making this an annual event and urged participants to apply the knowledge gained to further their education and contribute to their future careers in technology.

In conclusion, Mr. Phophakdee reiterated the Ministry's commitment to celebrateand collaborate on this program annually. He urged all stakeholders in Thailand to continue supporting this valuable initiative.

- Ms. Phoungtong Sriwilia, Director of Technology Teaching and Learning Bureau, from Office of the Basic Education Commission

Ms. Phoungtong Sriwilia highlighted the Office of the Basic Education Commission's role in managing education for over 6 million students across 28,000 schools. She emphasized the increasing importance of digital technology in education and its role in promoting gender equality. Ms. Sriwilia discussed how digital tools have been integrated into education to improve efficiency and quality. Key initiatives included the development of learning platforms, personalized learning experiences, and the creation of connected learning environments. Ms. Sriwilia affirmed that Office of the Basic Education Commission was committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all, particularly in the field of digital technology. She discussed the integration of digital technology into the teaching and learning processes, which had significantly enhanced educational efficiency and quality in several ways: content creation, learning platforms, personalized learning, connected learning environment, as well assessment and monitoring. She also mentioned the use of digital technology for better assessment and monitoring of students' progress. In conclusion, she expressed hope that the session would

inspire new approaches to using digital technology, particularly to empower women to stay informed and engaged.

Opening remarks

- Ms. Geraldine Ansart, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, ad interim

Ms. Geraldine Ansart, UN Resident Coordinator ad interim in Thailand, congratulated the graduates on their significant learning advancements over the past three months and acknowledged the attendance of seventy students and teachers who learned about the UN during a prior tour. She thanked the co-organizers, including the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society and other government and private sector partners, emphasizing the event's alignment with Thailand's vision for digital transformation. Ms. Ansart highlighted an ITU study noting the digital divide, where women in Asia and the Pacific access the internet less frequently than men, underscoring the need for such educational initiatives. She lauded the Girls in ICT Day initiative for promoting digital literacy and inclusion, particularly praising the 700 participants' engagement in enhancing their digital and leadership skills. Ms. Ansart encouraged the students to apply their new skills broadly and continue breaking down barriers in ICT, thus contributing to Thailand's digital future.

Details of the sessions are as follows:

Session 1. Sharing lessons learned and aspirations: Girls in ICT "Leadership"
Goals:
- To encourage participants to discuss their future aspirations within the ICT sector, helping to inspire and motivate them to consider their long-term goals in technology. This segment emphasized the vast opportunities available in the rapidly evolving digital landscape.
- To address and promote the importance of gender inclusivity as well as demonstrate through shared experiences how diverse perspectives lead to enhanced creativity and innovation in tech.
- To focus on the key leadership qualities that are essential in tech-oriented roles. Discussed how these skills can be nurtured and developed from an early stage in one's career.

Moderator:
Ms. Yodwadee Dissara, National Consultant of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Speakers:
•   Ms. Buranee Suwannachot, Teacher, Banraiwittaya School, Uthaithani province
•   Ms. Keetawan Chusuwan, Student, Watsamakee School (Recorded Video)
•   Ms. Ploynara Kalapakdee, Student, Banraiwittaya School
•   Ms. Nattanicha Dejsakulrit, Student, King's College International School Bangkok
•   Mr. Shanudom Impat, Student, King's College International School Bangkok
•   Ms. Kewalin Phimkhan, Student, Banraiwittaya School (Recorded Video)
•   Mr. Thanawin warnitcho, Student, Banraiwittaya School
•   Ms. Benyapa Santipitanon, Student, Triam Udom Suksa Pattanakarn School
•   Mr. Theerat kitsing, Student, Triam Udom Suksa Pattanakarn School
•   Ms. Prabhada Meerod, Teacher, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University
•   Ms. Teeranat Wichakan, Student, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University
•   Ms. Athitaya Wilailuck, Student, Mahavajiravudh School, Songkhla, Thailand (Recorded Video)

During this session, students from various schools in Thailand shared their enriching experiences and learnings from participating in Girls in ICT activities. Ms. Ploynara Kalapakdee from Ban Rai Wiya School expressed deep appreciation for the digital learning opportunities provided, which far surpassed her expectations and significantly enhanced her personal skills. Ms. Benyapa Santipitanon and Mr. Theerat Kitsing, both from

