

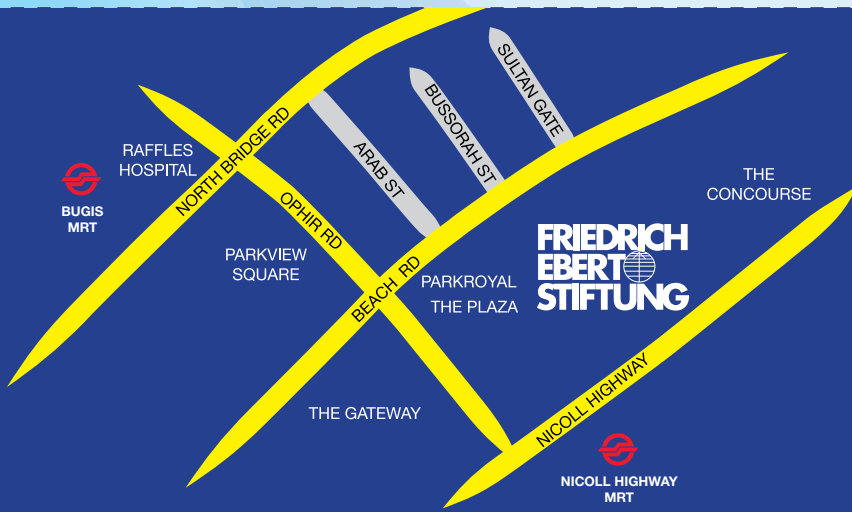
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Established in 1925, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is the oldest German political foundation. It is a private and non-profit institution, committed to the ideal of Social Democracy and named after the first democratically elected German President, Friedrich Ebert. To this day, the Foundation continues his legacy of shaping politics in the spirit of freedom, justice and solidarity.

Through its projects in over 100 countries, FES supports building and strengthening civil society and public institutions. Central to its work are the promotion of democracy and social justice, economic and social development, the support of trade unions and the advocacy of human rights and gender equality.

The socio-political work of FES in South, Southeast and East Asia began more than 40 years ago. Since the beginning, FES has

focused on promoting democracy and peace while strengthening social progress. FES has 15 representative offices in the Asia and Pacific region. Its headquarters are located in the German cities of Berlin and Bonn.



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## FES OFFICE FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ASIA

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia focuses on reinforcing social justice as a key factor for inclusive growth and as a core element of political processes in Asia. Through its project work in Asia, it cooperates with its partners with the aim of strengthening democratic governance and incorporating features of social justice in political and economic processes.

The Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia also coordinates the Regional Trade Union Programme of FES in Asia. In the past few years, FES has actively supported dialogue platforms and multi-stakeholder processes for trade unions and civil society organisations related to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The aim is to establish inclusive and structured mechanisms for constructive stakeholder engagement on the regional and interregional level.

### Our partners

FES works with partners from political parties, parliaments and ministries, trade unions, non-governmental and media organisations as well as academic and political think tanks and consultancies.

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## PROGRAMME FOCUS: PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ASIA

### Strengthening (Inter-) Regional Dialogue

FES accompanies the process of (inter-) regional integration with a focus on the social dimension. The Foundation actively supports dialogue platforms and multi-stakeholder processes for trade unions and civil society organisations in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The main objective is to establish inclusive and multilevel dialogue mechanisms for constructive stakeholder engagement and social dialogue on the regional and interregional levels.

### Regional Trade Union Programme

Trade unions and FES have common roots in the labour movement and share the same values to establish a socially just society in Germany and worldwide. FES supports the regional organisations of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the Global Union Federations (GUFs) to be officially recognized in the regional and interregional integration processes (e.g. ASEAN, ASEM) as

well as within regional institutions (e.g. Asian Development Bank). Through social dialogue, FES supports the integration of all social partners in discussions and policy-making processes on economical and financial matters that have an impact on employment and industrial relations.

### Progressive Discourse on Social Security

Social security systems are an indispensable part of a just society. Comprehensive social security systems help reduce the vulnerability of the population and ensure an equal share of economic growth within the whole society. FES aims at initiating a progressive discourse in Asia about effective, sustainable and solidarity-based social security schemes. Thematic and methodical capacity building of relevant social and political stakeholders contributes to the collective development of a sustainable welfare model in the countries of the region.

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### Future-oriented Solutions for Decent Work in Asia

Having become a persistent feature in most Asian economies, the *informal sector* bears significant job and income generation potential. Yet, it also exposes workers to highly precarious working and living conditions. Low pay and poor working conditions, inadequate legislative protection, lack of social security and limited rate of unionisation characterize their precariousness. FES supports workers' representatives and trade unionists to identify niches and entry-points to curtail precarious employment in the informal sector.

In particular, FES seeks to raise awareness among the social partners about issues related to *domestic workers*, hoping to obtain improvements in living and working standards for this specific group of mainly female workers.

*Labour Migration* is no longer a temporary phenomenon and therefore it is a key policy concern in both Asia and Europe. While the pressures of migration have been well documented, the positive effects of migration on the socio-political environment of the countries are equally important. FES facilitates social and multi-stakeholder dialogues to further migration regimes on a regional level.

