Police Superintendent Rita Wulandari Wibowo has been a police officer for 16 years and mostly working on women’s and children’s cases. Currently, she serves in the Directorate of Cyber Crimes of criminal investigation department of Indonesian National Police especially on cybercrime cases involving women and children. She has been involved in the disclosure of cases of human trafficking by way of selling organs, child prostitution, and sending illegal labour abroad to be exploited physically/sexually. In 2011 she ran an operation of returning 2,500 illegal workers from the Middle East to Indonesia.

Superintendent Wibowo loves her job and grateful for being a woman who has good leadership skills, contributing in many cases that help women and children as well as preventing and detecting offences of violence against women. She shares her many experiences to all relevant parties such as Ministries, Institutions, Academics and society, to be used as study material in order to create programs and strategies for prevention and treatment to protect women, children and other vulnerable groups from becoming victims or perpetrators of violence/exploitation from gender based crimes.

Besides investigation, she Superintendent Wibowo is also pro-active on prevention strategies by initiating campaigns against women and children abuse in online media, speaking to other cyber investigators throughout Indonesia, providing protection by placing victims in other service provider institutions, social protection and rehabilitation, other examples include: providing information and socialization to the parents of children who become victims of pornography; working together with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection of the Republic of Indonesia in online broadcasts with the theme “Against CSEC (Sexual Exploitation of Children) Online”; developing a policy regarding criminal justice process for under age perpetrators; providing counselling with the Women’s National Commission on prevention and handling of gender-based online crime; anti-hoax awareness and crime alerts in social media to parents and students; working with the Heads of Indonesian District Courts on the Implementation of the Juvenile Criminal System in Indonesia and raising awareness of other investigators regarding the handling of online gender based violence.

Superintendent Wibowo believes that the leadership skills she has can assist and support all parties to work together on cases, in fair way, applying a humanist, gender sensitive and gender responsive approach. Her personal leadership philosophy is based on establishing mutual trust with everybody in her team to reach organization goals. She believes that sharing her personal leadership philosophy will help her team develop an understanding of what she expects from them, above all, by following these principles will allow her to positively impact the lives of those around her.

IAWP President Deborah Friedl, “The IAWP is so pleased to recognize the outstanding work of our colleagues in law enforcement. These stories exemplify that with the right tools, training and opportunity, women excel in policing and keep our communities safer.”

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