



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

**Vale Professor Garth Nettheim.** DTP's co-founder and former Board member, Professor Garth Nettheim has died. Garth led and participated in many DTP programs as trainer and advisor. Co-founder of DTP José Ramos Horta writes:

*"It was through the guiding hands and inspiring mind of Garth Nettheim that Diplomacy Training Program was conceived in 1989, born in 1990, growing steadily over the years and maturing into a reliable, respected and steady peoples' institution, now almost 30 years old, sharing experience, knowledge and hope. The DTP that Garth Nettheim co-founded and embraced has affected with hope the lives of 3000 human rights defenders from the Asia-Pacific region in our common cause to uphold human freedom and dignity."*

DTP has established a [tribute page](#) to the memory of Garth Nettheim and will establish DTP scholarships in his name to train human rights defenders and advocates for Indigenous peoples rights. We are accepting donations that will fund participants to train at its regional Indigenous peoples program in [Sabah, Malaysia](#)

**Vale Asma Jahangir.** [Asma Jahangir](#) was a former chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan. She held the UN mandate as Special Rapporteur on Extra Judicial Killings from 1998 to 2004 and Freedom of Religion or Belief from 2004 to 2010. At the time of her demise she was a board member of International Crisis Group and UN Special Rapporteur of Human Rights in Iran.

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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.

David Petrasek is a former Senior Policy Director and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of Amnesty International and has worked on human rights and conflict resolution issues with the UN, foundations and NGOs for over 25 years. In a recently published article, [Another one bites the dust—what future for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights?](#) he argues that it's time to re-think the office of the High Commissioner' priorities and strengthen its mandate.

Yuyun Wahyuningrum from Indonesia is a DTP alumna and trainer. She wrote a piece for the Jakarta Post, [Ahead of 10th birthday, ASEAN rights body fails to evolve](#), outlining the shortcomings of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and what needs to happen to transform it into an effective human rights monitor.

## 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

## Schedule of DTP Program's, Brochure and Application Forms [click here](#)

- [2018 Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#)
- [2018 Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#)

## For reports on completed DTP Training Programs [click here](#)

- [Reports on DTP Training Programs - 2017 Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, The Private Sector and Development](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Program – Post-Training Survey Report](#)
- [2016 DTP Annual Report is now available online](#)

## Other training programs

- [CEDAW for Change Institute: Activism and awareness-raising for women's human rights](#); 3-7 July; Toronto, Canada
- Free online course: [Transition towards Democracy and Human Rights](#)

# PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Rani Yan Yan](#) is a DTP alumna and an advocate in the Chittagong Hills Tracts, Bangladesh for the rights of Indigenous peoples and women. Rani Yan Yan has one of the most senior traditional leadership roles among the Chakmas. Rani Yan Yan, was reportedly assaulted by police officers on Thursday 15 February around 7PM while she was at the Rangamati General Hospital with two girls from her community, who had been sexually assaulted on 22 January. She managed to escape. [Frontline Defenders](#) issued an urgent statement and [her account of the incident](#) elicited [this statement from six citizens' organizations in the Dhaka Tribune](#) and protests.
- Profile: [Nukila Evanty](#), DTP Alumna, recently appointed a Board of Director for Board of Director of Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- Profile: [Nitol Chakma](#), DTP Alumnus, recently received an Australian Government Scholarship Program to study Master of Arts in International Development at Flinders University in Australia
- Nazma Akter sent us three reports on ILO-Awaj Workshop on "Perspective on Workers Working & Living Condition in the Garment Work Abroad" [a](#) [b](#) [c](#)

# WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Equality Myanmar](#) – dedicated to promoting and defending human rights in Myanmar
- [PIANGO](#) – dedicated to promoting and defending human rights in Fiji

# RESOURCES

- [Migrant Worker International Law Reference Tool](#)
- [Human Rights Watch World Report 2018](#)
- [Looking back at 2017 : Human Rights in comics](#)
- [LGBTI Rights: Factsheets on UN Special Procedures](#)

# EVENTS

- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education, Sydney, Australia - 23-26 November 2018](#)

# DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

## Human Rights and Business

- [False promises to Indian women and restriction of movement in production for Western garment brands](#)
- [Cambodian activists fined and sentenced for monitoring controversial sand dredging operations](#)
- [OECD Watch has launched a campaign to improve the effectiveness of national contact points \(NCPs\) of the OECD](#)

- [Human Rights at Sea report highlights alleged fisheries abuses and related deaths](#) in the Pacific

## Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Bangladesh: Women and indigenous people's rights defender physically attacked by law enforcement](#)
- National Congress of Australia's First Peoples: [A ten-year review: the Closing the Gap Strategy and Recommendations for Reset](#)
- The [Indigenous Navigator](#) is a framework and set of tools for and by Indigenous peoples to systematically monitor the level of recognition and implementation of their rights
- [UNPFII Seventeenth Session: 16-27 April 2018](#) registrations for side events now open

## Migrant Workers' Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 8 is available here](#)

- [ASEAN's Double Vision of Migration: 'skilled professionals' versus 'migrant workers'](#)
- ILO: [Fair recruitment initiative newsletter - First edition](#)
- [Diplomacy Training Program launches new law app for migrant workers' advocates](#)
- ILO: [Promoting a Rights-based Approach to Migration, Health, and HIV and AIDS: A Framework for Action](#)
- [Bangladeshi garment workers abroad least benefited due to language problem](#)
- [Note on the Zero Draft of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

## Women's rights

- [Bellagio Declaration on access to justice for gender-based violence](#)
- [Joint Malaysian and Musawah NGO Oral Statement at the 69th CEDAW Session](#)
- [UN Women Presents Actionable Recommendations to Achieve SDGs](#)
- [The Data Revolution Should Not Leave Women and Girls Behind](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [NGOs blocked from delivering statement at the UN NGO Committee](#)
- [Synthesis Note regarding States' human rights obligations in the context of climate change](#)

## 2018 Anniversaries: UDHR, Vienna Declaration, Declaration on HR Defenders

- The UN is calling on everyone, individuals as well as governments, companies, the civil society, the UN family and others to join in it making a difference: [Suggested actions](#).
- [Take the pledge](#): I will respect your rights regardless of who you are. I will uphold your rights even when I disagree with you. When anyone's human rights are denied, everyone's rights are undermined, so I will stand up. I will raise my voice. I will take action. I will use my rights to stand up for your rights.

## SDGs

- [Human Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals – Pursuing Synergies](#)
- [Second Australian SDGs Summit in 2018](#)
- [NO ONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND: The role of UN human rights mechanisms in monitoring the SDGs that seek to realize economic, social and cultural rights](#)

## UPR

- Deadline for other stakeholders submissions to 31st session set for 29 March – Reviewing [China](#), [Malaysia](#)
- [The UN's Universal Periodic Review and the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes](#)
- [The Butterfly Effect: Spreading good practices of UPR implementation](#)

## Development

- UN experts: [Davos should address global risks rooted in human rights abuse](#)
- [The Bank and IMF in 2017: Year in Review](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Human Rights in the Pacific: Navigating New Challenges with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [UNHCR Fact Sheet on Situation of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers on Manus Island, PNG](#)
- From DTP alumna [Tammy Solonec](#): [#ChangeTheDate – make Australia Day for everyone](#)
- DFAT is funding a [civil society representative to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council](#)

### Bangladesh

- From John Tripura: [Two Marma sisters allegedly raped and sexually assaulted in Rangamati](#)
- [Kapaeng Foundation submission to the Prime Minister demanding 100% implementation of CHT Accord](#)

### Burma/Myanmar

- UN agency: [Conditions in Myanmar not yet suitable for Rohingya refugees to return safely](#)
- [End of mission Statement by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](#)
- [Investigate Whereabouts of two Kachin Civilians Detained by Military](#)
- [Reuters reporters arrested under Myanmar Secrets Act denied bail](#)

### Cambodia

- [National Assembly passes lèse majesté law, limits to freedom of association](#)

### China

- **Take action:** [Yu Wensheng detained incommunicado and charged with “disrupting public service”](#)

### Indonesia/West Papua

- [Transgender rights defenders arrested, sexually harassed and subjected to degrading treatment in Aceh](#)
- **Take action:** [Environment activists in Tumpang Pitu sentenced to 10-month imprisonment](#)
- [UN Human Rights Chief ends visit to Indonesia – Full statement](#)

### Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Violent attacks on transgender members of trans rights organization TransAction](#)

### Papua New Guinea

- [UN human rights chief urges Papua New Guinea to combat corruption and strengthen rule of law](#)

### Thailand

- Vitit Muntarbhorn: [High stakes as regime considers rights](#)
- [Army sues Deep South human rights defender for exposing torture on TV](#)
- [Judicial harassment of 7 human rights defenders for leading a peaceful protest](#)
- [Thailand sets up special tribunals for illegal fishing cases](#)

### Vietnam

- [Environmental activist Hoang Duc Binh sentenced to 14 years in prison](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [Kapaeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)

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