



# Grant for Democracy and Human Rights Projects in Overseas 2013

## About the May 18 Memorial Foundation

The May 18 Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1994 to commemorate the 1980 Gwangju Democratization Movement by continuing the spirit of struggle for democracy in solidarity and working towards peace and human rights throughout the world. The Foundation carries out numerous projects in various fields, including organizing memorial events, establishing scholarships, fostering research, publishing materials, dispensing funds, building international solidarity, and awarding the Gwangju Prize for Human Rights.

#### Introduction to the Grant for Democracy and Human Rights Projects in Overseas 2013

The Grant for Democracy and Human Rights Projects in Overseas (GDHRPO) 2013 supports work that contributes to promoting democracy and human rights and to building international solidarity. The grant will be awarded to non-government organizations (not GOs or individuals) based in civil communities which have been working in this field for more than 3 years.

The May 18 Memorial Foundation has granted total 40 organizations from 18 countries from 2005 to 2012. In 2012 the Foundation provided funds to 5 organizations in 5Countries: CP-UNION ORG (Philippines), Assembly of Social Mobilization (Sri-Lanka), Centre for Organization Research & Education/ Human to Humane Transcultural Centre for Trauma and Torture (India), VISION (Pakistan), Center for The Defence of the Individual (Israel). Activities were made possible by the 2012 Grant Projects included monitoring election, mobilizing civic participation for democracy, supporting torture victims, investigating state violence and providing legal aid for political prisoners.

The Grant consists of 2 main categories: Project support and Organization support. The May 18 Memorial Foundation will support 6 projects from 6 organizations in the field of judicial monitoring, torture and trauma rehabilitation, democracy movement commemoration, fact-finding mission, legal support for human rights



victims and election monitoring.

Grantee organizations will receive the opportunity to participate in a variety of the May 18 Memorial Foundation's international solidarity programs such as Gwangju Asian Forum, the May 18 Academy and so on.

# **Categories**

Project support		
1 year term	Judicial Monitoring	4,000,000 KW
	Torture and Trauma Rehabilitation	4,000,000 KW
	Election Monitoring	4,000,000 KW
Organizations support		
2 years term	Democracy Movement Commemoration Projects	4,000,000 KW per year
	Fact-finding Missions	4,000,000 KW per year
	Legal Support for Human Rights Victims	4,000,000 KW per year

➢ 4,000,000 KW : approximately 3600 USD

> 1,000,000 KW: approximately 900 USD

> 2 year organization support grant will be awarded quarterly (in March, June, September and December).

#### **Explanation**

· Judicial Monitoring: Projects promoting judicial review and reform.

· Torture & Trauma Rehabilitation: Projects focusing on rehabilitation of torture and trauma victims

· Election Monitoring: Projects that focus on monitoring elections and promoting fair elections

· Democracy Movement Commemoration Projects: Works commemorating the historical significance of democracy movements

· Fact-finding Missions: Investigating and substantiating the truth about history

• Legal Support for Addressing Human Rights Violations: Projects which focus on promotion and protection of human rights.

#### **Eligibility**

· Any organizations which have been working for more than 3 years are eligible to apply for the Grant.

• Organizations whose country belongs to OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) will not be selected unless the field of the organization's work is based in a developing country.

#### **General Conditions**

· Organizations can apply for both Project Support and Organization Support but cannot apply for all



categories under both supports.

 $\cdot$  An organization may be selected even if their projected budget is different to the grant amount. In this case, they must change their budget.

• The grant amount is set by the Foundation and cannot be changed; organizations cannot ask for any amount they would like to seek.

## **Conditions of Grantees**

· Organizations must regularly submit the required reports: evaluation, update, and financial reports.

 $\cdot$  A financial report must be signed/stamped by an external financial professional (e.g. an accountant) who does not work for the organization.

• Organizations must submit their reports immediately in case they disband; the organization which has connection to the person in charge of a disbanded project or the organization is not allowed to apply for the Foundation's international solidarity program for the next 3 years.

 $\cdot$  Grantee organizations must meet the deadline of the reports; if the reports don't arrive by the deadline, the organization may have difficulty in being awarded the rest of the Grant amount. This will be rigidly enforced especially to the 2 year grantee organizations. Grant money can be delayed or cancelled if a grantee organization fails to submit the reports properly.

· Grantee organizations must inform immediately in case their contact information changes.

 $\cdot$  If a grantee organization fails to communicate with the May 18 Memorial Foundation for over a month, whatever the circumstances, regardless of the situation, the Foundation then has the right to stop grant support in such cases. Ongoing communication is necessary.

## **Selection Procedure**

The May 18 Memorial Foundation will choose the organization based on a point score. Advantage points will be added in the grantee-selection process to those who meet the conditions below:

 $\cdot$  An organization which discloses the financial status relevant to its activities to the web site or other means of platform.

- $\cdot$  An organization which has advisors who are involved in its activities.
- · An organization which evaluates its activities and reveals the outcome of evaluation to the public.
- · An organization which runs annual audits or carries out regular inspection of its financial accounts.
- · An organization which has a set of board of directors or planning committee members.

• An organization which submits the application with the legal/audit professional's agreement proving their financial inspections.

After the announcement, the May 18 Memorial Foundation will make a MOU with the grantee organizations with their updated project plan.



## **Project Evaluation**

· Applicants will submit guided self-evaluation forms which will be analyzed by the May 18 Memorial Foundation.

 $\cdot$  The Foundation may visit some of the grantee organizations randomly over the course of the year or use any other means to evaluate their performance.

# **Application Deadline**

11 February 2013

# **Notification**

Selected organizations will be announced February 25, 2013 by email and by announcement on the official website of the May 18 Memorial Foundation.

## **Contact Information**

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