

PMT Batch 10 Call for Applications

Sustainable Urban Development

Apply by

15 March 2025, 11:59pm, Manila time

Fellowship Period

April to November 2025

Background

The Political Management Training (PMT) is a program designed for emerging political leaders committed to shaping a more just future for Asia-Pacific. Each year, the program centers on a pressing regional issue. For 2025, the theme is sustainable urban development, reflecting the urgent need to integrate modernization with inclusive governance and political innovation in the region.

PMT aspires to gather a dynamic cohort of political decision-makers, thinkers from academia and policy institutions, and emerging experts from media, trade unions, civil society, and related sectors.

It consists of a ten-day in-person training split into two sessions. The training locations will be held in cities across Asia-Pacific where exchanges on sustainable urban development can inspire action and policy. It will also incorporate a blend of learning exchanges (online and face-to-face), institutional and cultural visits, one-on-one dialogues, and alumni experience-sharing sessions.

The program boasts of over 170 alumni members who have now taken on different portfolios as politicians, policy advisors, and party workers at the local, state, and national level.

This is a program fully supported and managed by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippines – a non-profit German foundation committed to the ideals and basic values of social democracy—freedom, justice, solidarity.

Program Timeline

23 Apr	PMT Introductions and Admin Briefing (via Zoom)
30 Apr – 05 May	Political Management Training – Cluster 1, Da Nang, Vietnam (tba)
June-Oct	Zoom-in Sessions (via Zoom)
05-09 Nov	Political Management Training – Cluster 2, Luang Prabang, Laos (tba)

Program Description

The first session is a comprehensive master class on the core principles of sustainable urban development. This segment encompasses rigorous dialogues and engaging community interactive sessions.

The second session focuses on refining advanced political management competencies. This segment delves into techniques such as negotiation tactics, empathic communication strategies, and strategic planning, among other crucial leadership skills needed to realize sustainable urban development.

Throughout the duration of the program, participants will access diverse learning methodologies and tools, including interactions with esteemed PMT alumni for knowledge exchange and dialogue opportunities.

General Criteria and Requirements

The PMT program accommodates 20-25 participants, aiming to include individuals from each country within the Asia-Pacific region, where FES offices operate: Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. Applicants from other Asia-Pacific nations will be considered based on availability, subject to the FES' discretion.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 20-35 years
- Proficient in English for oral and written communication
- Willing and able to travel within the Asia-Pacific region
- Committed to values of freedom, equality, social justice, and solidarity
- Aspiring political decision maker (elective position or career position)

Applicants from diverse gender, class, and ethnic backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline

All application documents shall be submitted to futurehub.pmt@fes.de not later than 15 March 2025 (Saturday), 11:59PM Manila time. Incomplete applications will not be entertained.

Here are the following application documents to be submitted in PDF format:

- **Application Form** (format: App_Full Name_Country)
https://asia.fes.de/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Application_Form_-_PMT_Batch_10.docx
- Curriculum Vitae (format: CV_Full Name_Country)

While FES values the convenience of generative AI in assisting completion of applications such as this, FES hopes to have a good sense of the applicant's thoughts and characteristics that will allow us to measure an applicant's suitability to the program.

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