

A MIRACLE TREE SYSTEM

Freedom, safety, dignity are belongs to every single people in this world without any exception. Human rights are an inseparable part and fundamental to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, or religion. No one has the right to take them away from someone else. But, if it happens. It's worst crime and must be dealt firmly.

ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) was a big step taken by ASEAN to take part and lead in protecting human rights as well as world peace, and to ensure that all people specially Southeast Asian get the same right as human beings. 10 years have passed after the declaration of AHRD on 19th November, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Is AHRD contributing enough to protect human rights in southeast itself?.

To answer this question, we should go back to the past to remember some cases of human rights violations happened in southeast Asia that caught the world's attention. some of human rights issues in southeast Asia according to Human Right Watch (HRW) world report 2019:

Myanmar

- Grave crimes against Rohingya.
- Freedom of speech.
- Ethnic conflicts and forced displacement.

Vietnam

- Freedom of expression.
- Freedom of press.
- Access to information.

Philippines

- Exreajudicial killings.
- Children's right.
- Sexual orientation.
- Gender identity.

Thailand

- Torture.
- Enforced disappearances.
- Freedom of expression.

Cambodia

- Media freedom.
- Repressive laws.

Indonesia

- Sexual orientation.
- Gender indentity.
- Freedom of religion.
- Children's right.

This report concluded that AHRD is not effective enough to do its job as human rights protection. It caused by various factors, including: inhibition of the capabilities of ASEAN countries by the principle of non-intervention and sovereignty, lack of education about the importance of human rights to the society, and laws that are only sharp downwards and blunt upwards, etc.

Every single part of ASEAN has important role in the success of AHRD. All interrelated in protecting human rights like a tree starting from roots, trunk, leaves integrate each other well to produce fruits that can be enjoyed by everyone. I called it "Miracle Tree System".

ASEAN countries as the roots; I mean the official of each countries who take over the government. Someone said: "A tree's beauty lies in its brances, but its strength lies in its roots". Roots are the foundation of the tree as well as ASEAN countries are the foundation of the success of every ASEAN policies. It is impossible for tree to hit the storms with weak and rotten roots. And ASEAN will not achieve the goals if every countries do not contribute to achive the goal which in this case is protecting human rights.

AHRD as the trunk. The trunk will deliver water and nutritions from the roots to all parts of tree, as is the case with AHRD where every points contained in this declaration aim to ensure the equality of human rights and safety of the society.

Society as the leaves. Leaves have important roles like any other parts. They capture the sunlight for the photosynthesis process so that the tree can produce energies from this process. Likewise, the society play important roles in the success of AHRD thas has been formed by ASEAN. Without any supports from society, AHRD will not have any impact to uphold human rights. Because every laws drawn up by the government, the society who will undergo this laws.

Every parts of tree have their own roles, as well as ASEAN. So, when all parties carry out their duties will produce various kinds of fruit on one tree, not only equality of human rights and security are produced from this system but will also other sweet fruits such as happiness, comfort, tranquility, and many other sweet fruits that we never imagine before. So that's why I call it a miracle tree.

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