



Report

The 3rd Regional Consultation Meeting on ASEAN and Human Rights
16-19 September 2010, Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia

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1.	Mr. Taisuke Miyamoto	Project Coordinator, Mainstreaming Disability Perspectives in ASEAN Community	Mission member
2.	Ms. Sureeporn Yupa	Project Coordinator, Reproductive Rights of Women with Disabilities	Mission member

The objectives of this meeting are:

1. To provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation and coordination on issues pertaining to the human rights in ASEAN and its development among civil society organizations;
2. To identify and analyze best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives in engaging with ASEAN human rights mechanism and other stakeholders
3. To develop 2011 national and regional CSO advocacy strategy for an independent and effective ASEAN human rights mechanism;
4. To identify key entry points for CSO human rights engagement with the three ASEAN communities

Outcomes of the meeting:

1. A civil society statement to the 3rd AICHR meeting;

2. A civil society plan of action on ASEAN advocacy at the national and regional levels, including:
- The plan of action for critical engagement with the ASEAN Three Pillars.
 - The 3rd Regional Consultation on ASEAN and Human Right will be continuous initiative of FORUM-ASIA and the Task Force on ASEAN and Human Right (TF-AHR) to provide a space and a platform for civil society to reflect the past engagement with ASEAN, the challenges ahead and to devise new strategies and action plan for the strengthening of the ASEAN human right mechanisms in 2010.

Schedule

Time	Details	Remark
16 September		
12.10	Arrival at Kuala Lumpur	TG415
15.00 – 17.00	Organizational Meeting of SAPA Task Force on ASEAN and Human Rights	
17 September		
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.15	Opening - Mr. Yap Swee Seng (Executive Director of FORUM-ASIA) - Mr. K. Arumugam (Chairperson of SUARAM)	
09.15 – 09.30	Description of the meeting program: - Setting up drafting team for action plan and submission to the AICHR meeting	Atnike Nova Sigiro (Manager of ASEAN Advocacy Department-FORUM-ASIA)
09.30 – 10.45	Engagement and collaboration of all Stakeholders in enhancing ASEAN human right mechanisms: the Challenges and the way forward: - Ms.Kamala Chandrakirana (Southeast Asia Women’s Caucus on ASEAN) - Mr. Muhammad Shaani Abdullah (National Human Right Commission of Malaysia/SUHAKAM) - Mr. Haris Azhar (Convener of SAPA task Force on Human Right and ASEAN/Coordinator of KONTRAS) - Mr.RP Santiago (Working Group for an ASEAN Human Right Mechanism)	Facilitator: Ms. Anelyn de luna (ALTSEAN Burna)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.00	Human rights review of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Ms. Cynthia Gabriel (SUARAM) Commentator: Ms. Khin Ohmar (Task Force ASEAN Burma) Mr. Jun Aguinaldo N.Bans (Initiative for International Dialogue)	- Presented by experts - Commentators from the national/thematic focal points Facilitator: Ms. Kulachada
12.00 – 13.00	Human rights review of the ASEAN Economic Community	Facilitator: Mary Magdaline

	Ms. Dorothy Grace Guerrero (Focus on the Global South) Commentator: Ms. Tatcee Ma. Lorena Macbuag (Migrant Forum Asia) Ms. Manja Bayang (AIPP)	Pereira (SUARAM)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Human rights review of the ASEAN Social Cultural Community Ms. Consuelo Katrina A.Lopa (SEACA) Commentator: Ms.Sureeporn Yupa (Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pacific) Ms.Nooreen Preusser (PS the Children)	Facilitator: Robie Halip (AIPP)
15.00 – 16.15	Group session on formulation of CSOs advocacy with each of the three communities pillars of ASEAN	Three groups and each group should choose rapporteur for plenary session Facilitator: Mr. Yap Swee Seng
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 – 18.00	Plenary session: Presentation of rapporteur from group discussion Expected result from the 1st day meeting: - Identification of entry points for CSO advocacy for each pillar - Identification of challenge for CSO advocacy for each pillar - Recommendation	Expected result from the 1 st day meeting: - Identification of entry points for CSO advocacy for each pillar - Identification of challenge for CSO advocacy for each pillar - Recommendation
18 September		
09.00 – 10.30	Dialogue on ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism by thematic focal points: - Ms. Jannie Lasimbang (SUHAKAM Commissioner of sabah) - Mr.Ahmad Tusfan Damanik (Indonesia Representative of ACWC for child's rights)	Facilitator: Ms.Honey Tan (Empower)
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 – 12.30	Report from the national process: Ms. Atnike Nova Sigiro (FORUM-ASIA) Commentator : National Focal point	Facilitator: Mr.Anoop Sukumaran (APPRN)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Burma's Advocacy Update Ms. Khin Ohmar	
14.30 -15.30	Breakout Groups: Strategizing ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism (AICHR,ACWC,ACMW, and Burma Advocacy) Key questions: - What CSO going to do with AICHR/ACWC/ACMW - Identify entry points to the ASEAN HR Mechanism - Identify challenge	Expected output from this session: - SAPA TF on ASEAN Human Rights plan of action for the 2011 - Statement for

