

## Asia in Review Call for Volunteers Asia Weekly Contributor (South-, Southeast-, or East Asia)

### Overview

If you have a keen interest in the intersection of law and politics and want to contribute to an unbiased and comprehensive representation of the geopolitical and legal landscapes in South-, Southeast-, or East Asia, then Asia Weekly wants you. As a well-curated summary of current events with a focus on constitutional matters and international affairs in the region, Asia Weekly has been providing readers with insightful information since 2017.

The German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) is currently transforming Asia in Review (AiR) into an innovative media platform and offers volunteering opportunities for advanced students and young professionals with a passion for writing, research, communication, or organization.

Asia Weekly is a trusted news review that offers a concise and impartial format for reporting on significant events and strategic developments in Constitutional Law & Politics, Human Rights, International Relations & Geopolitics, and Security & Defense. Our readership includes government and university departments, non-government and international organizations, journalists, and researchers worldwide.

To find out more about Asia Weekly and volunteering opportunities, please visit <https://cpg-online.de/cpgs-asia-in-review/>.

### Roles and Responsibilities

The *Asia Weekly* Contributor role involves two distinct roles, namely writing and researching. The specific role assigned to each contributor, either as a Writer or a Researcher, is determined by our current hiring needs and the applicant's qualifications.

#### *Asia Weekly* Writer

You will be dedicated to researching, conceptualizing, and writing concise and comprehensive pieces on crucial developments and events in and pertaining to a country of your choice; submitting them to the editorial team for revision; making edits as necessary; and resubmitting for publication within a pre-determined timeline.

We are looking for candidates who are keen to develop a sound understanding of the relevant legal-political conditions and realities on the ground, who have strong English writing skills, and who are willing to commit the time necessary to work towards the format's continued success.

Please note that you will be required to provide full coverage of the country/ies that you have been assigned. Considering this, we recommend that you have at least an equivalent of 15 hours to spare each week.

### **Asia Weekly Researcher**

This task requires you to gather material on developments and events in or relevant to the country you have been assigned and submit material within a pre-determined timeline. The purpose of this exercise is to improve your research skills. By developing organized and effective research methods, you'll be able to

- become knowledgeable in the country that you have been assigned,
- learn how to recognize a quality source, and
- learn to keep all gathered information organized.

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### **Why get involved?**

As we are expanding, you have great possibilities to involve yourself in a meaningful and interesting way by taking a responsible role that fits your interests and abilities. Beyond that, benefits include:

- mentorship by dedicated supervisors,
- the advancement of your analytical and writing skills,
- a growing and deepening understanding of an intellectual area,
- the experience of being part of an ambitious start-up,
- leads on future professional opportunities, and
- the opportunity to broaden academic and personal connectivity around Asia and further afield.

Volunteers who successfully complete their volunteering period with Asia in Review will receive a certificate that acknowledges their success. In addition to this, we are also able to issue a certificate that is equivalent to an internship certificate upon completion of the volunteering period.

### **Key skills, knowledge, and competencies**

We are looking for applicants with strong English written and verbal communication skills, good attention to detail, and a sound understanding of the relevant legal-political conditions and realities on the ground. Furthermore, this position requires an ability to actively participate in a highly collaborative team environment; therefore, you should be a self-starter and highly organized.

## Commitment and probation period

It's important to have a real interest in working with us and be ready to learn how to do assigned tasks well and on your own.

The amount of time you'll need to volunteer each week might be different depending on the country or topic you're working on, but we hope you can dedicate around 15 hours a week. You're welcome to commit more time if you're able to.

To be a volunteer, you have to agree to contribute for at least four months. But, we encourage those who can stay for six months to apply.

Kindly be informed that volunteering at *Asia Weekly* entails a mandatory one-month probationary period. This period serves as an evaluation period for both parties to assess whether the role meets your expectations and if you are suitable for the team. Please note that this is an uncompensated volunteer position.

## How to apply?

### Step one:

Complete the survey link at <https://s.surveyplanet.com/2kyreky0>.

### Step two:

Submit a **curriculum vitae (CV)** detailing their skills and experiences and a **portrait photo** (jpeg) via email to Ms. Mowie, Head of Managing Units (AiR and EiR), [join@cpg-online.de](mailto:join@cpg-online.de) with the subject heading '**Application for Asia Weekly Contributor.**' We will respond to every application as soon as we can. Usually, this is within 10 working days of receipt of your application, though at busy times it can take a bit longer.

For more opportunities, please visit <https://cpg-online.de/about-what-we-offer-career-opportunities/>.

## Behind *Asia Weekly*

*Asia Weekly* is being produced by the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance ('CPG'), in cooperation with the Asian Governance Foundation and supported by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V., Foundation Office Thailand.

CPG is an academic institute and think tank attached to the Faculty of Law of Thammasat University in Bangkok. Built upon a three-party cooperation comprising the German universities of Frankfurt and Münster and Thammasat University, it is one of only five Centers of Excellence established worldwide since 2009 under the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal Government. CPG is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and receives administrative support from the German Academic Exchange Service ('DAAD').

CPS's expertise extends to comparative constitutional and administrative law, human rights, peace and security studies, and governance and compliance, as well as law and policy reform. Through its members and partners CPG offers conferences and seminars, training courses and

workshops, and project evaluations and consultancy services to the public and interested parties.

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