

Report from the Capacity Building Committee

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- I. Regional Resource Centres (RRC) support the development and strengthening of social work education across the Globe. To date, the IASSW has established two RRCs
- A. The first RRC was established in China was established in 2016. The China Social Work Research Centre is a collaboration between Peking and Hong Kong Polytechnic Universities.



The China Social Work Research Centre recently completed a 3-year project to provide professional development for social work educators in Vietnam with the aim of nurturing a critical mass of social work educators in the region. These capacity building efforts were held in North (Hanoi) and South Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City).

- B. The RRC in New Zealand was established in 2017. The Social Work Regional Resource Centre of Oceania is collaboration between Massey University, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, The University of Wollongong, The University of the South Pacific, and Whitireia New Zealand.



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RRC collaborators are working with a number of other Pacific social work educators and practitioners (more than 30 in totals) to develop a Pacific social work book, which will be used as a learning resource for social work education across the region. The book title is, *Pacific Social Work: Navigating Practice, Policy and Research* and is being edited by Jioji Ravulo, Tracie Mafile'o and Bruce Yeates (published by Routledge).

They are also available of Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pacificsocialwork/>

II. The Capacity Building Committee facilitates other capacity building initiatives through mini-workshops or summits, initiated by a request of a program member. Examples include

- A. Nairobi, January 2017: *Intersecting social work ethics in academic writing, training and field supervision for ethical social work practice*
- B. Zagreb, January 2018: *Social Work Education and Practice – Dance on Wire*
- C. Azerbaijan, April, 2018: *Conference on Advancement of Social Work in Post-Soviet Countries: Achievements and Challenges of Social Work Education*



III. The IASSW Capacity Building Committee offers program consultations to support the development and/or expansion of social work education internationally. This process is initiated by a request by a program member of IASSW to assist with the development or revision of social work curricula and educational programs. The process includes engaging the local, regional and/or national social work education entities. The details are available at IASSW website: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/capacity-building/>