



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

19th Annual Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program

Date November 23rd to December 11th

Timor Leste

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is calling for applications for its **19th Annual Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program for Human Rights Defenders from the Asia-Pacific Region and Indigenous Australia**.

This annual comprehensive human rights and advocacy training course is the oldest established human rights capacity building program in the region. It provides participants with a solid foundation of knowledge of the international human rights framework and the UN system. There are intensive sessions on advocacy and media skills, research and advocacy on the internet, as well as exploration of some of the human rights challenges associated with globalisation.

The course will be held in Timor Leste, at the invitation of DTP's Patron and Founder, H.E. President José Ramos-Horta, in partnership with local human rights NGO - Forum Tau Matan (FTM). This year marks the tenth anniversary of East Timor's vote for Independence. East Timorese human rights advocates won worldwide support and solidarity for their struggle for human rights and self-determination. This global solidarity played a vital role in enabling the East Timorese to exercise their right to self-determination. Global solidarity also has a role to play as Timor Leste faces new human rights challenges – of poverty and development, and of building a new nation out of the human rights violations, conflict and division of the past. Timor Leste is a fitting host and location for human rights defenders from the region to come together to learn from each other and from East Timor's experience.

DTP's annual regional training course has previously been held in Australia, New Zealand, Timor Leste, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the Philippines and New Zealand. Reports of DTP's previous annual programs are available at www.dtp.unsw.edu.au

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

The program is particularly for people from Asia-Pacific countries and Indigenous Australia who work for and with non-government and community-based organisations. It is for those who feel the need to develop greater knowledge and understanding of human rights and how they might be practically applied in struggles for justice. Priority in selection goes to active human rights defenders in the Asia-Pacific Region and Indigenous people. Consideration is also given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance within each course.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

- Knowledge of international human rights law and principles, UN human rights mechanisms and procedures;
- Practical skills in engaging with the UN Charter based and human rights treaty-body mechanisms and procedures;

- Practical skills in lobbying, working with the media, ‘peoples’ diplomacy’, strategic advocacy for non-governmental organisations and using the internet for human rights.
- Knowledge of human rights issues such as transitional justice, human rights and business, and human rights and climate change

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing practical training in human rights and peoples’ diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society in the region through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs. The DTP was founded in 1989 by José Ramos-Horta, the 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate and President of Timor-Leste. It is affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990 DTP has provided training to over 1300 community advocates across the Asia-Pacific region. Go to the DTP website www.dtp.unsw.edu.au to learn more about what previous participants have said about DTP.

Forum Tau Matan (FTM) - Eyes on Human Rights is an independent human rights based NGO in East Timor. FTM’s mission is to research cases of human rights violations, to combat a culture of impunity, to campaign against torture, against imprisonment of children, against child labour and to ensure that the respect of human rights is of the utmost importance as East Timor continues nation-building.

TRAINERS

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced and highly respected local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP’s philosophy of participatory training.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The opportunity to share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is one of the real benefits and highlights of participating in the program. The training methodology is interactive with an emphasis on group work, role plays, case studies and discussion to ensure the practical relevance of all training sessions. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions in English is essential.

COURSE FEES

DTP is an independent organisation and course fees are an important source of income. The course fee of **US \$4000** covers tuition, accommodation, food, field trips, and resource materials during the training. Travel expenses to and from the training are not included in this fee. Participants are encouraged to apply to funding bodies and/or their sponsoring organisation for financial assistance for course fees and travel expenses. **Some subsidised spaces are available on the program and individuals are encouraged to enquire about subsidised spaces.**

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from the [DTP website](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) or can be requested from dtp@unsw.edu.au. All applications must be received by DTP by **31 August 2009**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt. For further information contact Diplomacy Training Program, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Phone: (612) 9385-3549/2807 Fax: (612) 9385-1778 Email: dtp@unsw.edu.au Website: www.dtp.unsw.edu.au