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

Continuation of our series on new human rights challenges and developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges and what these mean for human rights and capacity building.

- [The Chair of the Philippines Commission on Human Rights has urged people to stand against the "democratic recession" taking place across the globe: "We must push back in defence of human rights"](#)
- [ITUC Global Rights Index 2018 reports worsening workers' conditions and shrinking democratic spaces](#)

## 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 – DTP's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights & Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) APPLICATIONS OPEN

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

- [The 2016 DTP Annual Report is now available on line](#)
- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program](#) – Module 5 - Malaysia
- [2018 Review & Reflections on Advocating on Migrant Workers' Rights Along Migration Corridors](#) - Nepal
- [2018 MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) - Lebanon
- [Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#) – Sabah, Malaysia
- [2018 Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#) – Fiji
- [2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program](#) – Launch & Module 1
- DTP UNSW Roundtable Discussions – [ASEAN and Human Rights](#) & [Kanak Self-Determination and the Vote in New Caledonia](#)

## Other Training Programs/Events

- [DTP & AHRI UDHR70 Discussion Series – "Australia, ASEAN & Human Rights" with Ms. Debbie Stothard](#) (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 12pm, UNSW Sydney)
- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education \(ICHRE\)](#) (26-29 November 2018, Western Sydney University – Parramatta Campus, Sydney)
- [2018 Australian Council for International Development \(ACFID\)](#) (30-31 October 2018, UNSW Sydney)

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- DTP alumnus [Morse Flores](#) shares a picture of [7 DTP Alumni at UN EMRIP](#), Geneva 2018

- DTP alumnus Shohel Chandra Hajang (DTP Fellows Program, Australian 2015) from Bangladesh made [a statement at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of EMRIP](#) on behalf of Kapaeeng. After the EMRIP session he will be attending a Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples' Representatives in Geneva organized by UNITAR.
- DTP alumna [Esra Mandosir](#) from Indonesia/Papua who campaigns on behalf of Papuan women and is on an UN OHCHR Fellowship is also participating in the UNITAR training.
- DTP Alumna from PNG [Isidor Kaupan](#) has sent in this report on [logging/palm oil developments in West New Britain](#)
- DTP alumna [Khalida Brohi](#) from Pakistan has written a memoir '[I Should Have Honor: a memoir of hope and pride in Pakistan](#)' which deals with honour killings in Pakistan. She is the founder of the [Sughar Foundation](#), an organization focused on empowerment of women in rural and tribal areas of Pakistan.
- Visit the DTP offices were DTP alumna [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#) and [Indri Saptaningrum](#) from Indonesia– Yuyun was the special guest speaker at [Roundtable on ASEAN and Human Rights](#) while Indri is a PhD Student at UNSW
- DTP Alumna [Charles Wea \(1990\)](#) visits UNSW as part of Kanak delegation for [round-table on self-determination in New Caledonia](#)

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [People's Watch](#) – Indian NGO working for Human Rights
- [Suara Rakyat Malaysia \(SUARAM\)](#) – Malaysian NGO working for Human Rights

## RESOURCES

- [International Obligations Regarding Migrant Workers: A Guide for Countries of Origin](#)

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [AIPP seeks an Admin-Finance Coordinator](#), deadline August 12
- [IWGIA is looking for a Programme Manager for the Global Indigenous Navigator and a Climate Advisor and Program Coordinator](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [The State of Remedy under the OECD Guidelines: Understanding NCP cases completed in 2017 through the lens of remedy](#)
- [UN Human Rights Council adopts resolution on improving accountability & access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse](#)
- [Oxfam launches global campaign to help end human suffering in the supermarket supply chain](#)
- [UNICEF launches a global Child Safeguarding Toolkit for Business](#)
- [Australia: Government introduces Modern Slavery Bill 2018 to Parliament](#)

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Conference Defending the Defenders - New alliances for protecting Indigenous peoples' rights, September 5-6](#)
- [Good practices on the empowerment of Indigenous youth leaders in Asia](#)
- [AIPP's presentation on "Indigenous Peoples and the right to land"](#)
- [AIPP and Asia Caucus Statement on Ten years of the implementation of the UNDRIP: good practice and lessons learned](#)
- EMRIP11: [Statement of Jaringan Orang Asal Semalaysia \(JOAS\) / \(Indigenous Peoples Network of Malaysia\)](#)

### Migrant Workers' Rights

- [DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. Issue No 9 is available here](#)
- [PIANGO appeals on Pacific predicament of climate displacement in UN Global Migration Compact negotiations](#)
- UN agrees first-ever [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

### Women's rights

- UN: [Women’s rights are under threat from a “backlash” of conservatism and fundamentalism around the world](#)
- [UN Women’s Rights Committee reviewing Australia, Cook Islands and New Zealand during July](#)
- [Online Violence against Women is a Continuum of Offline Violence](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN chief: Everyone has 'a moral imperative' to uphold the rights of persons with disabilities](#)
- [NGOs are invited to the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council from 6-10 August 2018 in Geneva](#)
- [NGOs call on States to combat impunity for attacks on defenders, and ensure full civil society participation in development and the management of natural resources](#)

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

- [‘The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70’](#)
- 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.
- UN Rapporteur concept note: [Raising the visibility of human rights defenders on the occasion of the anniversary of the Declaration on human rights defenders](#)

## Development

- Phillip Alston UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty: [The IMF and Social Protection: A lost cause or is there hope?](#)
- [UN Secretary-General appoints Robert Piper of Australia s Assistant Secretary-General, Head of the Transition Team for the repositioning of the United Nations development system](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [UN body condemns Australia for illegal detention of asylum seekers and refugees](#)
- [Charities warn foreign influence register could harm development work](#)
- Megan Davis: [An uncoordinated approach to treaty-making creates a quandary for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples](#)
- [New Video on Cruel ‘Offshore Processing’ Policy](#)

### Bangladesh

- [Kapaeeng Foundation Half-yearly Human Rights Report](#) on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh

### Cambodia

- [ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights raise concerns over Cambodian elections in Malaysia’s Parliament](#)

### China

- [China Human Rights Watch founder Qin Yongmin convicted and sentenced to thirteen years in prison](#)
- [Liu Xia released from arbitrary house arrest, allowed to travel](#)

### Indonesia

- [Government must increase standard of justice for torture victims](#)
- AHRC: [Law enforcement in Papua must respect fair trial and due process principles](#)

### India

- **Take action:** [Two human rights defenders arrested, charged for protesting against Salem-Chennai Green Corridor project](#)
- [UN experts urge authorities to complete investigation into alleged fake encounter cases in Manipur](#)

### Laos

- [Government slanders Sombath Somphone, issues “blanket denials” on enforced disappearances during rights review](#)

## Myanmar

- [“They Gave Them Long Swords”: Preparations for Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity Against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State](#)
- [Zeid calls for ICC probe into Myanmar Rohingya crisis](#)
- [Oral update by Ms. Yanghee Lee, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar at the 38th session of the Human Rights Council](#)

## Philippines

- [Indigenous peasant leader killed while two Indigenous communities forcibly displaced due to militarization](#)

## Vietnam

- [Statement from Vietnam Coalition against Torture Regarding the Suppression by Vietnamese Communist Government on Peaceful Demonstrators and Cybersecurity Law](#)
- [Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh subject to inhumane treatment in remote detention centre](#)

## 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](#)
- [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [Kapaeng Foundation](#) from Bangladesh
- [OHCHR UN Human Rights Civil Society Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)

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