

SOUTHEAST ASIA NGO DIRECTORY

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We Express Gratitude and Solidarity to Our Comrades of Democracy in Asia

-On the Occasion of the Publication of the South East Asia NGO Directory-



I should consider that the Gwangju People's Uprising on May 18, 1980 and the June Struggle for Democracy in 1987 have thrown light of democracy to the peoples of Asia. However, it is partly because of the Asian masses' tireless struggle playing a role in giving assistance to and support for each other that the democracy movement in Korea has achieved significant success.

The Busan-Masan People's Uprising and the Gwangju People's Uprising for Democracy during late 1970s and 1980s, as well as the mass resistance of the Taiwanese people have made substantial contributions to the overthrow of the Marcos regime in the Philippines through the popular revolution in February 1986. Although somewhat limited, the Philippine people's achievements, which had culminated in the overthrow of the dictatorship, have spread throughout Asia. As a result, Korea has been able to produce an epoch-making result in the process of democratization via the June Struggle for Democracy in 1987. Furthermore, on their road to democratization, which was underway in respective Asian countries such as Burma and Indonesia, Asians have always cared about each other and given support and assistance to the peoples of neighboring countries.

Hundred of thousands of people inevitably shed blood and tears during the struggle for democracy in Korea which is reputed to have grown at a relative pace and has remained in its place until now. Though the fight for democracy was an achievement of the Korean people, the support and recognition from countries worldwide, in particular Asian countries, gave great strength and encouragement to this movement.

Though democracy still has a long way to go, the achievements of the 70s, 80s and 90s lay the ground for future work. The democratization movement has become part of modern Korean history as people remember and inherit the struggle and are inspired to further improve democracy in Korea. One major result of this inheritance and inspiration is the establishment of the Korea Democracy Foundation.

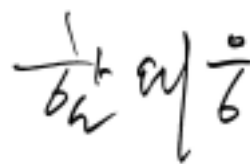
The Korea Democracy Foundation will go hand in hand with the cherished desires of the Asian peoples for the progress of human rights, peace and democracy in Asia and also represents the fellowship of dreams as well as the path of righteousness.

The publication of the *South East Asia NGO Directory* is in part a starting point for realizing such ideals. I hope that this directory will be a key feature for discovering and connecting like-minded fighters for democracy and joining forces with these.

I thank the Korean NGOs Asian Center for compiling this directory, and express my deep gratitude to the comrades of democracy in Asia who helped us collect the relevant data and materials.

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