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REPORT ON THE
8TH ANNUAL ASIA-PACIFIC
REGIONAL TRAINING
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Titled 'Human Rights and People's Diplomacy,' the 8th Annual Regional Training Program, held from 7 to 28 January 1997, in Manila, the Philippines, was another success story for the DTP. Twenty three trainees from twelve different countries/constituencies in the Asia-Pacific region attended the full four week course, all of them receiving certificates from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) for the successful completion of the training. The DTP has been affiliated with the UNSW from its beginning in 1989. Thirteen of the trainees were women, representing 57 percent of the total participants.

The exceptional success of the training this year was particularly marked by the following factors: (1) enthusiastic participation of the trainees (2) well qualified and experienced group of resource persons, local and overseas (3) well structured curriculum (4) gender equity between men and women in participation and (5) almost perfect organisational arrangements rendered by the local sponsors/organisers, the Philippines Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA) and the College of Law at the University of the Philippines.

The participants of the training in Manila came from different activists and educational backgrounds. The majority of them belonged to women, student, indigenous and human rights organisations. The educational backgrounds of the participants varied from law to politics, and to mass communication. All of the participants were human rights defenders in their own countries, majority of them having more than two years experience in the field. Their objectives, as indicated during the pre-evaluation session, were to receive professional training and education in human rights law, human rights issues, the UN system, people's diplomacy and the media. In their responses to the confidential evaluation conducted at the end of the session, participants commented that all or most of their objectives were successfully achieved during the training.

Professional training of NGO personnel in effective human rights defence, protection and promotion has been the primary objective

of DTP's annual regional training sessions throughout years. The 1997 session marked a significant step forward in achieving this objective adding newly trained twenty three persons to the list of over 500 DTP graduates. Thanks are due to all donors who covered tuition fees and travel expenses of the participants. A list of donor organisations is annexed to this report in appreciation of their contribution.

Special thanks go to Jose Ramos-Horta, the Nobel Laureate 1996, who founded the DTP program eight years back. Unfortunately, he was not in a position to attend the 1997 session as the Philippines authorities opted to deny his visa to enter the country.

THE SETTING

The 8th Annual Training was not merely a regular event. It was held within the context of the UN Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004). The DTP held a regional workshop in August 1996, in Sydney, to discuss the 'Tasks for the UN Decade for Human Rights Education in the Asia-Pacific Region' and one purpose of the Manila training was to follow up the conclusions of that workshop embodied in the Final Statement. As the Statement declared,

Aspiration of the peoples in the Asia-Pacific region for a better future are increasingly being articulated in the language of human rights. The objectives of human rights education must reflect these aspirations and the context of intense social conflicts in the societies within which these aspirations are being articulated.

Therefore, it was more than appropriate for the DTP to select participants for the Manila training from places like Bougainville, Burma, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh, Mindanao of the Philippines and Assam of India. In those places, human rights struggles are intense and practical lessons could easily be drawn from the experiences of the participants. The DTP training has always been a three way process. The trainees learn not only from the resource persons, but also from each other. The trainees also enrich the knowledge

of resource persons through close interaction with them on a range of practical experiences. In this context, the Manila training had a lot to learn from the struggles of Bougainville, Assam, Burma, Mindanao and many other indigenous peoples.

There was a special session on 'Human Rights Education' during the training, where the trainees discussed the conclusions of the DTP workshop and resolved to initiate human rights educational activities in their respective countries. Many requests were made for the DTP to conduct In-Country Sessions to enhance human rights educational processes. More urgent requests came from the participants from Bangladesh, Fiji, Burma, Assam and the indigenous representative from Australia.

The setting of the workshop also was marked by another important event, the award of 1996 Nobel Peace Prize to Jose Ramos-Horta. Ever since the formation of the DTP, Jose has been a role model for its trainees and other human rights defenders. His autobiography **Funu, The Saga of the East-Timor Struggle** has been a major recommended reading for DTP trainees which contains valuable experiences dealing with human rights, the right of self-determination, indigenous peoples, lobbying at the UN, people's diplomacy and, of course, East Timor.

There were great expectations that Jose would participate and inspire the trainees relating his difficult, and at times amusing, experiences, vast knowledge and valuable skills. It was to the complete disappointment, and anger, of the all participants and organisers that the Philippine authorities banned him from entering the country to participate at the training session as a resource person.

When the decision of the government came to be known through newspapers and the electronic media, the participants immediately organised a press conference, using their newly acquired skills, to protest against the ban arguing that it is a violation of a fundamental human right, and more particularly, academic freedom enshrined in the Philippine Constitution. The Press Conference was attended by leading newspapers and TV stations and created considerable publicity to the ban. To say the least, the action of the government was incomprehensible.

THE OPENING

The opening ceremony of the training was a major event for the Philippine human rights community. The event created a closer understanding between them and the DTP participants. Ms Corazon Gaité-Llenderal, a lawyer by training and Co-Coordinator of the Institute of Human Rights at the University of the Philippines, was the Master of Ceremonies and assisted in the training program throughout its duration.

The ceremony was addressed by Professor Merlin Magallona, Dean of the College of Law, Bishop Gabriel Garol, Chairperson of PAHRA, Ms Evelyn Balais-Serrano, Local Coordinator of the DTP 1997 Session and Dr Laksiri Fernando, Director of DTP. Merlin Magallona's address was particularly encouraging who highlighted the importance of human rights training assisted by universities. The ceremony, started with the Philippine National Anthem, ended with a Cultural Number.

