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NEWS:

FNF Supports WEB 2.0 Workshop To Strengthen Freedom and Democracy

Dr. Pimrapa Dusadeeisariyakul



The advent of the Internet has ushered in a vastly different playing field for politicians and political parties. The so-called Web 2.0, a term now used to describe an emerging set of Internet-based tools and an emerging philosophy on how to use them, has created a sea of change in political communication.

Prior to this wave of technological innovation, information and news were mostly distributed in a centralised, top-down manner through one-way media channels.

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Thai Military Said To Have Found "The Perfect Niche" in Politics but Coup Is Unlikely

Warangkana Tempati

Another coup is unlikely in foreseeable future as the Thai military has already found "the perfect niche" for playing its role in national politics—pulling strings from behind the scenes, said a civil-military relations expert at a recent forum.

"This is the perfect niche for the military," Dr. Paul W. Chambers, a senior research fellow at the Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg, said. "The prime minister and the government get blamed if policies go wrong."

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Size Isn't Everything: Economic Forum on Role of Small and Medium Enterprises

FNF Philippines

SunStar newspaper, in cooperation with the Philippine Economic Society and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty (FNF), held an economic forum on 26 August 2009 in Cebu City.

The forum looked at what opportunities might arise for the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector in Cebu as the world emerges from recession.

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FNF Supports Democracy Forum on ASEAN Human Rights Body

FNF Philippines

With the adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) foreign ministers of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) on 20 July 2009, the National Institute for Policy Studies (NIPS) held a democracy forum for human rights advocates to discuss the implications of a human rights body in the region.

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"Declaring Independence": FNF Joins Change Magazine in Jakarta Roadshow

Vera Putri

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation's Indonesia office joined its partner organisation, the Change Magazine, on its third roadshow at SMA 1 High School in central Jakarta on 18 August 2009. Change Magazine is the first free progressive magazine by youths and for youths.



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FNF Sponsors Leadership Workshop in Cambodia

Kok Tha

To achieve its broader objective of promoting sustainable community development, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation supported a recent workshop on leadership for Cambodians.

Organised by the Citizen Action Net for Social Development (CAN), an FNF partner on Cambodia projects, the two-day workshop attracted interest and active participation from local NGO activists as well as high-school and university students.

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Strategic Planning Workshop for Thailand's Political Development Council

Kaweeworn Punthong

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation held a training workshop for staff of Thailand's Political Development Council (PDC) on "Strategic Planning: Political Development Strategies".

The aim of the workshop was to provide knowledge for which PDC staff could use to design their developmental blueprints to ensure maximum effectiveness in fulfilling its aim of becoming a successful contributor to Thailand's democratic reform and well-respected political research think-tank.

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Graduation Ceremony for Graduates of Community Management Course in Cambodia

Khim Sophanna



A graduation ceremony was held for 19 Cambodian students who successfully completed the 13-module, distance-learning "Community Management Course" (CMC). This special event was presided over by H.E. Frank M. Mann, German ambassador to Cambodia and H.E. Rafael Dochao Moreno, Chargé d' Affairs of the European Commission Delegation to Cambodia.

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FNF-Sponsored Training: Political Communication in the IT Age

Dr. Pimrapaat Dusadeeisariyakul

FAN Malaysia, an alumni network of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, organised a training workshop on political communication in Kuala Lumpur on 15 August 2009.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Ja'a Paracelte who had earlier attended a seminar on the same topic at the FNF's International Academy for Leadership (IAF) in December 2008. He is currently a Special Officer to the Secretary-General of the Keadilan Rakyat Party of Malaysia.

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Preventive, Unconditional and Constructive Dialogue: Resolving the North Korean Nuclear Issues

Walter Klitz



"There is no alternative to a preventive, unconditional and constructive dialogue in the framework of the Six-Party Talks to resolve the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula," said Mr. Walter Klitz, head of the FNF Korea office, during the 5th Jeju Peace Forum held in Jeju, South Korea on 11-13 August 2009. "All countries involved in the Six-Party Talks should pursue pro-active diplomacy in order to build up confidence."

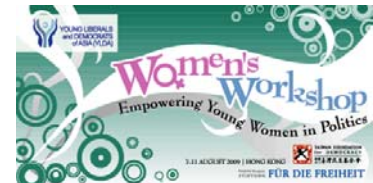
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FNF Sponsors Workshop Aimed at Empowering Young Women in Politics

YLDA

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation sponsored a workshop aimed at empowering young women in politics. The event drew many women leaders from several political parties in Southeast Asia who at this event endorsed a declaration on Women's Rights to Political Participation.



It was the first women's workshop organised by the Young Liberals and Democrats of Asia (YLDA), an FNF partner organisation. Held in Hong Kong on 7-11 August 2009, the workshop was the YLDA's way of reaching out to a more specific group—young liberal women leaders—while it continues to empower the youth to more actively participate in politics through capacity-building seminars and workshops.

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FNF Indonesia Organises Training for Members of Village Councils

Nur Rachmi

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation organised a training workshop on "the Function and Work of a Village Council" for members of Indonesian village councils in Wonosobo, Central Java on 3-7 August 2009.

Organised at the request of the local government of Wonosobo regency, the workshop was part of the Regent's ongoing effort to reform his bureaucracy. The recent workshop was one among the results of the ongoing cooperation between FNF Indonesia and the Regency of Wonosobo.

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Thai PM Abhisit Meets FNF Partner in Manila

CALD

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva met with the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) and leaders of the Liberal Party of the Philippines (LP) for a brief dialogue among liberals.

Senator Noynoy Aquino, vice chairman of LP and former secretary general of CALD,

welcomed Mr. Abhisit and personally thanked him for the message of condolences extended to the Aquino family and to the Filipino people during the time when the entire country was in grief for the death of a democracy icon, former President Cory Aquino.

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REPORTS:



Economic Freedom of the World: 2009 Annual Report Released

Dr. Gorawut Numnak

The Fraser Institute, Canada's leading economic think tank, has just released its annual report on economic freedom. The Economic Freedom of the World (EFW) report is a peer-reviewed publication, seeking to measure the degree to which the policies and institutions of countries are supportive of economic freedom. This is the 13th edition of EFW and this year's report ranks 141 countries for 2007, the most recent year for which comprehensive data are available.

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UNCTAD: Deregulation and Irresponsible Risk-Taking behind Global Financial Crisis

Sebastian Braun



"Deregulation of financial markets" and "irresponsible risk-taking" were behind the world's worst financial crisis since World War II, according to the report "Trade and Development Report, 2009".

"Absence of regulation allowed uncontrolled innovation in financial instruments that obscured creditor-debtor relations and invited irresponsible risk taking. As a result, finance came to predominate over the real economy," the United Nations Conference on Trade and

Development (UNCTAD) says in the report released on 7 September 2009.

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PRESENTATIONS:

"Political Parties and Democratic Development" by Dr. Rainer Adam, FNF Regional Director for Southeast & East Asia.

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"A Nation of SMEs: The German Experience" by Siegfried Herzog, head of the FNF Philippines office

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Overview of FNF Malaysia Programmes and Activities, updated Aug 2009

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