Traimudomsuksa Pattanakarn School, highlighted their experiences at the Young Girls in ICT Leadership Day organized by ZTE, noting the exposure to fascinating technology careers and effective work techniques. They appreciated the chance to learn about various career opportunities in technology, which motivated them to pursue their desired paths in the tech sector. Additionally, Mr. Shanudom Impat from King's College International School Bangkok remarked the inclusive and informative sessions that enhanced both his technical and interpersonal skills, preparing him for the future challenges in ICT. Ms. Nattanicha Dejsakulrit also from King's College, shared her journey in robotics and the impact of being part of the Girls in ICT initiative, which has inspired her and many others to actively engage in technology and robotics, fostering a sense of community among young women in the tech field.

Session 2. Interactive activity
Goals: To raise awareness, inspire, and encourage students to pursue education and careers in the ICT sector.

Facilitator: Ms. Xinying Xu, Intern for E-Waste Project, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific

Session 2 of the event featured an engaging quiz titled "Girls in ICT: Leadership," introduced by Ms. Xinying Xu and translated into Thai by Ms. Yodwadee Dissara (Song). Participants accessed the quiz through Slido.com by either scanning the QR code on this link https://app.sli.do/event/sAbJJyvxJTeaTpCxPyVcem or by entering a specific code (#2029129) , and were required to answer five single-choice questions related to Girls in ICT and women leaders in tech. Prizes were awarded to five winners, each receiving their award from representatives of various organizations, including ITU, Office of NBTC, MDES, the Ministry of Education, and OBEC. The winners were announced and celebrated . Ms. Xinying Xu concluded the session by thanking the students for their participation and handed the floor back to the MC, Ms. Rury Demsey, Junior Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific who appreciated the efforts of Ms. Xu and Ms. Dissara in making the session exciting and memorable for all participants.

Session 3. Showcase of achievements during Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024
Goals: To provide a compilation of students' participation in the Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 digital skills training programmes and series of events powered by Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 partners from 25 April to 6 August 2024.

MC as Facilitator: Ms. Rury Demsey, Junior Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

During Session 3 of the event, participants were presented with a video that highlighted the achievements of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024. The MC introduced the session and handed it over to Ms. Lena Ostlund, who facilitated the screening of the one-minute video. This video showcased a compilation of activities ranging from training sessions and workshops to office visits, all part of the event's efforts from 25th April to the end of July 2024. The video illustrated the program's extensive engagement in both face-to-face and online formats. Following the video, the MC expressed hope that the audience found the video informative and enjoyable, thanking them for their attention before transitioning to the next session led by Ms. Lena Ostlund.

The link to the recorded video is available for internal use only in the ITU SharePoint folder.

Session 4. Empowering Girls in ICT: Moving Forward

i. **Segment 1**

Goal: To develop the plan for the Girls in ICT Day Thailand next year. This session invited the participants, and especially girls, young women, and female students aged 12-24 who participated in the previous events and activities, to actively contribute their suggestions in an interactive discussion.

Moderator: Ms. Lena Ostlund, Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Panelists:
- Ms. Rujira Thammachat, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)
- Ms. Cheeraporn Sangkawetai, Ph.D, Director of Technology Unit, Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST)

The first segment of session 4, moderated by Ms. Lena Ostlund, focused on the theme of women's leadership in the ICT and STEM sectors. The session featured two distinguished speakers, Ms. Rujira Thammachat, Executive Director of the International Affairs Bureau, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), and Ms. Cheeraporn Sangkawetai, Ph.D., Director of the Technology Unit at the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST). Both speakers shared their insights and experiences about women's leadership in the ICT sector, highlighting the importance of having female leaders in this field and the impact they are making. Their speeches inspired the participants, by emphasizing the significance of perseverance and having role models in Thailand for young women who are aspiring to careers in ICT to look up to. Ms. Ostlund concluded the session by expressing gratitude to the speakers and the students for their contributions, paving the way for the next interactive session.

ii.   Segment 2

Goal: To learn about the challenges and barriers faced by girls and young women in Thailand who wish to study and pursue careers in STEM and ICTs. Additionally, the session aimed to gather insights to organize future activities with partners that benefit them and target their needs. Through this consultation session, valuable inputs from girls and young women were incorporated to shape the upcoming Girls in ICT Day Thailand programs.

