

OPENING REMARKS

In the Opening Ceremony of the The 9th WANS -The 2nd International Conference
to Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of HRH Princess Srinagarindra
on 2 – 4 December 2025 at Miracle Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



The President of Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council (TNMC),
The President of the Nurses' Association of Thailand (NAT),
The Former President World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS),
The members of World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS),
Distinguished Guests, Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm truly delighted and deeply honored to preside over the opening of the 2nd International Nursing Research Conference on "**Future Nursing Research and Innovation for Sustainable Global Health**". On behalf of the World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS), I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Nurses' Association of Thailand for co-hosting this important event with us.

It is also my great pleasure to warmly welcome Prof. Dr. Hiroko Minami, the Founder Member of WANS and a co-host of the WANS Conference in 2017 with Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Nurses' Association of Thailand. We are deeply honored by her presence today.

I extend my warmest welcome to all participants. Your presence signifies our shared commitment to strengthening nursing science and advancing nursing practice for the betterment of communities worldwide.

Today, we gather here not only to advance scholarly discourse but also **to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the birth of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra—our beloved “Princess Mother”, “Somdet Ya”**. Her Royal Highness dedicated her life to improving the health and well-being of the Thai people. She championed nursing education and practice long before these became global imperatives. She recognized that nurses are at the heart of healthcare and that scientific inquiry is essential to societal progress.

In honoring her legacy, we embrace the theme, **“Future Nursing Research and Innovation for Sustainable Global Health.”** This theme underscores the critical role of research and innovation in generating knowledge, guiding evidence-based practice, informing policy, and advancing nursing profession. Ultimately it emphasizes our contribution to sustainable global health and the well-being of populations everywhere.

Furthermore, this conference marks two important milestones. We celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council, the key organization dedicated to protecting the public and ensuring the quality of nursing practice. We also commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Princess Srinagarindra Award, which honors outstanding nurse-midwives, nurses or midwives worldwide for their remarkable contributions to the advancement of the profession and the health of the population.

This conference is built upon two strategic pillars - Nursing Research and Innovation. Together, they challenge us to move beyond theory and to ensure that our work remains evidence-based, practical and meaningful.

As the largest group of health professionals embedded across all levels of the health systems, nurses are the backbone of healthcare and champions of health equity. We are uniquely positioned to lead transformative change—whether by promoting health literacy or by advocating for policies that address the social determinants of health.

Over the coming days, this conference will serve as a crucible of ideas, dialogue, and inspiration. I encourage each of you to participate actively, share your experiences, and build new collaborations. Let us strengthen the global community of nurse researchers and innovators, united by our commitment to sustainable global health.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the organizing committees, our partners, sponsors, and all delegates who have travelled from near and far to join this conference.

It is now my great honor to officially declare the International Conference on “Future Nursing Research and Innovation for Sustainable Health” open.

Thank you.