THE TRAINING PROCESS

The Manila training program was divided into four main strands: (1) Introduction to International Human Rights (2) UN Human Rights Bodies and Procedures (3) Diplomacy and Lobbying (4) Human Rights Issues and Strategies. Each strand was subdivided into several themes which were facilitated by carefully selected resource persons, from local and overseas.

At the commencement of the program, Professor Alberto Muyot, Director of the Institute of Human Rights at the University of the Philippines briefed the participants about the objectives of the Institute. It was also an orientation to where the training was being held: the Law Complex of the University, its library and other facilities.

The training program proper was started with a session by Laksiri Fernando, on 'What are Human Rights? Starting by asking questions from participants, to gauge the current knowledge of

them on various concepts, he introduced briefly the history, development and main controversies of human rights. The universality and indivisibility were the key themes discussed. He emphasised the importance of 'knowledge,' 'rules,' 'values' and 'skills' in human rights activities.

Other major contributions in *Introducing International Human Rights* came from Mr Jose Campino and Dr Sarah Pritchard. Based on Mr Campino's vast knowledge and experience as a Political Affairs Officer at the UN in New York, he discussed the human rights functions of the UN. His discursions on the subject overflowed well beyond formal sessions. He was seen discussing matters with the participants at tea, at lunch and in corridors.

Sarah Pritchard, with several years of experience in teaching at DTP has used plain language in her lectures, taking the participants step by step into a vast knowledge of public international law and international human rights law. She introduced the major international human rights instruments, the Universal Declaration, the Two Covenants and other instruments with precision and detail. She was available during many evenings to expounding further the points covered during the day.

Ms Cecilia Jimenez and Dr Raul Pangalangan were the main resource persons for sessions on UN Human Rights Bodies and Procedures. Cecilia Jimenez, a lawyer by training the Philippines has been a resource person at DTP sessions for the past years. She could communicate easily with the trainees and impart knowledge and skills necessary to deal with a complex web of human rights bodies and procedures in the UN. She mainly dealt with the topics on the 'UN Commission on Human Rights' and its 'Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.' With the assistance of the DTP's **Human Rights Defender's Manual** and other material she ventured to supply the most recent information on how to deal with these UN bodies.

A revised version of the DTP's **Human Rights Defender's Manual** was available for the trainees as a reference tool. The Manual also guided the resource persons to facilitate various sessions. It contained nine chapters: (1) What Are Human rights? (2) Public International Law (3) International Human Rights Law (4) Introduction to the UN System (5) UN Human Rights

Agencies and Procedures (6) UN Treaty Based Bodies (7) Women and Human Rights (8) The Media (9) Lobbying and Negotiations.

Raul Pangalangan, a young Professor of Law at the University of the Philippines, with radical/liberal persuasion of views, conducted a session on the 'UN Treaty Based Human Rights System.' He was critical of the UN in general and outlined the limitations of protection/redress procedures available under the various 'treaty based' committees. He, however, questioned the terminological difference made between the 'Charter Based Bodies' and the 'Treaty Based Bodies' in the DTP Curriculum. Because, the UN Charter itself is a treaty, he argued.

The main resource person for the sessions on 'Diplomacy and Lobbying' was Mr Bill Barker, Director of the newly formed Human Rights International, based in Australia. The sessions, however, were supplemented by briefings covered by Cecilia Jimenez on 'Introduction to Intervention at the UNCHR' and 'NGO Networking in Geneva.' A former Australian Diplomat, Bill Barker, creatively used his skills and knowledge to prepare the participants to conduct a simulation of 'Interventions at the UNCHR.' As a participant rightly commented, his 'non-threatening way of teaching' was extremely beneficial and was appreciated by many participants. Other sessions taken by him included: (1) Behaviour of Governments in the UN System (2) How to Lobby a Government Delegation (3) Principles vs. Real Politik in the UN.

The main resource persons for the sessions on 'Human Rights Issues and Strategies' were Mr Michael Dodson, Social Justice Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs in Australia and Mr Sonny Inbaraj, Deputy Editor of **The Nation** newspaper, Bangkok. Michael Dodson highlighted the rights of indigenous peoples as major human rights issues in the Asia-Pacific region. With a conceptually in-depth and critical approach to the subject, his sessions included 'Rights of Indigenous Peoples,' 'UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations' and 'The Right of Self-determination.' As a member of the DTP Board of Management and a leading Aboriginal

activist in Australia, his participation as a resource person was a definitive encouragement to the participants and the program.

Sonny Inbaraj is also a skilled trainer. With his vast experience and knowledge on the subject of the Media, Sonny Inbaraj ventured to impart necessary skills to the trainees on many matters relating to media activities. His sessions included 'Human Rights and the Media,' 'Writing to the Media' and 'Writing a Media Release.' The culmination of his contributions was the preparation of participants and guiding them to simulate a 'Media Conference.' In his presentations, he did not hesitate to express his views on human rights controversies in the Asia-Pacific region: cultural relativism and 'Asian Values.'

