

## **This Week**

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## **International Women's Day**

Do you know what festival is on next Tuesday? March eighth is International Women's Day. What is it? International Women's Day (IWD), originally called International Working Women's Day, is marked on the 8th of March every year. It is a major day of global celebration of women. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, to appreciation and love towards women, to the celebration of women's economic, political and social achievements.



In the West, International Women's Day was first observed as a popular event after 1977 when the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day of Women's Rights and International Peace.

Nowadays, there is a series of activities in many counties of Taiwan. They pursue encouragement, support, concern for, and strengthening of women's abilities in their jobs. The celebrations are based on the concept that women and children need to be taken care of in the society. With recent changes in social structure, many women have shown that they are more capable than men in the workplace and that they make more effort to run the family. The government should develop policies to manage weak trends among women, including the rise in the numbers of foreign spouses and high risk family problems, such as low-income families, domestic violence, and so on.

In fact, whether we are women or men, we should respect each other, avoiding sexual discrimination. Learning mutual respect is important.

To sum up, esteem is a duty, even a responsibility for everyone. Mastering it can reduce divorce rates and domestic violence. Then the world will be more peaceful.

