

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ASEAN/Southeast Asia Programme Fellow

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a global network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

The Asia & Pacific Regional Office is seeking to recruit a Fellow for its ASEAN/Southeast Asia Programme. The ideal candidate is a lawyer or recent law graduate with practical experience or keen interest in human rights legal advocacy. The Fellow will be exposed to ICJ's work in Southeast Asia, with a specific focus on Philippine human rights issues.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The core activity of the Fellow is to carry out primary research and draft briefing papers on legal issues in Southeast Asia, focusing on the Philippines. The Fellow is also expected to contribute to ICJ's work on strengthening access to justice mechanisms in Southeast Asia, as well as participate in the development of the organization's advocacy strategies and activities. Furthermore, the Fellow will also be expected to engage with key government officials, judges, lawyers, and civil society organizations in Southeast Asia.

The Fellow will be supervised by the Regional Director of Asia and Pacific Programme, and will work with other ICJ staff members in Asia and Geneva.

In addition to the key tasks mentioned above, the Fellow will contribute to the following ongoing work of the ASEAN/Southeast Asia Programme:

- Strengthening the capacity of formal and informal justice actors in Southeast Asia to enhance access to justice for victims of violations of human rights;
- Advocating for the domestic implementation of international human rights law and standards, especially in the following focus areas: national security legislation, counter-terrorism & human rights, freedom of religion or belief, and women's access to justice;
- Intervening (in the form of amicus curiae briefs or expert legal opinions) in emblematic human rights cases at the domestic level;
- Submitting interventions, whether written or oral, at the regional and international levels (e.g. the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights or the UN Human Rights Council); and
- Preparing statements for media on human rights issues in Southeast Asia, focusing on the Philippines.

The Fellowship is for a period of six (6) months and must be undertaken on a full-time basis. The Fellow will be based in Bangkok, Thailand. The person selected must be available to begin work by November 2017.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will be a lawyer from the Philippines and will have:

- A degree in law, including the study of international law and international human rights law (a postgraduate degree is highly desirable);
- Litigation experience is also desirable;
- Knowledge of public international law, including international human rights law, and human rights protection mechanisms at the regional and international levels;
- Previous experience in the field of human rights, working with a national or regional human rights organization;
- Fluency in English;
- Excellent legal research and writing skills; and
- High motivation and demonstrated interest in human rights.

Terms and conditions

The Fellow will receive a monthly stipend that will cover living allowance and accommodation in Bangkok. In addition, ICJ will provide the successful candidate with a return economy class air ticket to Bangkok.

How to apply

Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details of at least two referees by email to: asia-recruitment@icj.org

Closing date for applications is **31 October 2017**