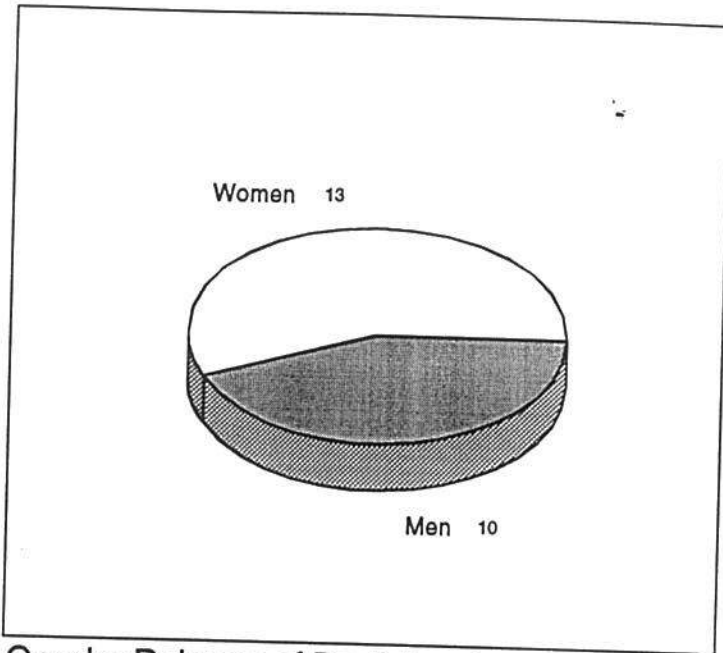
During the week, there were special sessions to cover a number of human rights issues in the region. These sessions were conducted by experienced resource persons from the Philippines. These included: 'Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' by Professor Virginia Dandan; 'Rights of Women' by Ms Princes Nemenzo; 'Rights of Migrant Workers' by Ms May Ann Villalba; and 'Constitutional Guarantees of Human Rights' by Mr Rene Sarmiento. There was a very special session conducted by a trainee himself, Mr Max de Mesa, on 'Environment, Development and Human Rights.' His presentation, based on a long time experience and study on the subject, was greatly appreciated by the participants and the organisers alike.

Two concluding sessions were conducted by Evelyn Serrano and Laksiri Fernando. On 'Human Rights Campaigning'. Evelyn Serrano inspired the participants when she shared her long time experience on the subject in the Philippines and in the region. Summing up the training and focusing on 'Human Rights Education,' Laksiri Fernando led a discussion on the link between human rights campaigning and education. 'Educate the people, and campaign for their rights' were the final message of the training.

PARTICIPANTS AND GROUP DYNAMICS

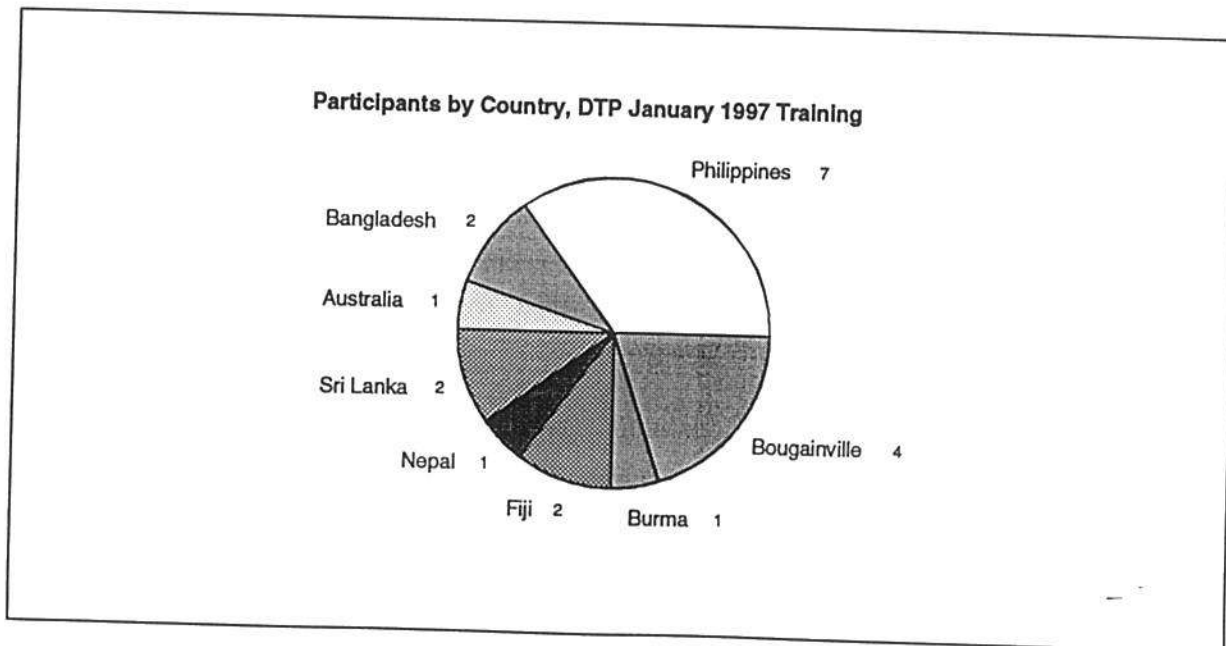
The participants came from diverse experiences. There was an effort to select two trainees, a woman and a man, from each

country. However, this was not always successful. For instance, the expected balance was not achieved in the case of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, but failed in the case of India. More than two trainees were selected from the Philippines the host country. What was achieved in general was a very good gender balance among the participants.



Gender Balance of Participants

As a result of last minute logistical and/or financial difficulties, eight participants could not finally arrive in Manila. The absence of expected participants from Indonesia and East Timor was greatly felt. Only one participant could come from Burma due to visa/travel difficulties.



