



## DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2017

We are continuing with our series of contributions on new human rights challenges and new developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and what these mean for human rights and capacity building. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute.

- In December former Judge of the High Court and DTP Advisory Council Member, the Hon Michael Kirby [delivered a keynote address to the Asian Privacy Scholars Conference in New Zealand](#). He argued that leading economies have not kept up to date with privacy standards since the 1980s. He went on to suggest that technological and societal change ought not to marginalize fundamental human rights.
- DTP would like to congratulate former DTP Board Member [Professor Megan Davis’ appointment as UNSW’s first Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous](#)

### PLEASE DONATE

- DTP relies on donations 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:** For full draft schedule for 2017 – [click here](#)

February 27 – March 08 2017	<a href="#">Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and the Private Sector</a>	Sabah, Malaysia
March 31 – April 03 2017	<a href="#">The Human Rights of Migrant Workers –Malaysia – 1st Module</a>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 15 – May 17 2017 (TBC)	<a href="#">The Human Rights of Migrant Workers –Malaysia – 2nd Module</a>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 21 – May 25 2017	<a href="#">The Human Rights of Migrant Workers – MENA Region</a>	Doha, Qatar
June 12-16 (TBC)	<a href="#">“Leaving No One Behind” A Capacity Building Program On The United Nations Declaration On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples And Agenda 2030</a>	Thailand (TBC)

Oct (TBC) 2017	DTP's 27th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program	Dili, Timor-Leste
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- Please check the [DTP website](#) for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au)

## Reports

- [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Sri Lanka – Feb-March, 2016 – Draft Report](#)
- [Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration, Dubai, UAE April 26-29, 2016](#)
- [Capacity building program on Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, the Private Sector and Development in Indonesia May 28-June 4](#)
- [Civil Society Workshop on Universal Periodic Review, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 26 August 2016](#)
- [26<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Sri Lanka – Oct, 2016 –Report](#)
- Module [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [4](#) of Bangladesh – Capacity Building Program for Advocacy for Migrant Workers 2016

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Shivantha Rathnayake](#), Sri Lanka. DTP's 25th Regional Annual Program in Sri Lanka in 2016.
- [Hubertson Tom Wilson](#) India. DTP's migrant workers programs – 2013 & 2016
- [Mayori Ruiva Shimray](#) Northeast India. DTP's 2004 Indigenous Peoples Program Australia.
- [Tammy Solonec](#) Australia, DTP alumna and trainer, recently inducted into WA Women's Hall of Fame.

## DTP Alumni Survey -

### Priorities for Human Rights Capacity Building - Have Your Say!

- From 10th February – 23rd February 2017, DTP conducted a survey of its alumni through a short questionnaire. The survey sought the input of alumni in identifying key human rights challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region and Middle East, priorities for knowledge and skills building and advice on DTP's work in supporting networks. 135 alumni completed the survey. [See results](#).
- The survey has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. DTP values the views and input of its alumni as it plans its future – please spend a few minutes to fill out the [survey](#).

## NGO PROFILES

- [Awaj Foundation](#) (Defending the rights of all Migrants at home and abroad), Bangladesh
- [The Indonesia's NGO Coalition for International Human Rights Advocacy or Human Rights Working Group \(HRWG\)](#)

## RESOURCES AND LINKS

- [Mama Cash open for funding applications: Call for proposals from feminist groups \(deadline 15 May\)](#)

## JOBS

- [The Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network is looking for an Operations Coordinator](#) (deadline 31 March)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

## Human Rights and Business

- [Indonesian Supreme Court orders Jokowi administration to hand over palm oil permit data](#)
- [Out of control: The World Bank's reckless private sector investments in Southeast Asia exposed](#)
- [ILO revises its landmark Declaration on multinational enterprises](#)
- Myanmar: [Amend Special Economic Zones Law To Protect Human Rights – New ICJ Report](#)
- [International Olympic Committee Strengthens its Stance in Favour of Human Rights and Against Corruption in New Host City Contract](#)
- [John Ruggie clarifies key terms of UN Guiding Principles including "cause", "contribute" and "directly linked"](#)
- [FIFA sets up human rights panel in response to criticism](#)
- [Corporate taxation key to protecting human rights in the global economy](#)
- India, Odisha: [Amid resistance from communities, POSCO offers to surrender land acquired for \\$12-billion steel project](#)
- ILO: [Policy brief on anti-trafficking laws, policies and practices](#)
- Committee on ESC Rights adopts Statement on "[The Duties of States Towards Refugees and Migrants under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)"
- Thailand: [National Human Rights Commissioner examines Thai companies' cross-border operations in Myanmar for human rights abuses](#)
- [Australian government launches formal enquiry into establishing a UK style modern slavery legislation](#)

## Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Pope says that Indigenous people should have the final say about what happens to their land](#)
- [AIPP and Network of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand have submitted a joint civil society report to the UN Human Rights Committee on the implementation of the ICCPR](#)
- [West Papua gives Indigenous communities control over forests](#)
- [District Government in West Papua gives Indigenous communities control over forests](#)
- UNSW Australian Indigenous Law Review: [Call for Submissions](#)

