For DTP’s 25th Anniversary, UNSW Faculty of Law prepared an exhibition of posters featuring DTP alumni from the region, highlighting their work for Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights Defenders, Development and Business, and Migrant Workers.

**PLEASE DONATE**

- DTP is urgently seeking funding for participants in its 25th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training Program in Sri Lanka – to train human rights defenders on the frontline of efforts to defend, protect and promote human rights. Please donate today if you can online, or by credit card or EFT with this donation form.

- DTP relies on donations of time and funds to provide quality training to human rights defenders so that they can promote and protect human rights effectively in their societies. Please help if you can. Donations over $2 are tax-deductible. Please send your donation to DTP now online, or by credit card or EFT with this donation form.

**CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**DTP Programs: 2016 Draft Schedule**

- **February** – 3rd Module: Rights and Advocacy - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Program Australia
- **February 18-March 5 2016** - 25th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training Program – Sri Lanka. Click here for Brochure and application form
- **March 2016** - The Human Rights of Migrant Workers – Bangladesh – 2nd Session
- **April 2016** – 4th Module: Rights and Advocacy - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Program Australia
- **April 2016** - Human Rights, Migrant Workers and the Private Sector in the Middle East - Dubai
- **May 2016** - The Human Rights of Migrant Workers – Bangladesh – 3rd Session
- **May 2016** - Human Rights, Development and the Private Sector: Building the Advocacy Capacity of Civil Society in Indonesia and the Region
Please check the DTP website for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to dtp@unsw.edu.au

**Reports**

- **2014 DTP Annual Report**
- Learning the Lessons from 10 years of Capacity Building. This report reflects on the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and Migrant Forum Asia’s (MFA) activities to build the capacity of advocates for the rights of migrant workers in Asia and the Middle East since 2004.
- **24th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training Program – Nepal (Nov 2014), Executive Summary**
- **Lessons Learned on Capacity Building for Migrant Workers’ Rights** – (Nov 2014) Summary of Dubai Workshop. Click here for final report.
- **2013 DTP Annual Report**
- **4th Annual Middle East and North Africa Regional Training Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Kuwait, (Nov 2014), Executive Summary. Click here for final report.**
- The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade has a reference from the Australian Parliament to Inquire into Australia's Advocacy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. DTP has made a submission to the inquiry. Professor Andrew Byrnes, DTP Board Member made a statement at the Inquiry.

**ACTION OPPORTUNITIES – CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY – CALLS FOR COMMENT**

- Urgent action, China: Detention of five human rights defenders in Guangzhou and Charging of human rights defenders following months of incommunicado detention
- Urgent action, Vietnam: Human rights defender Nguyen Van Dai arrested a week after being brutally beaten
- Urgent action, Myanmar: Woman human rights defender detained on old charges
- Urgent action, South Korea: Arrest of human rights defender Mr. Sang-gyun Han after months in hiding
- Take action, Thailand: Thai court confiscates passport and imposes travel ban on human rights defender Andy Hall
- Urgent action, China: Human rights defenders repatriated from Thailand 'confess' crimes on state television
- Urgent action, Vietnam: Human rights defenders attacked and beaten by masked individuals
- Take action, Pakistan: Halt the execution of Saqi Shah, a minor at the time of the incident
- Call for submissions by Special Rapporteur on Water and Sanitation: 1) Gender equality and 2) Development cooperation
- Urgent action, Pakistan: Arrest of human rights defender Saeed Baloch

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI AND THEIR NGOs**

- From Kapaeeng Foundation in Bangladesh: 18th anniversary of CHT Accord: Rights and Realities of Local People and IPOs form mass human chain throughout the country including 300 km in CHT demanding full implementation of CHT Accord and formation of independent Land Commission for indigenous peoples of plain lands
- From Agio Pereira in Timor Leste: Keynote speech for the biennial conference "Timor Update"
From Fayez Ahmed in Bangladesh: Justice and Peace is launching a new call for Human Rights Defenders to participate in the Shelter City Initiative

From Pranom Somwong in Thailand: Activists in Thailand face threat of violence, death

From Ahmed Sayeed in Bangladesh: Appointment of NHRC Members - Call for a transparent, participatory process

From Wahyuningrum in Indonesia: A PowerPoint presentation on Transitional Justice in Indonesia

NEW PUBLICATIONS/WEB-BASED RESOURCES


The Human Rights Council Resolution Portal provides information on all resolutions ever passed by the Human Rights Council, searchable by agenda item, topic, year etc. using the filters

AHRC TV: JUST ASIA, Episode 106: Including reports from Sri Lanka that the police still appear to consider themselves above the law

Training Manual on Women’s Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Right to Adequate Housing for Persons With Disabilities Living in Cities

AWARDS

Nominations called for the Twelfth Annual Front Line Defenders Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk (2016)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

Front Line Defenders: Digital Security Consultant (South-east Asia) - Open for applications

ASEAN National Focal Points (Part-Time Consultants 20 hours per month) to promote human rights in the region

ESCR-Net: Part-Time Communications Assistant

ESCR-NET: Program Officer Women and ESCR Working Group

Front Line Defenders: 2016 Research and training fellowship

WHERE ARE THEY NOW – NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

Pratistha Koirala from Nepal has been appointed as Program Assistant at Central Child Welfare Board

Saikat Biswas from Bangladesh has been working on human rights issues in Bangladesh on behalf of OXFAM focusing on minority rights and indigenous peoples’ rights. He recently joined the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as capacity building coordinator.