For the first time in DTP training, more than 50 percent of the participants were women. This created a particular, but finally positive, group dynamics among the trainees. Relations were friendly among all participants and they related to each other as a

family from the start of the training. Nevertheless, certain tensions arose because of insensitive language used, perhaps inadvertently, by certain participants. The disagreeable language or arguments were related to gender and other sensitive issues. This experience highlighted the importance of human rights value education in DTP training.

Ms Vani Dulaki remarked, 'in Fiji, we were drawn into the movement through the gender awareness. Thereafter, we were confronted with a host of human rights issues to work on.' This remark emphasised the importance of inclusive nature of human rights work. This line of thinking was reinforced by a participant from Assam, who declared at the final session: Our understanding of rights previously was limited to the rights of our people. But human rights are the rights of all. While all participants were almost equally active in discussions and group work, some naturally emerged as leaders. Among them were Ms Deena Munier from Bangladesh, Max de Mesa, Ms Mary Aileen Bacalso and Ms Merlita Parojinog from the Philippines, Vani Dulaki from Fiji and Ms Anastasia Lapointe from Bougainville.

FIELD VISITS/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A major advantage of holding the 1997 session in the Philippines was the benefit of the country's rich human rights experience. Only few other countries in the region can claim for this unique background. The participants were glad to be there and to learn from that experience.

A field visit was organised to see some of the remaining political prisoners, 161 in number, in the country. The visit reminded Alfred Camus' saying: 'A great challenge in life is to look at the sordid face of political detention and not turn away.' The DTP trainees did not turn away. They signed a petition sponsored by the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) requesting the President Fidel Ramos to release all political prisoners. The

political prisoners, in fact, were on a hunger strike at the time of the DTP visit. A representative of them spoke to the trainees.

Another organised visit was made to the Human Rights Commission of the Philippines. The Philippines is one country in the region where there is an active national commission on human rights. The trainees also visited several slum areas of the Metro Manila and held discussions with the organisers of protest actions against the government-sponsored housing demolition activities to clear the areas of the so-called urban development. The right to housing was a major issue discussed.

Many trainees and resource persons from abroad had the opportunity to visit various NGOs in the Manila area and acquaint themselves with the activities and staff of these organisations. Several of human rights organisations, the affiliates of PAHRA, also were generous enough to organise social outings and hosted dinners for the participants during weekends.

The Chancellor of the University of the Philippines, Diliman Campus, Hon. Claro Llaguno, hosted a sumptuous dinner for the trainees and resource persons at his official residence. The generosity of the University of the Philippines and its commitment to the promotion of human rights were clearly expressed.

ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Organisational arrangements went exceptionally well during the training. The trainees and resource persons alike stayed at a university hostel and walked to the College of Law, about a kilometre away from the residence, for sessions every morning. They crossed the picturesque 'Sunken Garden' on their way to and from the lectures.

The local organisers, Evelyn Serrano and Ms Girlie Catibayan were extremely efficient in coordinating the whole training with the Director of the DTP. Volunteers were available from PAHRA from time to time to attend to various other tasks during the program. However, if not for the dedicated support of Corazon Gaité, the Co-ordinator of the Institute of Human Rights, and

other staff at the College of Law, the program would not have achieved the balance between the practical grassroots experience and the theoretical elements of the training. All necessary educational facilities were available from the College of Law free of charge. Professor Marlin Magallona, the Dean of the College and Professor Alberto Muyot, the Director of the Institute of Human Rights should be exceptionally thanked.

EVALUATION

The educational progress of the trainees was monitored at regular intervals. Written tasks and practical exercises were assigned mostly in the form of written essays, oral presentation and role play. A final take home examination was administered at the end of the course. The questions of this examination is attached as an annex for information. The trainees had the opportunity to evaluate the DTP program, from their own perspective, by answering a confidential evaluation questionnaire. The following gives a summary of the participants responses to the questionnaire.

Majority of the participants came with the expectation of learning how to lobby and negotiate and do effective media work. While others wants to know more about the diplomatic aspect of human rights struggles, how to use the UN system, basic theory of international instruments, women rights, children's rights and indigenous peoples' rights there was an overwhelming request for learning the basic skills on designing people's diplomacy and human rights training. Although they all knew that this is not part of the course outline they have wished that a time would have been set for this within the four-week period.

The participants have expressed in the questionnaire that after the course they have learned the following:

- how to lobby and negotiate
- how the UN functions
- human rights instruments and governments' obligations
- human rights concepts vis-a-vis culture
- experiences in information sharing
- diplomacy and solidarity work
- how to utilise the media

- interrelationship between human rights and the right to development
- how NGOs work and how to network
- concept and struggle for self-determination

There are several areas that need improvement and were strongly pointed by majority of participants:

- *strengthening of the course on women rights*
- *the topics covered under migrants rights must be further developed*
- *regional network building should be one of the major topics*

At the end of the training, all participants strongly recommended the following:

- *have a special course in refugee protection and emergency services*
- *hold a trainers training*
- *follow-up and updating of graduates*
- *include the following topics:*
 - *how to build solidarity network*
 - *international relations*
 - *diplomatic immunity and extradition*
 - *how to reform national laws*
 - *political asylum*
 - *religious rights*
 - *human rights and culture*
 - *human rights and spirituality*
 - *human rights and religious beliefs*
 - *ethics of diplomacy*

THE CLOSING CEREMONY

The most rewarding event for the trainees was the awarding ceremony of certificates. It was a vindication of their commitment to human rights. After brief addresses by Bishop Gabriel Garol of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines and Laksiri Fernando, Evelyn Serrano joined with them to award the certificates. Over two hundred guests, from NGOs and among the academic community, participated at the event.

