



## **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.

- The UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, [Professor Philip Alston](#), delivered the 2017 AHRCentre and UNSW's Grand Challenge on Inequality on 10th August 2017. In his lecture, [Why does it matter if others have more? How extreme inequality and poverty violate human rights](#), Professor Alston explains that inequality in both wealth and income has reached record levels in many countries and is growing. It threatens the foundations of democracy, along with many of the human rights that we take for granted.

## **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](#)

**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - Building Capacity on Implementation and Reporting**, Australia (Sept 20-21, 2017) [Brochure and Application Form](#) – Only for Australia

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

### **Other training programs**

- [The global human rights education and training centre - Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)

## **PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI**

- [Pratima Gurung](#), 2017 and 2014 DTP Alumna, President at Nepal Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN)
- [Chalida Tajaroensuk](#), 1994 DTP Alumna, Director at People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF)
- [Pastor Cecilio Kawi Cawayan](#), 2015-2017 DTP Alumnus, President at We Care Outreach Ministry
- DTP 2015 Fellows: [Celebrating human rights advocates on Indigenous People's Day](#) The Australian Awards program

## **JOBS**

- Focus on the Global South: [Job Opening: Sombath Initiative Programme Officer](#)

# DTP ALUMNI SURVEY

**Priorities for Human Rights Capacity Building** 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.](#)

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Cividep-India](#) - dedicated to promoting and defending to the rights of workers in India
- [National Children’s and Youth Law Centre](#) - dedicated to promoting and defending the rights of the child in Australia

## RESOURCES AND LINKS

- [Human Rights Translated 2.0: A Business Reference Guide for company managers and staff](#)

## PROMOTE YOUR CAUSE

- [Film Festivals with Approaching Final Deadlines](#)
- [Human Rights Photo Competition - enter now](#)

## DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Shareholder Campaign to Eradicate Forced Labor Yields Multiple Corporate Commitments](#)
- [Human trafficking risks in Asia’s supply chains: How should businesses respond?](#)
- [Handbook for Lawyers on Business and Human Rights](#)
- [UNICEF advises businesses on how to integrate children's rights in their operations](#)
- Australia: [Big business will be forced to report annually on slavery in supply chains](#)
- OECD Guidelines success: [Historic agreement between Heineken and former Congolese workers](#)

### Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- [UN to Involve Indigenous Peoples More Closely in Climate Action](#)
- [Protecting Indigenous peoples' rights 'is protecting everyone's rights' – UN](#)
- [Territorial autonomy remains key after a century of Indigenous demands at the UN](#)
- [Celebrating 10 Years of Implementation of the UNDRIP: “Reaffirming our roots, Embracing our future”](#)

### Migrant Workers’ Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 6 is now available here](#)

- [Migrant workers in south-east Asia lack access to fair, responsive legal remedies – UN report](#)
- [ASEAN MPs call for stronger protections for migrants and refugees](#)
- [Regional Civil Society Statement on the Adoption of an ASEAN Instrument on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers](#)
- [IMA pursues engagement for global compact that truly serves interest of migrants](#)
- [GFMD Reflection on Migration-related SDGs in the Agenda 2030](#)

### Women’s rights

- [Call for Application: Labour Rights Feminist Participatory Action Research for Change](#)
- CEDAW: [General recommendation No. 35 on gender-based violence against women, updating GR No. 19](#)

- [Women's organizations call on proposed binding treaty to integrate gender perspective on MNEs](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

### SDGs

- [Regional Road Map for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [The Human Rights Guide to the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

### UPR

- Reminders: 28<sup>th</sup> session UPR Working Group 6-17 November July deadline ([Republic of Korea](#) (Troika: Mongolia, Hungary, Congo) [Pakistan](#) (Troika: Latvia, Egypt, Iraq) [Japan](#) (Troika: Qatar, Belgium, Togo) [Sri Lanka](#) (Troika: Burundi, Republic of Korea, Bolivia)
- Stakeholders' Submission for 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle to be sent: [Bangladesh](#) and [Tuvalu](#) by 5 October, 2017

### Development

- [Economic reform must not be an excuse for undermining human rights](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Hate crime, racism on the rise in south-east Asia](#)
- [ASEAN Parliamentarians call for a focus on rights in regional trade talks](#)
- ['Responsibility to Protect' Principle Key to Prevent Mass Atrocities in SE Asia](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [UNHCR warns of escalating crisis on Manus Island](#)
- [Australia's offshore refugee processing causes 'extensive suffering' and must end, says UN agency chief](#)
- [Shelve Proposed Law to Weaken Encryption - Threatens Security, Rights](#)
- [Ferrovial continues to build a fortune on refugees' despair on Manus and Nauru](#)
- [Statement on the First Nations National Constitutional Convention: Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)
- [Australian Marriage Equality Vote: Everything You Need To Know](#)

### Bangladesh

- [Broken down Justice Institutions key behind disappearances of the Opposition](#)

### Burma/Myanmar

- [Drop charges against Mandalay farmers and land rights defenders](#)
- [Jailed for Journalism: 5 Journalists detained since June](#)
- [Marzuki Darusman appointed to UN mission probing Burma abuses](#)
- **Take action:** [Ongoing judicial harassment against Mandalay farmers and two land rights defenders](#)
- HRW: [Free Wrongfully Detained Kachin Christian Leaders](#)

### China

- **Take action:** [Human rights activist sentenced to three years' imprisonment](#)

### Cambodia

- [Quash Conviction of Rights Land Activist, Tep Vanny](#)

## India

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Medha Patkar detained](#)
- [Madhya Pradesh: Medha Patkar, 5 others detained during their fast against Sardar Sarovar Dam project](#)
- From Ravi Nair: [Use of Central Reserve Police Force in Karnataka income tax raids is a blow to federalism](#)
- [A Study of Pre-Trial & Trial Stages of Rape Prosecutions in Delhi \(2014-15\)](#)

## Indonesia

- From alumnus [Wensislaus Fatubun](#): [Papua to host first film festival](#)
- HRW: [‘Religious Rights’ Bill Would Harm Minorities](#) and [Indonesia’s Ban of Islamist Group Undermines Rights](#)
- High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals: Indonesia’s SDGs Voluntary National Review 2017 [Power Point presentation](#) and [Statement](#)

## Malaysia

- [Human rights lawyer targeted online with death, rape and acid attack threats](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Drop Censorship of Documentary Films on Human Trafficking and Refugees](#)

## Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Enforced disappearance of missing persons campaigner, Punhal Sario](#)

## Thailand

- **Take action:** [Sirikan Charoensiri charged with “false reporting” in latest instance of judicial harassment](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender and wife of disappeared land rights defender sentenced to 6 months in jail](#)
- Thai Lawyers for Human Rights: [The Miracle of “Law”: The Judiciary and the 22 May 2014 Coup](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Drop Charges, Protect Environmental Defenders](#)
- [UN deplores conditions for women in prison](#)
- [Ex-General, Dozens Convicted in Landmark Human Trafficking Case](#)

## Vietnam

- [Human rights defenders in Viet Nam should 'never be treated as criminals,' says UN rights office](#)
- **Take action:** [Four human rights defenders arrested, detained for anti-State activities](#)
- [Tran Thi Nga, member of Vietnamese Women For Human Rights, sentenced to nine years imprisonment](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Kapaeeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)

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