25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

- This year is the 25th anniversary of the founding of DTP by former President of Timor Leste, Jose Ramos Horta and Professor Garth Nethheim. We will be publishing a series of contributions reflecting on the new human rights challenges posed by political, economic, social and environmental changes since 1989 and what these mean for human rights in the next 25 years. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute to these reflections.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs

2014 Draft Schedule
- Feb 4-6 – Our World our Rights – Human Rights and Advocacy Training with Timorese and Australian Students
- Feb 10–14 – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Human Rights and Advocacy Summit with Oxfam Australia, UNSW Sydney.
- May 1–4 – Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration in the Middle-East - A Training Program for Practitioners Workshop (Dubai) Brochure
- May 19–28 - Regional Human Rights Advocacy, Business and Development (Myanmar/Thailand/Indonesia) Brochure
- September 2014 - Workshop on Reflections and Lessons Learned from 10 years of capacity building on Migrant Workers Rights with Migrant Forum Asia. (Check DTP web site for further information)
- October 2014 - 3rd Annual Regional GCC Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers in the MENA Program

- Please check the DTP website for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to dtp@unsw.edu.au

Other training programs

PLEASE DONATE

- DTP trainers donate their time and expertise as do the many interns at the office who help with the DTP website, record maintenance and report-writing. However, in order to provide subsidies for the many applicants to DTP programs and to improve the frequency and quality of the programs, we need funding. Please donate if you can by clicking on this direct link! Every little helps us to help others.

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES – CALLS FOR SUPPORT – CALLS FOR COMMENT

- Urgent appeal Indonesia: Police indiscriminately shoot civilians in Nabire, injuring three Papuans
- Urgent appeal Pakistan: Killing of human rights defender Mr. Rashid Rehman
- Petition to Australian Immigration Minister: Grant permanent visa to Eric Isulat family
- Call to sign statement calling on governments to develop a binding treaty on business and human rights

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI

- From Sr. Ma. Famita N. Somogod in the Philippines: Rural Missionaries of the Philippines under attack for their work for the poor
- From Mandira Sharma in Nepal: Amendments required in the Transitional Justice Bill before the Legislature Parliament and her article Let’s not make it Damocles’ sword
- From Paula Makabory from West Papua: Teenagers are run-over and killed, then Indonesia Police machine gun three relatives
- From Tammy Solonek in Australia at Amnesty International: Save the Racial Discrimination Act
- From Alexi Kirihio: Terror and intimidation of Papuan rights activist Yones Douw

WHERE ARE THEY NOW – NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- **Rosa Garcia** is an alumna of the Annual Program in 2000. She continues to report the news fearlessly in Timor Leste.
- Irene Banda, an alumna from Zambia until recently working for Oxfam Australia, has been appointed Project Manager at the Australian Business and Community Network.
- **Viriato Seac** a 2005 DTP alumnus is having a work anniversary. Two years this April at the Ministry of Finance, Timor-Leste.
- Sayeed Ahmad whom we profiled last issue has moved back to Bangladesh and taken up a position as Coordinator Asia for Frontline Defenders

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

**Human Rights and Business**

- Global Witness report identifies rise in killings of environmental and land rights defenders - disputes over industrial logging, mining and land rights cited as key drivers
Research findings: How do Corporate Disclosures accord with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Australia: Ranger mine – Energy Resources Australia attracts ire from local Indigenous community over uranium rehab

Joint Statement: “Call for an international legally binding instrument on human rights, transnational corporations and other business enterprises”

National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights for Australia – Briefing paper

International Rivers: Statement from Global South Civil Society Calling for No Dirty Energy in the Green Climate Fund

Oxfam Australia: "Banking on Shaky Grounds - Australia’s big four banks and land grabs"

Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

Seventh session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 7-11 July

Media release: Indigenous Peoples seek action on good governance and Asia at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Migrant Workers’ Rights

20 Years of Global Migration—in One Chart

Report of the Special Rapporteur François Crépeau on the rights of migrants following his mission to Qatar – includes recommendations from some proposed by participants in the DTP Nepal Capacity Building Program

Global Forum on Migration and Development, Sweden 14-16 May: Opening ceremony with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

DTP recently reviewed its Migrant Workers Program which started in 2004. We invite alumni to add their comments to the draft.

