

Open Call for Applicants
RISE&LEAD: Youth Leadership Forum on Democracy
“Empowering Youth to Lead”

What:

RISE&LEAD: Youth Leadership Forum on Democracy is a platform for youth activists from the Asia Region to gather and share and exchange their experiences with democracy and human rights activism.

Under the theme “Empowering Youth to Lead” we will be implementing a program where youth activists will share their experiences of social and political engagement and to discuss common challenges to democracy and human rights in Asia. Through this platform we will also provide skills to empower future leaders to effectively mobilize and advocate for their respective cause. Participants will also work together to develop a strategic action plan for advocacy and strengthening a youth solidarity network for democracy in Asia.

Objectives:

- Build and strengthen a solidarity network of Asian youth activists
- Learn skills to effectively mobilize and organize support for social movements and advocacies
- Expand knowledge on various social movements and advocacies across Asia
- Learn innovative strategies initiated by different civil society groups in Asia

Where:

Seoul, Gwangju and Jeju, South Korea

When:

May 13-24, 2018

Who:

Approximately 40 Young Leader Activists in Asia (preferably 20-35 years)

How to Apply:

1. Submit an application pack that contains the following:
 - a. Cover letter stating your purpose for applying in the program (1 page max)
 - b. Latest curriculum vitae
 - c. 2 Recommendation letters
 - d. Response to online application: <https://goo.gl/forms/VIgSn9wW45yIR5cG3>

Subsidy:

A selection committee will review applications. Those selected will be provided support to participate in the forum.

- Support for travel

-Accommodations and local transportation for the duration of program

Deadline:

March 26 (11:59pm, Bangkok Time)

****Selections Announcements will be made on April 2nd. Those selected will receive a notice via email of their acceptance.**

Tentative Program – *subject to change*

Day	Date	Venue	Main program contents
1	13 May	Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Arrival in Seoul, South Korea ✓ Welcome Dinner
2	14 May	Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introductory Session and Workshops ✓ Tour: DMZ Visit ✓ Lecture on Democracy in Korea / Peace and Security
3	15 May	Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tour: Visit to Korean CSOs
4	16 May	Gwangju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Travel to Gwangju, South Korea ✓ Workshops / Gwangju Asia Forum
5	17 May	Gwangju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Workshops ✓ Eve of May 18th Festival (Commemoration Activities of the May 18 Democratic Uprising) ✓ Tour: Visit to key organizations and institutions in Gwangju
6	18 May	Gwangju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 38th Commemoration Ceremony of May 18 Democratic Uprising (morning) ✓ Workshops ✓ Gwangju Human Rights Award Ceremony of the May 18 Foundation (afternoon and evening)
7	19 May	Jeju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Travel to Jeju Island, South Korea
8	20 May	Jeju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introduction to the Jeju Dark Tours (background, advocacy and campaign milestones) ✓ Lecture Sessions and Workshops ✓ Tour: Visit to key historical places
9	21 May	Jeju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jeju Dark Tours ✓ Lecture Sessions and Workshops
10	22 May	Jeju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lecture Sessions and Workshops
11	23 May	Jeju	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lecture Sessions and Workshops
12	24 May	Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Departure to Seoul, South Korea ✓ Participants Departure from South Korea

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