	- Formulate action plan for 2011 (including division of labor among CSOs) - Burma's advocacy with ASEAN	AICHR meeting
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee break	
15.45 – 16.45	Plenary: Strategizing ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism Reporting of breakout groups	Facilitator: Mr. Yap Swee Seng (FORUM-ASIA)
16.45 – 17.30	Wrap up and closing of the 3rd Regional Meeting of ASEAN and Human Rights - Presentation of the drafting team - Closing statement by Mr. Yap Swee Seng (FORUM-ASIA)	Facilitator: Ms.Consuelo Katrina A.Lopa (SEACA)
17.30 – 18.30	Organizational Meeting of SAPA TF on ASEAN Human Rights Facilitator: Mr. Haris Azhar (Convener SAPA Task Force on ASEAN and Human Rights)	Facilitator: Mr.Haris Azher Convener SAPA task force on ASEAN and Human Rights)
19 September		
11:00	Press Conference on the result of the 3rd Regional Meeting in respond to the AICHR Meeting	
20:15	Departure from Kuala Lumpur	TG418

Report of the Mission

September 16, 2010

Organizational Meeting of SAPA Task Force on ASEAN and Human Rights was held as a prep meeting from the next day. It was reported that regional TOT for national focal points was also designed open to thematic focal point. This meeting also discussed how to share the information effectively among core members.

September 17, 2010

The 3rd Regional Consultation Meeting on ASEAN and Human Rights started on this day. There were almost 100 participants from CSOs. In the opening remarks, Mr. Yap of FORUM-ASIA explained the main targets of this meeting: namely, developing CSO's action plan toward 2011, input from CSO to AICHR meeting from 20-24 September and discussion on CSO's position toward Burma's General Election.

In the afternoon, Ms. Sureeporn made a comment from the viewpoint of disability movement following a presentation on ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (Annex 1). Among her presentation, Ms. Sureeporn insisted on the importance of empowerment of persons with disabilities to enable them to get involved in the process of the Community.

On this day, group discussion was also conducted. Both Ms. Sureeporn and Mr. Miyamoto joined Socio-Cultural Community discussion group. The group mainly concentrated on migrant workers' rights, as AICHR's focus of 2011 will be migrant workers. Some drew an attention to refugees, internal displaced persons and trafficked persons as well as migrant workers.

In the plenary discussion to conclude the group session, the contents in the submission to AICHR meeting were discussed. It had consensus that CSOs should express disappointment to AICHR in the following topics: ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights, Thematic Study on CSR,

HIV mandated test, migrant workers, Burma situation and vulnerable groups situation. It was also agreed that those who were in charge of the topics should contribute a few sentences to describe the issues clearly. Ms. Sureporn and Mr. Miyamoto drafted it on behalf of disability community.

September 18, 2010

There was a series of lectures/reports of CSO's initiatives in human rights in ASEAN, national activities of CSOs and Burma situation.

In the afternoon, following these reports, there was a group discussion session again. Both Ms. Sureporn and Mr. Miyamoto attended ACWC group. This group discussed how to approach the Philippine government which did not decide the representatives yet at that moment. Then, it discussed the strategy to coordinate women organizations and children organizations both at national and regional levels. Burma human rights group pointed out the difficult situation in Burma as they had no access to government representatives. In line with this Burma issue, the issue of stateless children and women was also raised. This group recommended that CSO should raise this issue through representatives in each country.

In the evening, after the official agenda was over, on ASEAN Human Rights was held and concluded the discussion on the press release (Annex 2) and submission to AICHR (Annex 3 and 4). Regarding the mandatory HIV test for migrant workers, ARAM ASIA and SAPA Task Force on ASEAN & Human Rights would submit the separate paper to AICHR.

(Annexes)

1. Presentation Keynote of Disabilities issue Keeping the promise :
Mainstreaming disability in the Millennium Development Goals
2. Press release, 19 September 2010
3. Submission to the AICHR Meeting, 20-24 September 2010, Kuala Lumpur
4. Submission to the AICHR Meeting, Kuala Lumpur 20-24 September 2010, Removal of
Mandatory HIV Testing For Migrant Workers



Meeting Room



Ms. Sureeporn made a comment from the viewpoint of disability movement



Discussion and Activities



**Mr. Wong Nam Sang, Participant
from Malaysia attend meeting**



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transport service for person with disabilities in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**