



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

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Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Advocacy

A Training Program in Human Rights and Advocacy for Indigenous Advocates from the Asia-Pacific Region

Held In Partnership with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact



Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 22-28 March 2010

Applications close 5 February 2010

INTRODUCTION

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) are calling for applications for the **Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy program: a Training Program in Human Rights and Advocacy for Indigenous Advocates from the Asia-Pacific Region**. This program will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 22- 28 March 2010.

The 2010 program will have a **thematic focus on the issues surrounding Indigenous people, climate change and the impact of global corporations on Indigenous peoples**.

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007. The challenge of translating this recognition of rights into reality will be one focus of the program. The program will also focus on ways in which measures to reduce climate change may impact on Indigenous rights and how Indigenous people can hold businesses accountable for their human rights abuses.

Through expert presentations, group work, role plays, case studies and discussion, participants will explore how to use human rights standards and available UN mechanisms to protect and promote their rights. There will also be a focus on developing practical advocacy and media skills. This residential program encourages participants to learn from each other's experiences, to share knowledge and build practical solidarity networks.

"The simple fact is that the Diplomacy Training courses have achieved great things for many people and often from small beginnings."

John Ah-Kit, Former Northern Territory Government Minister & DTP alumnus

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WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

The program aims to strengthen the capacity of Indigenous advocates from the Asia-Pacific region and Australia to respond effectively to existing and emerging human rights challenges they face. The program will have a special focus on the challenges that domestic government and global climate change policy may have on the human rights of Indigenous peoples. This will involve an examination of issues such as the effect that increased reliance on bio-fuels and hydro-electricity will have on Indigenous land rights.

Participants will also receive training on:

- how the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007, can have a positive impact on the day-to-day lives of Indigenous peoples;
- how international human rights standards relate to issues such as land rights, self-determination, poverty, the environment, and corporate accountability;
- how to access, and interact with, relevant UN and intergovernmental forums and processes;
- knowledge and understanding of human rights standards and UN mechanisms most relevant to Indigenous peoples and how these can be applied;
- the relationship between business and human rights and how to encourage businesses to comply with their human rights obligations;
- Practical skills for effective human rights advocacy and lobbying including media skills.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The training methodology is interactive and the opportunity to share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is one of the real benefits and highlights of attending the program. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions is essential.

TRAINERS

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

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program is particularly for Indigenous advocates from Asia-Pacific countries and Indigenous Australia who work for and with non-government and community-based organisations. It is for those who feel a need for greater knowledge and understanding of human rights standards and the UN system to enhance their work and who wish to further develop their advocacy skills. Individual applicants and those working with National Human Rights Institutions and

governmental and inter-governmental agencies will also be considered. Consideration is also given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance within each course.

COURSE FEES

DTP is an independent NGO and course fees are an important source of income for its work. The course fee of **US \$1500** covers tuition, accommodation, food, field trips, and resource materials. 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.

The following **scholarship options** are available for a limited number of participants:

- A course fee scholarship of US\$1500. Travel costs to be covered by participant.
- A full financial scholarship covering course fee and travel costs.

Community and non-government organisations are invited to enquire about subsidised spaces.

ABOUT THE DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent NGO providing practical training in human rights and people's 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. This program is being held in partnership with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact.

ABOUT THE ASIA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PACT

The Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) is a regional organization established by Indigenous peoples' organizations in 1992 to strengthen the struggles, cooperation and solidarity among Indigenous peoples across Asia. Through the years, its leaders have developed expertise in various fields including capacity building, human rights advocacy, and bio-diversity protection.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from the [DTP website](#) or can be requested from ntp@unsw.edu.au. All applications must be received by DTP by **5 February 2010**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt.

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