A solidarity night immediately followed the award ceremony. It was a solidarity between the DTP trainees who represented over fifteen leading human rights NGOs in the region and human rights organisations in the Philippines. The DTP graduates performed cultural items from their countries. The most impressive presentation was a traditional dance performed by the Bougainvillian women.

Kabalana X, a radical youth group of Philippine singers performed several items of 'Liberation Song and Dance.' The most heartening was the drama performed by the **Samahan ng mga Anak ng Desaparecidos** (Sons and Daughters of the Disappeared). It depicted the agony and anguish of the young, when their fathers and mothers became involuntarily disappeared for political reasons.

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6- 28 January 1997
Manila, The Philippines

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Monday, 6 January 1997

Arrival, Registration and Accommodation
 Institute for Science and Mathematics Education
 Development (ISMED)
 University of the Philippines

Tuesday, 7 January

9:00 am	OPENING CEREMONIES Venue: Malcolm Theater U.P. College of Law	
11:00 am	Orientation to the University of the Philippines	Alberto T. Muyot Director, Institute of Human Rights, University of the Philippines Law Complex
11:45 am	Evaluation of Participants' Expectations/Needs	Laksiri Fernando Evelyn Balais-Serrano
12:30 pm	Lunch	

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
 Venue: Second Floor Conference Hall, UP Law Center

2:00 pm	What are human rights?	Laksiri Fernando
3:30 pm	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Selection of Working Groups Group Discussion on Day's Work	

Wednesday, 8 January

9:00 am	Issues Arising from Previous Day	
9:30 am	Introduction to Introduction to the UN System	Jose Campino
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	Introduction to Public International Law	Sarah Pritchard
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Introduction to International Human Rights Law	Sarah Pritchard

3:30 pm Tea/Coffee
 4:00 pm Group Discussion on Day's Work

Thursday, 9 January

9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
 9:30 am Role of the Security Council Jose Campino
 11:00 am Tea/Coffee
 11:30 am Introduction to Major Human Rights Instruments Sarah Pritchard
 1:00 pm Lunch
 2:00 pm Introduction to UN Human Rights System Sarah Pritchard
 3:30 pm Tea/Coffee
 4:00 pm Discussion on Day's Work

UN HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES AND PROCEDURES
Friday, 10 January

9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
 9:30 am UN Charter-based Human Rights System (Part I) Cecilia E. Jimenez
 11:00 am Tea/Coffee
 11:30 UN Charter-based HR System (Part II) Cecilia E. Jimenez
 1:00 Lunch
 2:00 pm Role of Governments and NGOs in the UN Cecilia E. Jimenez
 System
 3:30 pm Tea/Coffee
 4:00 pm Evaluation of Day's Work
 Evaluation of Week I

Saturday, 11 January

Free Day

Sunday, 12 January

9:00 am Human Rights Situation in the Philippines PAHRA
 10:00 am Field Visit to Political Prisoners at New Bilibid Task Force Detainees-Philippines
 Prison

Monday, 13 January

9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
 9:30 am UN Treaty-based Human Rights System Raul C. Pangalangan
 11:00 am Tea/Coffee
 11:30 am UN Treaty-based Human Rights System Raul C. Pangalangan
 1:00 pm Lunch

DIPLOMACY AND LOBBYING

2:00 pm	Introduction to Intervention at the UNCHR	Cecilia E. Jimenez
3:00	Tea/Coffee	
3:15 pm	UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Virginia Dandan
4:00 pm	Discussion on Day's Work	

Tuesday, 14 January

9:00 am	Issues Arising from Previous Day	
9:30 am	NGO Networking in Geneva	Cecilia E. Jimenez
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	Behaviour of Governments in the UN System	Bill Barker
1:00	Lunch	
2:00 pm	How to Lobby a Government Delegation	Bill Barker
3:30	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Discussion on Day's Work	

Wednesday, 15 January

9:00 am	Issues Arising from Previous Day	
9:30 am	An Insider's View of the UN: Principles vs. Real Politik (Part I)	Jose Ramos Horta
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	An Insider's View of the UN: Principles vs. Real Politik (Part II)	Jose Ramos Horta
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Questions and Answers about Diplomacy and Lobbying	Jose Ramos Horta
3:30 pm	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Discussion on Day's Work	

Thursday, 16 January

9:00 am	Preparation for Simulation of Presentations at the UN Commission on Human Rights: Agenda Item 10: Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world	Bill Barker Laksiri Fernando
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	Continuation of Preparation	
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Simulation of Presentations	
3:30 pm	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Simulation of Presentations Continued	

Friday, 17 January

- 9:00 am Field Trip to the Philippine Commission on Human Rights
- 4:00 pm Public Lecture: Role of Individuals and NGOs in the Struggle for Human Rights
Jose Ramos-Horta
Venue: Malcolm Theater

**Saturday, 18 January and Sunday, 19 January
Free Days**

**HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND STRATEGIES
Monday, 20 January**

- 9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
- 9:30 am Rights of Indigenous Peoples Mick Dodson
- 11:00 am Tea/Coffee
- 11:30 am Working Group on Indigenous Populations Mick Dodson
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Human Rights and the Media Sonny Inbaraj
- 3:30 pm Tea/Coffee

