



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

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A training program for peoples of the Asia-Pacific region

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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

Held in partnership with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE)

11-20 August 2008, Darwin & Batchelor, Northern Territory, Australia

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is calling for applications for its **2008 regional training program for Indigenous community advocates**. The program aims to build the capacity of Indigenous advocates to use human rights standards and available UN mechanisms effectively. The program also aims to help develop skills in strategic advocacy, including skills in using the internet and media. This residential program also enables participants to learn from each other's experiences, to share knowledge and build practical solidarity networks. The training will take place at Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education (BIITE), about 100kms south of Darwin. There will be a field trip and time spent with local Indigenous communities. This is the first regional DTP course on Indigenous Peoples Rights to take place since the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The reports of DTP's previous programs held on Indigenous Peoples Rights are available at www.dtp.unsw.edu.au/publications.htm



"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

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

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. 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?

- Greater knowledge and understanding of human rights standards and mechanisms most relevant to Indigenous peoples and how these can be applied in practical ways;
- An understanding of how international human rights standards relate to issues such as land rights, self-determination, the environment, social and economic development and corporate accountability;
- Knowledge of how to effectively access, and interact with, relevant UN and intergovernmental forums and processes
- Awareness of the human rights approach to development and its relevance to policy and practice affecting Indigenous Peoples;
- Practical skills for effective human rights advocacy and lobbying including media skills and using the internet for advocacy.

WHAT IS THE DTP?

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 [BIITE](#).

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 attending 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 is essential.

COURSE FEES

DTP is an independent organisation and course fees are an important source of income. The course fee of **AU \$2200 (incl. GST)** 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. Community and non-government organisations are invited to enquire about subsidised spaces.**

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 **30 May 2008**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt. For further information contact Diplomacy Training Program, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney 2052, Australia. Phone: (612) 9385-3549/2807 Fax: (612) 9385-1778
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