

1949

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

10-12-1949 – 16-12-1949

Type of Meeting:

Asian women conference

Place of Meeting:

Beijing (originally intended to be in Calcutta, India)

Attendance:

165 delegates of 23 Asian countries participated in this conference.

Cai Chang presides

Major Agenda Items:

Women liberation and international solidarity

Speeches/Reports:

Soong Ching-ling: speech, December 11, 1949 Sisters — those of you on the free soil of liberated China, to whom I can shout these greetings; those of you at home in your own land or region of people's democracy, who likewise can openly receive respects from this historic conference; those of you in the darkness of oppression, to whom I must whisper these salutations; to Asia's women, one and all — hail to your courage; a salute to your accomplishments; warm wishes for your continued progress toward complete emancipation! (see remarks)

Other Decisions and/or Actions:**Remarks:**

1. At that time, Soong Ching Ling was in Shanghai and could not attend the meeting. On December 22, 74 people from the visiting delegation of Asian Women Conference came to Shanghai for a visit and Soong Ching Ling herself came to the railway station to meet them.
2. From Dec.1 to Dec.6, 1948, the Second Congress of the International Democratic Women's Federation was held in Budapest, the capital of Hungary . The Chinese Women's Delegation headed by Cai Chang, Deng Yingchao ,He Xiangning and Li Dequan regular members of the council, Xu Guangping, Lu Cui and Ding Ling alternate members of the council, Cai Chang, Deng Yingchao and He Xiangning regular members of the executive committee, and Li Dequan and Lu Cui alternate members of the executive committee. The congress made the decision that in 1949 the liberated China was to hold a conference on Asian women.