Tuesday, 21 January

- 9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
- 9:30 am The Right to Self-Determination Mick Dodson
- 11:00 am Tea/Coffee
- 11:30 am Writing for the Media Sonny Inbaraj
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Writing a Media Release Sonny Inbaraj
- 3:30pm Tea/Coffee
- 4:00 pm Group Discussion on Day's Work

Wednesday, 22 January

- 9:00 am Issues Arising from Previous Day
- 9:00 am Preparation for a Media Conference
- 11:00am Tea/Coffee
- 11:30 am Preparation for a Media Conference
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Simulation of a Media Conference
- 3:30 pm Tea/Coffee
- 4:00 pm Human Rights and the Media
Mick Dodson
Sonny Inbaraj

Thursday, 23 January

9:00 am	Issues Arising from Previous Day	
9:30 am	Environment, Development and Human Rights	Max de Mesa
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	Continuation of Panel Discussion	
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Panel Discussion:	
	Rights of Women and CEDAW	Princess Nemenzo
	Rights of Children and CRC	Elizabeth Marcelino
	Rights of Migrant Workers	May Ann Villalba
3:30 pm	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Continuation of Panel Discussion	

Friday, 24 January

9:00	Country Reports by Participants
11:00	Tea/Coffee
11:30	Country Reports Continued
1:00	Lunch
2:00	Country Reports Continued
3:30	Tea/Coffee
4:00	Country Reports Continued

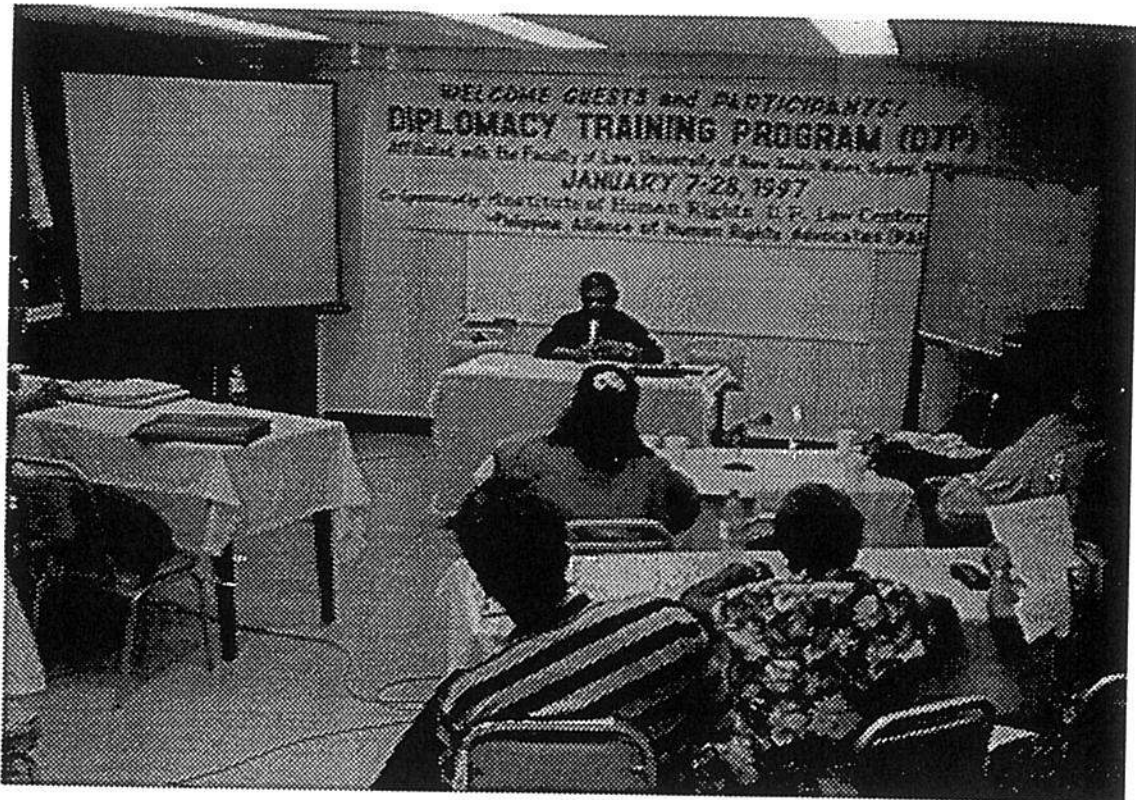
**Saturday, 25 January and Sunday, 26 January
Free Days****Monday, 27 January**

9:00	Issues Arising from Previous Day/Week	
9:30 am	Strategies for Human Rights Development in the Asia-Pacific Region	
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11:30 am	Human Rights Campaign/Fact-Finding	Evelyn Balais-Serrano
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Need for Human Rights Mechanism in the Region	Rene V. Sarmiento
3:30 pm	Tea/Coffee	
4:00 pm	Human Rights Education	Laksiri Fernando

Tuesday, 28 January

9:00 am	Evaluation of the DTP Session
11:00 am	Tea/Coffee
11:30 am	Evaluation of the DTP Session
1:30	Lunch and Free Time
4:00 pm	CLOSING CEREMONY and SOLIDARITY PROGRAM