Moderator: Ms. Lena Ostlund, Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Segment 2 of Session 4, moderated by Ms. Lena Ostlund and translated by Ms. Yodwadee Dissara, focused on developing plans for International Girls in ICT Day 2025 through an interactive consultation with the participants, and especially female students aged 12-24. The participants were divided into two groups, each led by Ms. Pornpatima Woottisanwattana from The Children and Youth Council of Thailand, and Ms. Phonnaphat Khamphinit from Luther College, USA. The session's objective was to identify challenges and barriers in the ICT sector and propose solutions to enhance female participation in STEM and ICT fields.

Speakers:

Team leader of Group A:
- Ms. Pornpatima Woottisanwattana, The Children and Youth Council of Thailand

Group A, led by Ms. Woottisanwattana, proposed establishing resources like books, tutorials, and stable internet access, organizing hackathons to foster creativity and practical skills, and promoting technology clubs in schools to provide a supportive environment for girls.

Team leader of Group B:
- Ms. Phonnaphat Khamphinit, Luther College, USA

Group B, led by Ms. Khamphinit, discussed leveraging AI to provide tailored educational opportunities and emphasized the need for greater diversity among technology designers to ensure that tech meets the needs of all genders and groups effectively.

Ms. Ostlund commended both groups for their insightful contributions and active participation, which will help shape the next Girls in ICT Day Thailand program. The session concluded with a call for continued effort to break down barriers and create more inclusive opportunities in the ICT sector.

Closing segment

MC as facilitator: Ms. Rury Demsey, Junior Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Speaker:
- Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
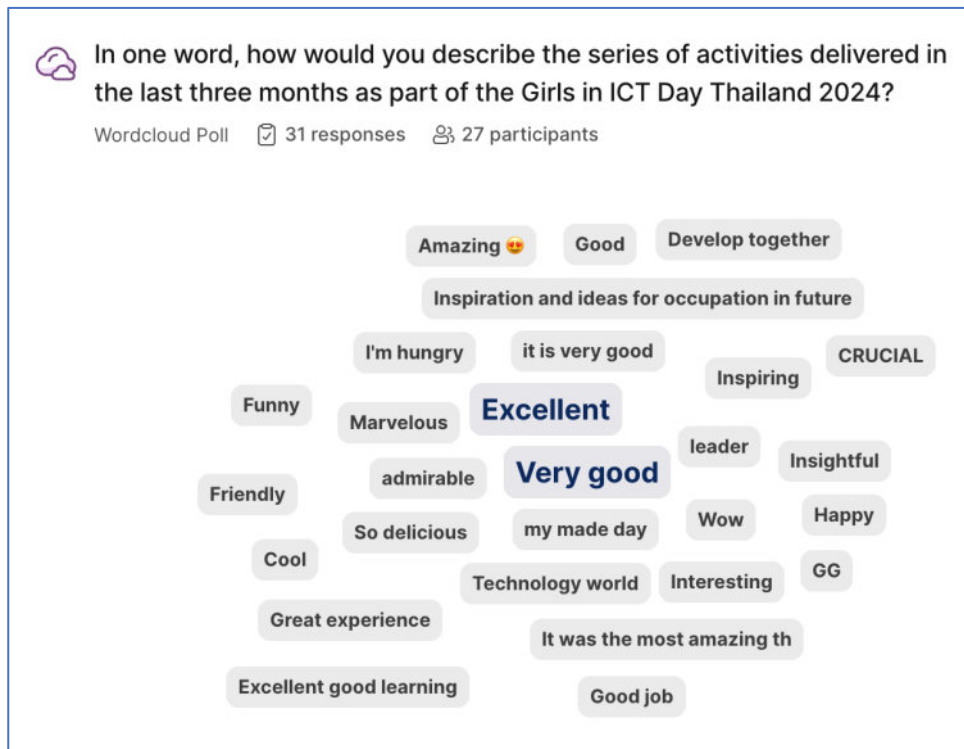
The closing segment of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024, held between 12:45 and 12:50, was facilitated by the MC from the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, with translation support from Ms. Yodwadee Dissara. The segment featured an interactive word cloud activity, inviting participants to describe the series of activities over the past three months in one word. Participants engaged via Slido.com on the following link https://app.sli.do/event/d8DewCGToaxNDrfkyweqsM, either by scanning a QR code displayed on the screen or by entering a dedicated code **(#5749942)**.

