

## **The Thai Women for Thai Women Association's objectives**

### **The founding of the Thai Women for Thai Women Association**

On September 23, 1998 a group of Thai women interested in problems faced by female compatriots living in Switzerland met for the first time to examine the living conditions of Thai women in Switzerland. The idea was to create a support group whose objective is to try to find ways to reduce and resolve various problems brought up at the meeting. Those present at the meeting agreed to officially found the **Thai Women for Thai women Association** on October 22, 1998. The Royal Thai Embassy in Bern provided supports for the association by allowing subsequent meetings to take place at the embassy and by making available initial funds to help the association started its activities and projects . The association exists as a legal entity under Swiss law since June 19, 1999.

In order to assist Thai women living in Switzerland in their attempt at examining, reducing and resolving their problems, the association has set its objectives as follow:

1. to tribute/offer useful information concerning everyday life focusing on important topics such as legal rights, local law, education and community life
2. to provide initial assistance to Thai women who need advice/counselling
3. to apply for further aid and/or cooperation from competent consulting agencies
4. to assure services of qualified and experienced translator or interpreter to facilitate contact with competent agencies or authorities

### **Target group:**

all Thai women in Switzerland regardless of the length of their stay

### **Activities:**

- Compile information - written or recorded - in Thai language on subject such as legal rights, local laws and regulations
- Organize in cooperation with different groups and associations in Switzerland meetings, conferences and seminars for members as well as for those who are interested in the above subjects.
- Maintain contact and establish network with different agencies and organisations in Thailand in view of exchanging information and coordinating efforts toward finding solutions to such matter.
- Maintain contact and establish network with different groups and associations whose objective is to develop and improve living conditions of women from different cultures living in Switzerland.