Women’s Rights

ILO: “Maternity and paternity at work: Law and practice across the world”

Report of the UN Secretary-General to the Security Council: Conflict related sexual violence

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

Bretton Woods Project Coordinator vacancy Deadline 9 June 2014

FIAN International: Trainee for the Program on Access to Natural Resources

EVENTS

World Indigenous Legal Conference 2014 Brisbane 25-27 June

AWARDS

Adilur Rahman Khan of Bangladesh is one of the three human right defenders selected as final nominees for the Martin Ennals Award 2014
NEW PUBLICATIONS/WEB/BASED RESOURCES

- How to Respond to Forced Evictions: A Handbook for India
- Download 10 free radio spots on the upcoming high level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to be called the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, scheduled for September 2014
- Health and Human Rights Resource Guide
- Realizing the Rights of Indigenous Women: a new tool to help in the fight

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

Treaty Bodies
- If you are unable to attend relevant treaty body meetings, you can now watch them live online
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights hears from stakeholders on situation in Indonesia
- The Committee on ESC Rights examined the report of Nepal in December 2013. Here is the list of issues raised by the Committee. The Committee took into account the alternate report coordinated by INSEC and RRN.

UPR
- The deadlines for written contributions for the 21st session extended to 15 June 2014 for the following States: Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic. For the 22nd session the deadline is 15 September 2014 for Mongolia and Maldives.
- Media brief providing summary only of Review of Qatar, Brunei Darussalam and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Human Rights Council
- The President of the Human Rights Council has announced the appointment of 19 Special Procedure Mandate Holders. They include two members of DTP’s International Advisory Council, Dr Philip Alston (Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights) and Ms Vicki Tauli-Corpuz (Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples). Others from the Asia Pacific region are Mr. Edtami Mansayagan, Philippines (EMRIP); Mr. Makarim Wibisono, Indonesia (Palestinian Territories); and Ms. Yanghee Lee, South Korea (Myanmar)

Development
- World Bank Blundering through Burma

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- ASEAN Civil Society Conference: “Malaysian Government Undermines ASEAN Processes”

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia
- National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights for Australia – Briefing paper
- HRLC Submission: Inquiry into Manus (Island, PNG) violence must address root causes of unrest
• National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples: Concern over impact of the Budget on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Bangladesh
• Frontline: Attempted abduction of human rights defender Mr. Nur Khan

Brunei Darussalam
• KontraS, Amnesty International: Authorities Must Immediately Revoke New Penal Code

Burma/Myanmar
• U Win Tin, writer Jailed and Tortured in Myanmar for 19 years died in April
• Frontline: Arrest of human rights defender Mr. Ko Htin Kyaw and his colleagues
• Burma Partnership and FIDH: Open Letter to President Thein Sein on the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Cambodia
• FIDH, ADHOC, LICADHO: “End the prosecution of 23 workers and human rights defenders”
• HRW: “Stop Stalling Union Registrations”

China
• Sentencing of human rights defenders Messrs. Ding Jiaxi, Zhao Changqing, Li Wei and Zhang Baocheng
• Human rights lawyers Messrs. Tang Jingling and Liu Shihui detained in nationwide crackdown
• Frontline: Detention of human rights defenders following commemoration of 1989 Tiananmen Square protests

India
• Supreme Court holds that transgender persons are entitled to be recognized as “third gender” and that discrimination on the basis of gender identity violates Constitution

Indonesia/West Papua
• Peaceful protesters arrested and tortured by police in Papua
• Amnesty International: Indonesia’s next leader must prioritize human rights

Philippines
• An Indigenous activist described as ‘target persons’ in a leaked military document killed in Ifugao province

Singapore
• Singapore needs to address its treatment of migrant workers

Thailand
• HRW: ‘Red Shirt’ Activist Murdered
• Joint Statement Condemning Violence against The Villagers “Rak Ban Kerd” (Love Native Land) Environmentalist Group in Loei Province

Vietnam
• Vietnam’s refoulement of Uyghur refugees must be condemned
• Buddhist Youth Leader Le Cong Cau writes to Hanoi leadership protesting arbitrary house arrest
• FIDH: Arbitrary arrests and harassment of bloggers and activists continue
• Queme: Over sixty religious figures, Nobel Peace Prize laureates, legislators and civil society leaders call on Vietnam to cease religious repression and release Thich Quang Do on UN Vesak Day