



ASEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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### Organisational Information

ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) was established in June 2013 and was formed as part of an evolution of its previous incarnation as the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus (AIPMC), which had been promoting human rights and democracy in Myanmar since 2004.

APHR is a member-based organisation comprised of parliamentarians and influential persons from ASEAN member states, using their unique positions and innovative means to prevent discrimination, uphold political freedom and promote all human rights in the region. APHR supports the work of civil society and human rights defenders and encourages sustainable and alternative solutions that increase pressure on international, regional and multilateral bodies and governments to ensure accountability to the people and uphold and enforce international human rights laws.

APHR engages in grass-roots support of civil society organisations, advocacy and lobbying of government and international bodies, as well as interacting and promoting discussion among regional bodies and institutions to support the development of a regional human rights mechanism in Southeast Asia and strong and effective responses to human rights violations in our region.