



POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR YOUNG PROGRESSIVES

Background and Rationale

The Network of Social Democracy in Asia (SOCDEM Asia) has been training youth leaders from political parties since 2011 because it recognizes that:

- Southeast Asia is dominated by young population (15-35 years old in average) composing 65% of the 500M people in the region;
- There is difficulty for young people in accessing programmatic ideological trainings that are accessed only by seasoned politicians or trade unionists;
- Organizations also have difficulty training because of funding and political environment;
- There are aging progressive organizations in the region, a global phenomenon where parties are led by politicians 50 and above years old and are still developing second-liners;
- There is no regular / programmatic young progressive platform except for the International Union of Socialist Youth that is still weak in the region and only meets once a year in Asia;
- There is a need for innovation and retooling for political organizations because of the different trends and emerging issues that political activists have to cope with and respond to in these changing times;



Given these recognitions, the SOCDEM Asia Network Southeast Asia group composed of political parties and organizations from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Timor Leste intends to pursue an institutionalized regional program that capacitates its young, emerging leaders from its ranks with tools that aid and advance their political work while at the same time consolidate these young leaders that will help advance collective goals in the future under their progressive leadership.

For 2016 - 2018, we will focus on the program of Political Management, a course to hone young progressives to be effective in working for change and strengthening their organizations.



Dates to Remember: **April 29 - May 3, 2018 – Indonesia / October 15 - 20, 2018 – Malaysia**



Objectives

- Develop knowledge and skills of and promote social democratic values to young progressive leaders in the region;
- Provide a platform where the young progressive leaders can network and build relations with like-minded individuals;
- Impart appreciation of cross-country issues and/or agenda affecting the region today;
- Incubate collective action or project which the young leaders can share among themselves and to their organizations



Criteria for Participants

- Social democratic, socialist & progressive young leaders in Southeast Asian political parties and organizations
- Can speak basic conversational English
- Have attended national/advanced trainings from their organizations
- 20-35 years old
- 50-50 gender quota
- Endorsed by their organization and by SOCDEM Asia members
- Must commit to 2 consecutive trainings (dates indicated above) and assignments in between

Applicants must fulfill the criteria stated above, must be able to travel and are endorsed by their organizations.

Requirements and Procedures

A qualified participant must in the training must submit the following documents to their organizations before **March 5, 2018**.

- Filled out application form
- Photo attachment
- Updated curriculum vitae
- Letter of Intent in joining the training program
- Endorsement letter from organization
- Internal Interview

Applications per country are to be screened by the parties and by the Socdem Asia training group. A maximum of 28 delegates will be chosen to participate in the training every year.