Ms. Jannie Lasimbang, former Secretary General of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and DTP Trainer, is being subjected to judicial harassment and intimidation by the Malaysian Government authorities for allegedly organizing the Bersih 4.0 assembly in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 29-30 August. Ms. Lasimbang, among other activists, has been charged under Malaysia’s Peaceful Assembly Act 2012 for their roles in organizing Bersih 4.0 assemblies.

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES
Human Rights and Business

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery: Modern slavery may be hidden in supply chains, but it can be rooted out
- Indonesia, New Regulations: Human Rights Standards Enforced in Fisheries Industry
- Amnesty International: Myanmar - Letpadaung mine protesters still denied justice
- Thailand: Murders of 2 advocates working on land rights and natural resources underline need to protect human rights defenders, says UN High Commissioner for Human Rights spokesperson
- Myanmar: 107 organizations demand suspension of Kyaukphyu special economic zone citing land rights concerns
- Papua New Guinea: Company's Remedies for Rape in Papua New Guinea Deeply Flawed
- Thailand: Global supermarkets selling shrimp peeled by slaves
- Philippines: Commission on Human Rights accepts landmark petition - will investigate impacts of carbon majors on climate change & human rights
- Report names Cambodia most dangerous place for environmental reporters, cites killings of journalists covering illegal logging

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Historic launch of the Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Alliance
- Sign on for Global Call to Action on Indigenous and Community Land Rights
- From north to south, Indigenous peoples reject APEC

Migrant Workers' Rights

- Labor attachés to protect Indonesian migrant workers
- Nepal: 10,000 migrant workers to get free skill-enhancing training
- Thai court imposes travel ban on Andy Hall, the British activist who helped expose worker abuse allegations
- 24-hour helpline for Singapore's migrant workers
- Vietnam - Number of migrant workers increase as recruitment agency ranking is released
- The UN Convention on Migrant Workers’ Rights at 25
- Free skills training to be provided to aspiring Nepali migrant workers
- Rights of more than 1 million Indonesian migrant workers violated
- Nepal and Qatar sign ten-point pact on migrant workers

Women’s rights

- United Nations rights experts call on all states to establish a “femicide watch” to combat domestic violence
- Regional Partners Join Forces for Asia-Pacific Forum on Preventing Violence against Women and Girls Through Social Norms Change

Human Rights - General News

- New UN Report Details Link between Climate Change and Human Rights
- The Responsibility to Protect (R2P): Beating Genocide
- News of the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Main trends in repression of human rights defenders in 2015

UPR
• Reminders: The following countries will be reviewed in May: Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Thailand: The review of Timor Leste is scheduled for October/November 2016

**Development**

• 2015 Human Development Report: ‘Work for Human Development’
• Leaked Document Reveals Internal Struggle for Human Rights Protections at the World Bank

**HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS**

• ASEAN (AEC) “ignoring human rights”
• Proposal for a South Asian mechanism for human rights by Basil Fernando (DTP International Advisory Council)
• Human rights still in second place to ‘Asian values’ by Vitit Muntarbhorn (DTP International Advisory Council)
• Promoting rights of people with disabilities in ASEAN

**HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS**

**Australia**

• Human Rights Committee finds Australia’s detention of a foreign national pending deportation to be arbitrary
• 16 leading organizations release Blueprint for Change on Indigenous imprisonment and violence rates
• UN Secretary General urges PM Turnbull to rethink Australia’s refugee policies

**Burma/Myanmar**

• Amnesty International: Letpadaung mine protesters still denied justice

**China**

• 2015 Front Line Defenders Award Winner Guo Feixiong sentenced to six years in prison
• Subversion Charges Target Lawyers: Arrests Reflect Xi Jinping’s Broader Repression of Rights Activism

**Fiji**

• UN rights expert urges Fiji to update legislation to provide firm foundations for education reforms

**Laos**

• Pro-democracy student leaders must be released after over 16 years of arbitrary detention

**Sri Lanka**

• South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR) Congratulates the Government of Sri Lanka
• From South Asian for Human Rights: SAHR statement over the visit of the UNWGEID to Sri Lanka

**Thailand**

• Human Trafficking Case Obstructed, Chief Investigator in Hiding

**Timor Leste**

• East Timor belongs in ASEAN

**Vietnam**

• Assaults on Human Rights Defenders on the Rise in Vietnam
Vietnamese Authorities Detain And Beat Two Human Rights Activists