Venue: Balay Kalinaw



Introduction By Laksiri Fernando, DTP Executive Director



At the Opening



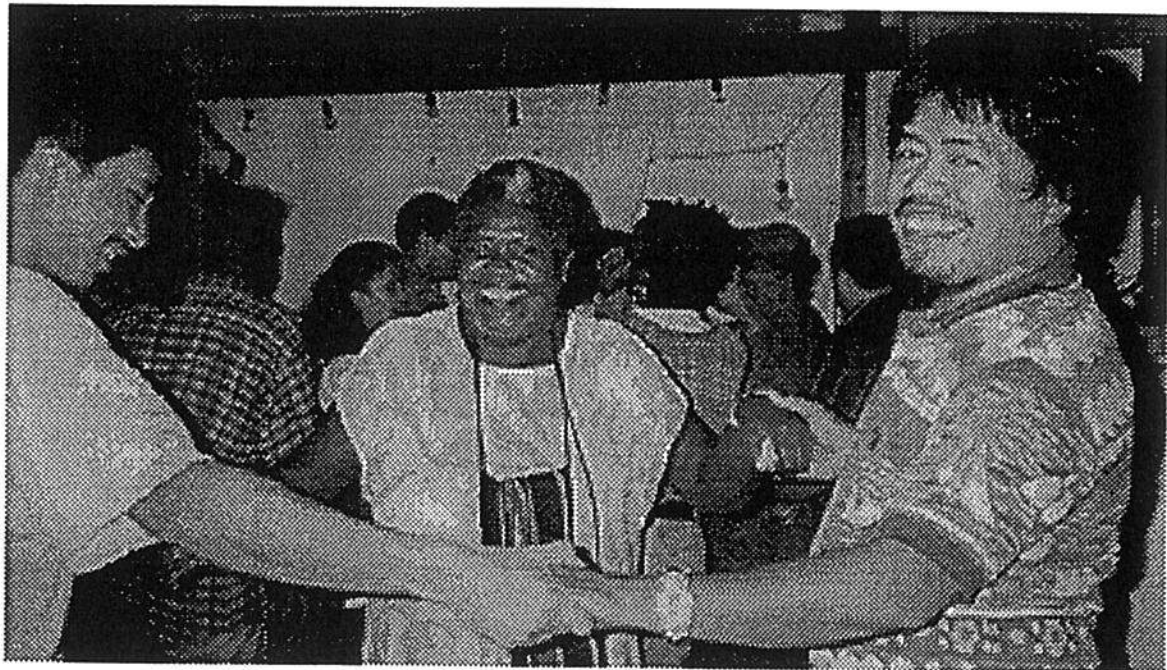
Small Group Discussion



Group preparing simulation exercise

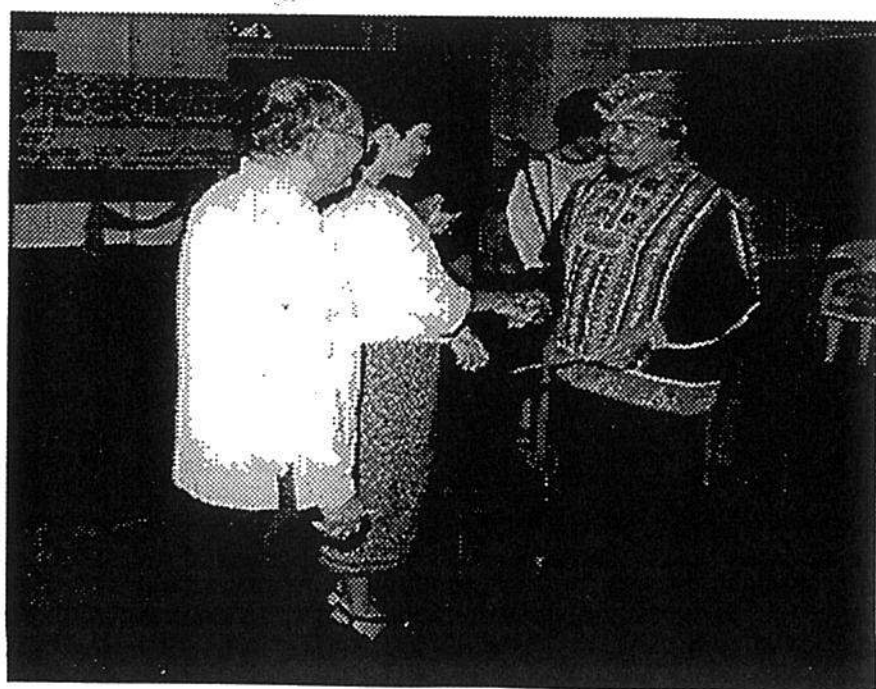


Cultural Presentation from Bougainvillean Women

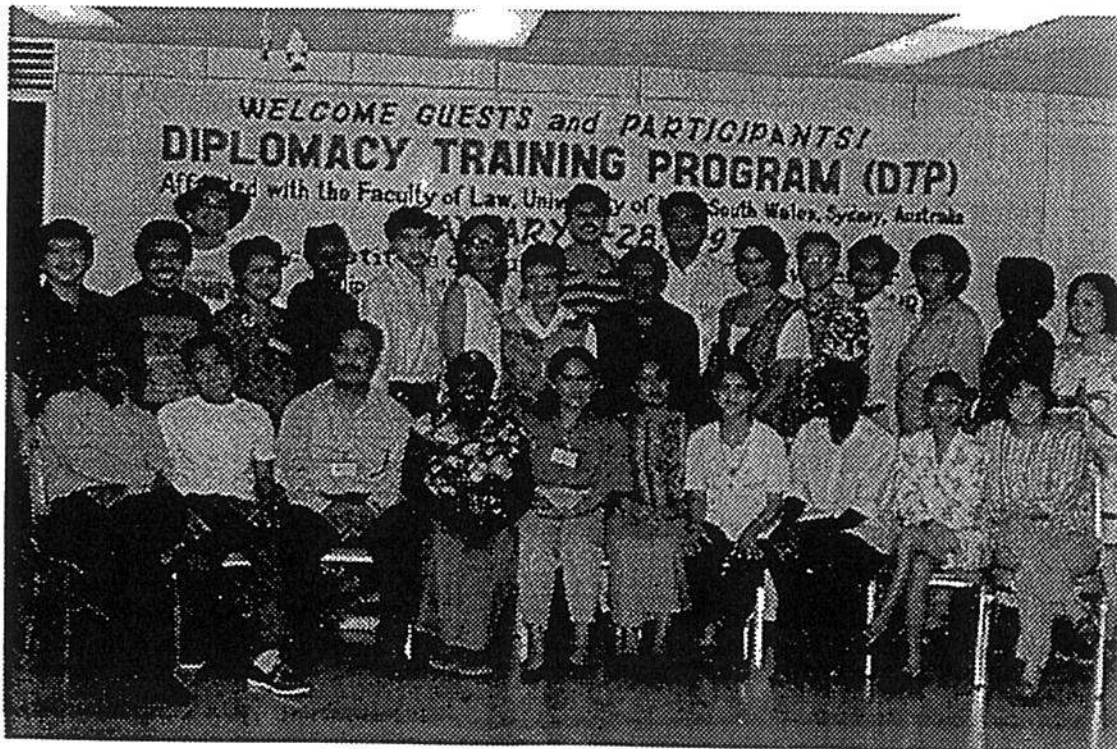
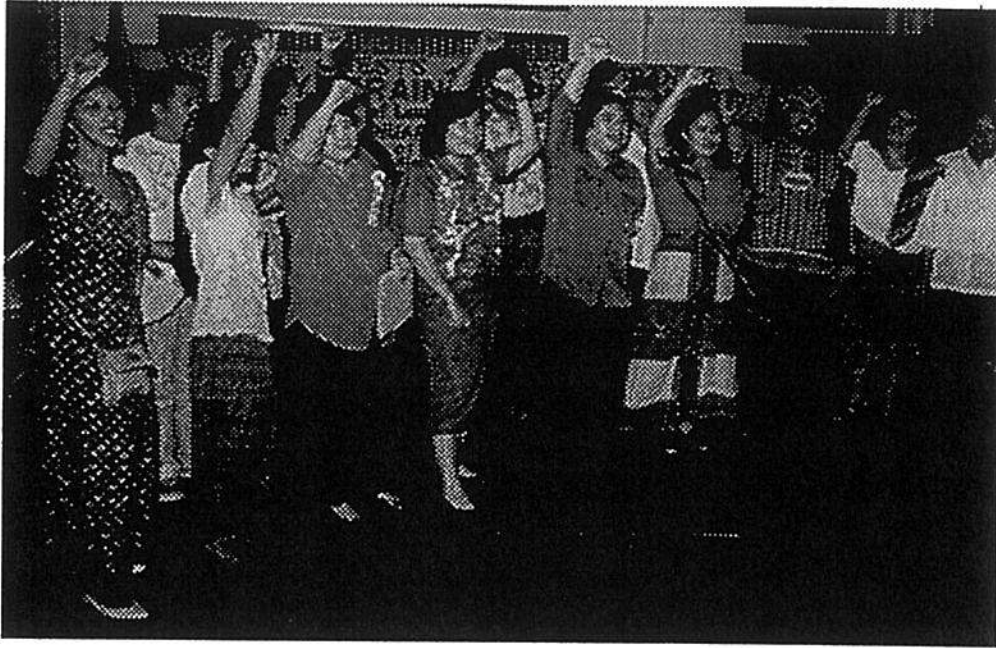


Solidarity Night

Graduation Ceremony and Awarding of Certificates



Group Photos



LIST OF RESOURCE PERSONS
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Manila, Philippines

1. Ms Corazon Gaite-Llenderal, Lawyer and Co-Coordinator of the Institute of Human Rights, University of the Philippines
2. Ms Evelyn Balais-Serrano, Local Coordinator of the DTP 1997 Session
3. Dr Laksiri Fernando, Director of DTP.
4. Professor Alberto Muyot, Director of the Institute of Human Rights University of the Philippines
5. Mr Jose Campino, Political Affairs Officer at the UN in New York
6. Dr Sarah Pritchard, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia
7. Ms Cecilia Jimenez, Lawyer, Bulgaria
8. Mr Michael Dodson, Social Justice Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Australia
9. Mr Sonny Inbaraj, Deputy Editor of **The Nation** Newspaper, Bangkok
10. Professor Virginia Dandan, University of the Philippines
11. Ms Princess Nemenzo, KALAYAAN, Philippines
12. Beth Marcelino, Children's Crisis Centre, Philippines
13. Ms May Ann Villalba, Asian Migrant Resource Centre, Hong Kong
14. Rene Sarmiento, Lawyer, Philippines
15. Mr Max de Mesa, Deputy Secretary-General for International Affairs, Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates
16. Bill Barker, Director, Human Rights International, Australia.
17. Professor Raul Pangalangan, Faculty of Law, University of the Philippines

**LIST OF DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES
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