## Migrant Workers' Rights

**DTP Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 4 is now available here](#)

- [Qatar introduces changes to labour law but Amnesty International says changes are insufficient](#)
- ITUC: [Governments should reject Qatar's false and misleading claims at the ILO](#)
- Nepal: [5 years after death in Saudi, family receives body](#)
- [Apply for Special Accreditation: UNGA preparatory process for a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration](#)
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Principles and practical guidance on the protection of the human rights of migrants in vulnerable situations](#)

## Women's rights

- Statement by UN Women Executive Director: ["Constructive impatience for change"](#)
- [Women in Politics Map 2017](#)
- Amnesty International: [Southeast Asia - As governments fail on human rights, women stand up](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN rights experts urge action to curb 'invisible threat' of toxic air](#)
- [Head of UNDP, Helen Clark: Speech at the High-Level Briefing on the Partnership to Support National Human Rights Institutions on A Complementary Approach to Working Across the UN Charter for Agenda 2030](#)

- Asian Legal Resource Centre: [States should commit to ensure adequate resources for Special Procedure mandates to function effectively](#)

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Unless pervasive discrimination and gross inequalities within and among countries are addressed, development will not be sustainable](#)
- [Leave no one behind – SDGs and Indigenous Peoples](#): This video includes DTP alumna [Pratima Gurung](#) from Nepal

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [Reports of prison guards punching restrained boys held at Victoria’s Barwon maximum security adult prison](#)
- [End of mission statement by Dubravka Šimonović, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, its causes and consequences](#)
- [UN expert on the rights of Indigenous peoples announces follow-up visit to Australia](#)

### Bangladesh

- **Take action:** [Harassment of NGO director Binay Krishno Mallick on fabricated charges](#)

### Burma/Myanmar

- [UN rights expert calls on Myanmar authorities to protect Rohingya population](#)
- [End Arbitrary Detention of Human Rights Defender Khaing Myo Htun](#)
- [Yesterday’s ‘Genocide’ is Today’s ‘Crimes Against Humanity’: UNOHCHR Slams Myanmar on Rohingya](#)
- [Human Rights Council decides to dispatch a fact-finding mission to Myanmar to establish facts on violations, especially in Rakhine State](#)

### China

- [NGOs urge governments to speak out on ongoing crackdown, torture allegations](#)

### Cambodia

- **Take action:** [Continued arbitrary detention of ADHOC human rights defenders](#)
- [Land rights activist Tep Vanny sentenced to 2.5 years in prison over charges related to 2013 protest](#)

### India

- From DTP alumnus [Dr. Subash Mohapatra](#): [Green Tribunal direct Odisha to secure forest land for tribals](#)
- From DTP alumnus [Vivek Umrao](#): [Nonviolent Action: Why and How it Works](#)
- [Narendra Modi’s Crackdown on Civil Society](#)

### Indonesia/West Papua

- [Right to health in Indonesia: UN expert to make first visit](#)
- World’s biggest gold mine, [Freeport McMoran, abruptly suspends operations in West Papua over contract dispute with government](#)

### Malaysia

- AICHR Malaysia: [Continuing campaign against the death penalty](#)
- [Convicted for Showing a Film: Prosecution of Lena Hendry Violates Right to Free Expression](#)

### Pakistan

- [UPR 28<sup>th</sup> session stakeholder reports submission deadline 30 March](#)
- **Take action:** [Killing of human rights lawyer Muhammad Jan Gigyani](#)

## Philippines

- [Philippine House Votes to Re-impose the Death Penalty for Drug-Related and Other Crimes](#)

## Republic of Korea

- [UPR 28<sup>th</sup> session stakeholder reports submission deadline 30 March](#)

## Singapore

- [Conviction of three peaceful protestors condemned](#)

## Sri Lanka

- [UPR 28<sup>th</sup> session stakeholder reports submission deadline 30 March](#)
- [Vital for Sri Lanka to send message that 'impunity is no longer tolerated' underlines UN rights chief](#)

## Thailand

- [Military drops charges against human rights defenders Pornpen Khongkachonkiet, Somchai Homlaor, and Anchana Heemmina](#)
- [Somyot Phruksakasemsuk's sentence reduced, injustice continues](#)
- [Behind the Walls: A look at conditions in Thailand's prisons after the coup](#)
- Human Rights Watch: [Extrajudicial killing of minority rights defender and youth activist Chaiyaphum Pasae](#)
- Fortify Rights Report: [A Work in Progress: Thailand's Compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)

## Timor Leste

- [The March 20 presidential election in particular is a big test for the young country](#)
- [Silverio Pinto Baptista on Human Rights Challenges in Timor-Leste: An interview with the head of Timor-Leste's national human rights institution](#)

## Vietnam

- [Amnesty International Says Vietnam's Human Rights Record Remains Grave](#)
- [Report on the kidnapping, torture and robbery of Pastor Nguyen Trung Ton](#)
- [Free Women Human Rights Defenders and End Persecution of Women Activists](#)

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