After ensuring everyone was connected and had submitted their responses, the MC showcased the results on the screen, reading out participants' feedback, which highlighted the event as "very nice and informative." The MC then expressed gratitude to all speakers, panellists, and moderators, including Song, Xinying, and Lena, for facilitating engaging discussions and activities throughout the event. Special thanks were given for their contributions to making the event supportive and insightful for the Girls in ICT community in Thailand.

Additionally, participants were encouraged to visit the Girls in ICT Day Asia-Pacific website, view previous activities, and follow the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific on social media platforms (such as Twitter and LinkedIn) through provided QR codes. The session concluded with a final appreciation for the active engagement of all attendees and an announcement of a lunch break from 13:00 to 14:00.

3. Next steps and conclusion

The Final Session of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024, held on 6 August at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, successfully concluded with significant achievements and active participation. The event, organized by Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission, the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, and the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, was attended by 96 participants, including 70 students from various provinces. This session served as a platform to inspire future leaders in ICT by showcasing the power of digital technologies and the importance of inclusivity in tech.

Ms. Atsuko Okuda, the ITU Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, opened the event by acknowledging the extensive participation and efforts of various partners in facilitating digital skills programs aimed at reducing the gender digital divide. The event featured multiple sessions including interactive activities, a showcase of achievements through a video compilation, and discussions on empowering girls in ICT. Each session provided insights into the challenges faced by young women in Thailand and proposed solutions to promote their education and careers in STEM and ICT.

Ms. Geraldine Ansart, the UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, ad interim, provided remarks, emphasizing the event's alignment with Thailand's vision for digital transformation and thanked everyone for their contributions, marking a successful closure to the day's proceedings.

Leadership discussions were highlighted by influential figures such as Ms. Rujira Thammachat from NBTC and Ms. Cheeraporn Sangkawetai from IPST, who shared their experiences and the significance of female leadership in the ICT sector.

The closing segment included a word cloud activity that allowed participants to reflect on their learnings and share key takeaways from the event. This final session not only celebrated the achievements of young participants but also set the groundwork for future initiatives to support and empower girls and young women in the field of ICT in Thailand. The event also included a forward-looking consultation session aimed at planning for International Girls in ICT Day 2025, gathering inputs from participants to shape future activities and ensure continued support for young women in ICT.

Programme agenda

Date/Time (GMT+7) Bangkok time	Activities
08:30-09:30	**Registration**
09:30–10:15hrs	**UNCC Tour** Coordinators: UNESCAP and ITU • **Group photo session**
10:15-10:30hrs	**Break and Event preparation in Meeting Room A**
10:30-11:00hrs	**Final Session of Girls in ICT Thailand 2024** **MC** • Ms. Rury Demsey, Junior Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific **Welcoming remarks** • Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Telecommunication Union **Special address** • Ms. Rujira Thammachat, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) • Ms. Thasawan Samorwong, Executive Director, International Affairs Division, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) • Mr. Pichet Phophakdee, Ph.D, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education of Thailand • Ms. P̌houngtong Sriwilia, Director of Technology Teaching and Learning Bureau, from Office of the Basic Education Commission **Opening remarks** • Ms. Geraldine Ansart, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, ad interim
11:00-11:10hrs	**Group photo session**
11:10-11:45hrs	**Session 1: Sharing lessons learnt and aspirations: Girls in ICT "Leadership"** **Session moderator:** Ms. Yodwadee Dissara, National Consultant of Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Teacher,girls and boys will share their experience and aspirations based on questions asked by the moderators.

