



LAO PDR

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Born in a cave hospital in Houaphanh province of the Lao PDR, soon after the country's independence. After obtained the Bachelor of Laws from Chiang Mai University, Thailand in 1999, she worked as a counselor for women and children survivors of violence against women at Drop-in Centre of the Lao Women's Union. She received her first Master of Artin Women's Studies from Women's Studies Centre, Chiang Mai University, Thailand in 2005. In 2010, she pursued her second Master Degree in Master of International Rural Development at Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand. Until 2011 Christchurch earthquake, she was transferred to UNITEC NEW ZEALAND, Auckland where she got Master of Social Practice in 2012. Soukphaphone is currently Director of International Relations Division. She is also a focal point of the Lao Women's Union for the Lao National Steering Committee on Human Rights. Due to her involvement in the issue of Women's rights has brought her to appointment as the Lao PDR's Representative to the ACWC for Women's Rights in October 2014.