



**National Unity Government**  
Representative Office (Australia)

## The DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

in partnership with the NUG Representative Office (Australia)  
is calling on the Myanmar Diaspora Communities for applications for

### Advocacy and Human Rights in Myanmar

A Capacity Building Program for Myanmar Diaspora in 2021

This program is being launched in solidarity with those working for human rights, peace and democracy in Timor-Leste. It is intended to be a practical contribution to their work at this time of human rights and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar.

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) was established in 1989 by Nobel Laureate Jose Ramos-Horta. Since then, many Myanmar human rights advocates have participated in human rights advocacy courses conducted by the DTP in Myanmar, in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region, building their understanding of international human rights standards, the UN system and the Australian political environment, and building skills in strategic advocacy, lobbying and media. Effective human rights advocacy makes a vital contribution to building peace.

Military repression has made peaceful advocacy in Myanmar difficult and dangerous. There is a need to step up human rights advocacy by those outside Myanmar

#### What Will Participants Learn?

DTP is committed to supporting those advocating for human rights and democracy in Myanmar and is preparing to run a course in partnership with the **NUG Representative Office - Australia**. This program aims to bring members of the Myanmar diaspora community together and build their capacity to engage more effectively with international human rights mechanisms, international organisations, the Australian government, media, and other stakeholders to address the growing human rights crisis in Myanmar.

Because of COVID, Phase I of this program will take place online. Participants will have the opportunity to network with and learn from each other through practical exercises, and to build on their current experience by working with DTP's expert resource people.

- Strategic advocacy: plan, execute and evaluate a campaign with clear objectives and impact that matters
- International human rights standards and mechanisms
- Business and human rights
- Engaging effectively with the Parliamentarians, Governments, and Intergovernmental Organisations
- Building community support and alliances
- Media and communication

## Program Methodology

DTP training methodology is participatory and practical, with an emphasis on group work, role-plays, discussion, and simulations so as to ensure the practical relevance of all training sessions.

Phase I of this course will be run online with 2 x 2-hour sessions each week (one on a weekday evening, one on a Saturday) with weekly tasks and assignments. Phase II in 2022 will take place in Australia and will include face to face workshops (subject to COVID restrictions and funding).

## Who Should Apply for the Training?

This course aims to offer practical assistance to up to 30 participants based in Australia, New Zealand, and ASEAN. We welcome applications from individuals in the Myanmar diaspora who are or want to be involved in building alliances and engaging governments and intergovernmental organisations in relation to human rights in Myanmar.

Participants will be selected based on demonstrated potential to contribute to impactful advocacy for human rights, peace and democracy in Myanmar. Everyone can make a difference for human rights. Applications from individuals working with organisations/networks will be favoured.

DTP actively encourages women to apply for this course and applications that reflect the diverse ethnic nationalities of Myanmar, and a range of experience in both younger and older advocates.

## Who are the Trainers?

DTP trainers are experienced and highly respected local, regional, and international human rights leaders, academics, diplomats, media, and United Nations professionals who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training. See [www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)

## Cost

There is no charge for this course. The costs are being met by DTP funders that believe in the value of investing in individuals working for human rights, peace and democracy. See DTP's website for details of DTP's funding.

## How to Apply

If you are interested in joining this course, please apply by [completing this form](#) or visit the [website](#) to download a Word document.

If you have any enquiries, please contact us at [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au) or on +612 9385 3549. Applications must be received by **22 October 2021**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of selection within 7 days of the closing date.