

## **The Revenue Department enhance gender equity through the taxation system**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Mr. PipatKhanthong, the principal Advisor on Performance Improvement of the Revenue Department, presided over the “Gender-Equity Enhancing Tax Policies” seminar held at Pra-Uthen 1 Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, the Revenue Department’s Head Office. Representatives from 9 foundations and women’s right organizations have joined the discussion on gender equity. The Revenue Department have paid sufficient attention to the taxation system and the manner in which taxes and tax policies may enhance gender equity, and recently the married filing separately tax regime for Personal Income Tax has been introduced. As a pendulum swings towards equity issues, tax policies and tax reforms may inevitably interact with gender social norms and thus can play crucial roles to reinforce gender equity.

The objective of the seminar is to assess taxpayer satisfaction following the amendment of the law. This is beneficial to the Revenue Department in developing the relevant law and propose tax measures in order to eliminate social inequality and promote fairness in Thai society. It was evident that the Revenue Department achieved an exceptional level of satisfaction according to representatives from foundations and other associations related to women’s rights who attended the seminar. The representatives gave a thank you speech to the Revenue Department encouraging the Revenue Department to continue its tax measures in promoting gender equality in a dynamic society. As a consequence, various social issues could be addressed, such as, support single mom and the stability of family institution regardless of the registration of a marriage certificate.



