

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
CALL FOR MORE SOLIDARITY TO RESOLVE HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES

Seoul, December 10th – The Asia Democracy Network (ADN) celebrates International Human Rights Days by highlighting the actors involved in the continuous struggle to make the world a better place to live for humankind through the realization of human rights. On this day, ADN again realizes and hopes for better unity and solidarity amongst state and non-state actors in Asia to overcome challenges to human rights and democracy.

Asia is a continent that continuously experiences human rights violations as seen with the countless displacement, torture, disappearance, suppression of civil liberties, social-economic injustice, and discrimination against minorities. Which is a clear indication of the need for reinforcement and solidarity in advocating for human rights across the region.

In a time of great advancement and progress, we are saddened to realize the continuation of double standards of human rights being applied to the Rohingya population, whom are being systematically being discriminated, driven out from their land, and killed. Autocracy continues to grow in Thailand, Philippines, and Bangladesh as civil liberties are decreased and torture, disappearances and extra-judicial killings increase. Indigenous populations continue to be displaced due to land grabbing and environmental destruction due to resource extraction across the region. These profound challenges that still exist in Asia is a sharp reminder that as we celebrate human rights it is a realization that we have a long way to go and a lot more work to be done.

On this good occasion of International Human Rights day, ADN expresses solidarity to all those in the struggle for human rights. Also on this occasion, we call for more unity to strengthen solidarity among rights advocates to overcome the set forth human rights challenges together through developing synergy and strategy.

ADN also on this day want to highlight and remember all those we have lost through their ultimate sacrifice in the fight for human rights and humanity. May we never forget and their memories become a power for all of us.

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