



Convention
Theme

Soroptimists Enable a Sustainable World: Global Connections, Empowered Women

MESSAGE FROM MARIET VERHOEF-COHEN

Soroptimist International President

It is my honour and privilege to represent Soroptimist International as President at the 21st Soroptimist International Convention, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with the theme Soroptimists Enable A Sustainable World - Global Connections, Empowered Women. The Convention delivers the opportunity for members from across the globe to come together, to meet friends, new and old, and to experience fun and friendship. The programme brings the promise of passionate speakers and panellists, of new ideas and solutions, and inspired perspectives on the future for women and girls. Informing and celebrating the work of Soroptimist International, I warmly invite Soroptimists, representatives from other organisations, partners and stakeholders to the Convention, so please save the date, and join me in Kuala Lumpur, July 2019, to be part of something extraordinary and truly memorable.

Yours in Soroptimist Friendship,

Mariet Verhoef-Cohen

President - Soroptimist International



MESSAGE FROM SIEW YONG GNANALINGAM

International Convention Chair SI Convention KL 2019

The 21st Soroptimist International Convention will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18th to 21st July 2019. The staging of the 21st SI Convention in Malaysia is historic as it will be held for the first time in Asia. For Malaysia, it is indeed a great honour, which we embrace with passion and commitment and all efforts will be taken to ensure the convention will be unique, memorable, with hospitality as a key ingredient, living up to our Malaysian DNA, "Malaysia Truly Asia". Our adrenalin is already on a high as we work towards a programme of fun and friendship among a diverse congregation of members from around the world, while ensuring the learning and experience will be extensive at a relatively low cost.

We fervently hope that many members from our 4 Federations will register to attend as soon as possible and also keep yourself updated, as new developments are being unveiled on our website. However, be assured that there are a few secrets up our sleeves, so that there will be more pleasant surprises when you are here at the Convention. We look forward to welcoming you to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2019 to fully experience and savour the spirit of it all.

Yours in Soroptimist Friendship,

Siew Yong Gnanalingam

International Convention Chair



MESSAGE FROM YVONNE SIMPSON

Immediate Past President

**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
tēnā koutou katoa**

Greetings, greetings,
greetings to you all.

The SI Convention acknowledges the past, celebrates the present and reaches forward to the future. Soroptimist friendships are renewed and created. Soroptimist service is shared and highlighted. Issues that face women and girls are explored. Solutions are sought and our dedication to our mission to transform the lives and status of women and girls is strengthened and re-energised .. all as a result of coming together at convention. I look forward to being with you in Kuala Lumpur to explore the convention theme, to connect, to educate and be educated, and join you as empowered women ready to secure a sustainable world.

Yours in Soroptimist Friendship,

Yvonne Simpson

Immediate Past President



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ABOUT SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Soroptimist International (SI), which consists of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Soroptimist International of Europe, Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland and Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific, is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls.

Founded in 1921, SI has a network of over 75,000 club members in 122 countries, works at a local, national and international level to Educate, Empower and Enable opportunities for women and girls. Advocating for human rights and gender equality, at the heart of Soroptimist International's advocacy is its work across six UN Centres, where SI-UN representatives ensure that the voices of women and girls are heard.



ABOUT SI CONVENTION KL 2019

The Convention will focus on the following themes:

- ✓ Gender Equality for Water & Food Security
- ✓ "Women Take Charge" – End Violence, Trafficking & Exploitation
- ✓ Women Leading In Technology & Innovation
- ✓ She Matters: "Healthcare & Lifetime Wellness"
- ✓ Climate Action Plan
- ✓ Youth Leaders Activism, Advocacy & Philanthropy

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:

WOMEN TAKE CHARGE – END VIOLENCE, TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION

Christina Lamb, OBE, Author & Chief Foreign Correspondent, SUNDAY TIMES, UK



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Dr. Kanta Kumari Rigaud
Lead Environmental Specialist
World Bank Group



More information at <https://siconventionkl2019.org/speakers/>

SI CONVENTION KL 2019 REGISTRATION

Full Convention Registration		Additional Tickets	
Regular 5 Jan 2019 – 31 May 2019	Late After 1 June 2019	Friendship Night (per ticket)	Gala Dinner (per ticket)
MYR 2,300	MYR 2,600	MYR 200	MYR 300
Club Group Registration: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Save MYR 1,150 by registering 7 participants from the SAME SI Club in a single registration 2. Minimum 10 participants from the SAME SI Club in a single registration is entitled for 1 additional Registration FREE! (**10 + 1 FREE) 			
Full Convention Registration fee includes all the convention sessions, convention materials, tea breaks, daily lunch, Friendship Night and Gala Dinner *Other terms & conditions apply			



Gala Dinner

Date: 21 July 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 6.30pm onwards

Venue: Exhibition Hall 1 & 2, KLCC

Theme: Kaleidoscope of Cultures

Dress Code: National Costume



Friendship Night

Date: 19 July 2019 (Friday)

Time: 6.30pm onwards

Venue: Exhibition Hall 1 & 2, KLCC

Theme: Rasa Sayang (Feel the Love)

Dress Code: Colours of Love

*Friendship Night: Call for Talents

- Showcase your talents to Soroptimist Sisters from all around the world
- Tokens of Love will be provided for participation



More information at <https://siconventionkl2019.org/friendshipnight/>

For more information on social dinners and events, please visit:

Optional Dinners

<https://siconventionkl2019.org/optional-dinner/>

Tours

<https://siconventionkl2019.org/tours/>

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Programme is subject to change without prior notice.

Stay tuned as we will announce more VIP speakers!

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