

**Call for Applications:****Political Management Training (PMT), May to October 2024**

The Political Management Training (PMT) is a program designed for young leaders dedicated to shaping a better future. It aims to equip emerging social-democratic leaders with effective political management acumen, with an end-goal of cultivating cooperation among progressive young people throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The program consists of a ten-day face-to-face training split into two sessions. These will be held in cities across Asia-Pacific.

The program boasts of over 150 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.

The training program aims to:

- Train progressive actors to be champions of social democratic thoughts, ideas, and perspectives among unions, civil, social, and political organizations, political entities, governmental bodies, academia, creative spheres, and media outlets.
- Establish a robust network comprising scholars, educators, and influential figures committed to advancing the principles and ideals of social democracy.

**Program Components**

The first session, scheduled for May, is a comprehensive master class on social democracy. This intensive segment encompasses rigorous debates on ideology and strategy, critical analysis of theories, and engaging community interaction sessions.

Key questions that will be addressed include:

- What are the historical roots of social democracy in the Asia-Pacific region?
- How feasible is the application of social democracy frameworks in Asia-Pacific countries, particularly those in developmental stages?
- What challenges do social democratic leaders encounter, and how do they navigate them?
- How do social democratic parties engage with trade unions and other mass movements?
- What organizational skillsets and values are essential for effective social-democratic leadership?

The second session, to be held in October, focuses on refining advanced political management competencies. This segment delves into techniques such as negotiation tactics, empathic communication strategies, and strategic electoral planning, among other crucial leadership skills.

This session will include discussions of case studies highlighting both triumphs and setbacks of social democratic parties and movements, an interactive public campaigns gallery, and a hands-on election strategizing workshop.

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*

The PMT program accommodates 20-30 participants, aiming to include 2-3 individuals from each country within the Asia-Pacific region, where FES offices operate: Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. Applicants from other Asia-Pacific nations will be considered based on availability, subject to the FES' discretion.

The program caters to applicants with a strong background in civil society engagement, academia, politics, development work, trade unions and media.

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 to careers in social and political development or political management roles

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](mailto:futurehub.pmt@fes.de) not later than 01 April 2024 (Monday), 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)
- Curriculum Vitae (format: CV\_Full Name\_Country)