	This session will invite selected participants (teacher, girls and boys) to share their experience and lessons learnt from participating in the Girls in ICT Day Thailand Celebration 2024. They will also share their aspirations in this rapidly evolving digital landscape. Speakers: • Ms. Buranee Suwannachot, Teacher, Banraiwittaya School, Uthaithani province • Ms. Keetawan Chusuwan, Student, Watsamakee School (Recorded Video) • Ms. Ploynara Kalapakdee, Student, Banraiwittaya School • Ms. Nattanicha Dejsakulrit, Student, King's College International School Bangkok • Mr. Shanudom Impat, Student, King's College International School Bangkok • Ms. Kewalin Phimkhan, Student, Banraiwittaya School (Recorded Video) • Mr. Thanawin warnitcho, Student, Banraiwittaya School • Ms. Benyapa Santipitanon, Student, Triam Udom Suksa Pattanakarn School • Mr. Theerat kitsing, Student, Triam Udom Suksa Pattanakarn School • Ms. Prabhada Meerod, Teacher, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University • Ms. Ms. Teeranat Wichakan, Student, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University • Ms. Athitaya Wilailuck, Student, Mahavajiravudh School, Songkhla, Thailand (Recorded Video) *(Each speaker to have 3 minutes max. focusing on the information required to be shared)*
11:45-12:00 hrs	**Session 2: Interactive activity** Quiz on "Girls in ICT" This interactive session is designed to engage students in a fun and educational quiz focused on "Girls in ICT." Participants will test their knowledge about the contributions, challenges, and opportunities for girls and young women in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). This session aims to raise awareness, inspire, and encourage students to pursue education and careers in the ICT sector. Facilitator: • Ms. Xinying Xu, Intern for E-Waste Project, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific Platform: Slido quiz at https://app.sli.do/event/sAbJJyvxJTeaTpCxPyVcem or please join the quiz at Slido.com with the code # **2029129** **Photo session with the winners of the quiz**
12:00-12:05 hrs	**Session 3: Showcase of achievements during Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024** Video compilation of the students' participation in the Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 digital skills training programs and series of events powered by Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024 partners from 25 April to 6 August 2024.

12:05-12:45 hrs	**Session 4: Empowering Girls in ICT: Moving Forward**
	Session moderator: • Ms. Lena Ostlund, Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific In preparation for the International Girls in ICT Day 2025, a consultation session will be conducted to develop the plan for the Girls in ICT Day Thailand next year. This session will invite girls, young women, and female students aged 12-24 who participated in the previous events and activities to actively contribute their suggestions in an interactive discussion. The objective of this session is to learn about the challenges and barriers faced by girls and young women in Thailand who wish to study and pursue careers in STEM and ICTs. Additionally, it aims to gather insights to organize future activities with partners that benefits them and target their needs. Through this consultation session, valuable inputs from girls and young women will be incorporated to shape the upcoming Girls in ICT Day Thailand programs. The session will divide the 70 students in two groups, Group A and Group B. The moderator will ask one question to the two groups and each group will be given 10 minutes to discuss. The team leader of each group will then be invited to present the discussions' results and feedback in 3 minutes. If time permits, the guest speakers will be invited to interact with the students and provide more insights into women's leadership in the ICT sector. Facilitator: ITU Girls in ICT Thailand team Guest speaker: • Ms. Rujira Thammachat, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) • Ms. Cheeraporn Sangkawetai, Ph.D, Director of Technology Unit, Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST) (*Each speaker to have 3 minutes max. focusing on the information required to be shared*) *Q&A session for this session will be opened for 5 minutes if time permits* **Question for Group A and B:** ***Proposed question:*** *"Girls and young women face several barriers in accessing digital skills trainings, leadership roles and pursuing education/careers in the ICT sector. How can the Girls in ICT Thailand networks support girls and young women to overcome these challenges? What kind of activities and programs are needed to address these barriers?"*

	Team leader of Group A: • Ms. Pornpatima Woottisanwattana, The Children and Youth Council of Thailand Team leader of Group B: • Ms. Phonnaphat Khamphinit, Luther College, USA
12:45-12:50	**MC:** • ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific **Word Cloud Session:** - Moderator invites participants to share one key takeaway from the Girls in ICT Day Thailand celebration 2024. - Moderator reads out the words collected for the questions "*In one word, how would you describe the series of activities delivered in the last three months as part of the Girls in ICT Day Thailand 2024?*" Platform: slido word cloud poll at https://app.sli.do/event/d8DewCGToaxNDrfkyweqsM or please vote at slido.com using code # **5749942**
12:50-13:00hrs	**Closing Remarks** **MC:** • Ms. Rury Demsey, Junior Project Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific **Speaker:** • Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, ITU

Annex 2

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Website and Social Media Posts

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The event was published on:
- ITU event page at http://itu.int/go/gict-thailand24
- Girls in ICT Asia-Pacific website at https://girlsinict-asiapacific.org/thailand/
- ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific X account @ITUAsiaPacific at https://x.com/ITUAsiaPacific/status/1823295438650229134
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