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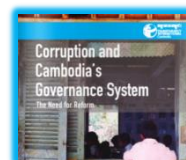
News from the Asia Pacific

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## ASIA PACIFIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



First, congratulations to TI's new Board Members, especially to José Ugaz and Elena Panfilova who were elected Chair and Vice-Chair of our global movement at the AMM on 19 October. We would also like to thank all chapter representatives from the region for their input and helping make the AMM and RGM such a success. A full update on the AMM/RGM will appear in the next issue of *Exchange*. The last few months have been very busy across the region, with many other exciting events also taking place.



CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2014 GLOBAL LAUNCH

**3 December 2014**

### ANTI-CORRUPTION HELPDESK

Below is a selection of some of the latest answers from the Anti-Corruption Helpdesk. To submit a query, contact [tihelpdesk@transparency.org](mailto:tihelpdesk@transparency.org).

HELPDESK RESPONSES:

- Women and Corruption in Public Service: The Sri Lankan Experience
- Human Trafficking in South Asia: Issues of Corruption and Human Security
- Authoritarian Restraints on Online Activism Revisited: Why "I-Paid-a-Bribe" Worked in India but Failed in China
- [Corruption Research Network Newsletter](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

- 9-11 November: 25th ASEAN Summit, Myanmar
- 22 November: People's SAARC
- 24-27 November: SAARC Summit
- 3 December: CPI Launch
- 9 December: Anti-Corruption Day
- Mid-December: ASEAN Experts' Discussion, Myanmar

## Speak Up Asia Pacific Workshop

(By: Peter Tausz)

Our colleagues from Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Vietnam, Vanuatu and Cambodia met in Phnom Penh in early September to support the implementation of legal advice services in several countries and to share knowledge and experiences from the region.



Participants introduced their main results and challenges, and joined trainings on data management, storytelling and case management. Fruitful discussions were held about the future: how to integrate these services better in the organisation, how to achieve case-based strategic advocacy and how to better communicate our story and create impact.

### WORKSHOP RESOURCE LINKS:

- [Technology Presentation](#)
- [Data Management](#)
- [Storytelling](#)
- [Evaluation Results and Strategic Advocacy](#)
- [Case Management Presentation](#)

## Advocacy for Enforcement against Foreign Bribery Workshop (By: Rukshana Nanayakkara)

From September 8 – 10, participants from our Chapters in Malaysia, Cambodia, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, Mongolia and Taiwan gathered in Kuala Lumpur for a workshop to build national and cross border advocacy efforts to fight foreign bribery.

The workshop, hosted by TI Malaysia, explored strategies for the building of national advocacy plans in fighting foreign bribery. As the participants came from both bribe giving and bribe receiving countries in cross border businesses it was a great opportunity to discuss how to bring about more cross-border cooperation among Chapters to initiate information sharing and help push for cleaner businesses in the region. The workshop, facilitated by Adam Foldes from the TI Conventions Unit and Rukshana Nanayakkara from the APD, used TI's [OECD Exporting Corruption Progress Report](#) as the basic reference document. Participants built national action plans which they will share and discuss further with their Chapters.



### LINKS:

- [Transparency International's Tenth Annual Progress Report on Foreign Bribery Enforcement in the OECD](#)
- [Workshop Minutes \(Day 1, Day 2, Day 3\)](#)

# ADB/OECD Regional Anti-Corruption Conference

(By: Rukshana Nanayakkara)

The 2014 ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Steering Group Meeting was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and followed by the 8th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference: Fighting Corruption and Building Trust

As a member of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative’s Advisory Committee the APD played a key role this year in shaping the agenda of the anti-corruption conference. The ADB leadership cooperated with TI in the drafting and planning stages of the meeting, meaning that TI’s presence in this year’s conference was also strongly felt at the meeting itself. Anti-corruption commissions (ACAs) in the Asia Pacific Region were the key target group of the conference, and the space and opportunities provided by the occasion were utilised to individually meet many ACAs in the region, discuss the upcoming ACA strengthening initiative (on which TI held a separate session during the conference) and win the support of ACAs to cooperate with APD’s activities. The conference also provided opportunities for TI chapter representatives to present the work of TI Cambodia on youth and TI



Malaysia on Business Integrity. During the advisory committee meeting, APD lobbied for more ACAs who are not part of the steering committee to be included in the initiative, such as the ACA in the Maldives. We look forward to seeing the delivery of the commitments made and more cooperation with ACAs and our Chapters in the region in the future.

LINK:  
[ADB/OECD Conference](#)



## Pacific Forum (By: Kate Hanlon)

Representatives from all six Pacific Chapters gathered in Wellington, New Zealand on 6-7 September to discuss the future of the Pacific Institutional and Network Strengthening Programme.

The meeting focussed on looking forward to the new activities that will be the foundation of operations in the Pacific sub-region beyond 2014. In particular, we considered professional development, staff training, and opportunities for research and advocacy—all with the aim of strengthening the presence and influence of Transparency International across the Pacific. The revised program – to be named the Pacific Anti-Corruption Strengthening Initiative (PACSI) – will be implemented by TI New Zealand, under the guidance of the Pacific Steering Group (made up of the Chairs of each Pacific Chapter).

It was very fruitful to have Ranmali Fernando, from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in attendance to share the donor perspective in building a strong, new program. The Pacific Advisory Group was privileged to be joined by Sir Anand Satyanand (former Governor-General of New Zealand, current patron of TI New Zealand, and Chair of the Commonwealth Foundation) for dinner during the event.

TI-S would like to thank all Chapter participants (from TI Australia, TI Fiji, TI New Zealand, TI PNG, TI Solomon Islands and TI Vanuatu) and facilitators for their excellent contribution to the success of the meeting. A special thank you goes to TI New Zealand in coordinating and facilitating, not only the meeting, but an agenda that allowed for great dialogue and camaraderie.

## Official Visit of Delegates from the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand On September 19, TI-S welcomed around 60 delegates from the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand.

The delegates were given presentations about TI’s work, while NACC commissioner, Mr. Vicha Mahakun, and Human Rights Inspector, Ms. Atchara Shayakul also gave speeches on behalf of the Thai delegation. Overall, it was a great opportunity to share knowledge and help spread TI’s message with one of the biggest Anti-Corruption Commissions in the Asia Pacific region.



## Asia Pacific Regional Programme: 2014 - 2015 Project Grant Allocations (By: Lamara Papitashvili)

We are delighted to share the results of our call for proposals to receive project grants under the DFAT-funded Regional Programme (July 2014- June 2015). All Chapters, Chapters-in-Formation and National Contacts eligible for DFAT Overseas Development Assistance were invited to apply and proposals were reviewed on the basis of eligibility, quality, strategic relevance, and potential for impact and learning.

Not all funds have been allocated at this stage. Some grants are still under discussion with individual Chapters. Thereafter any unallocated funds will either be disbursed on a needs basis upon Chapter request, or contribute to TI-S led initiatives which benefit Chapters such as workshops or technical support. For more information contact Lamara, [lpapitashvili@transparency.org](mailto:lpapitashvili@transparency.org).

### Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Chapters currently operating or with concrete plans to open an ALAC in the next 12 months

#### SOME EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- Training women to use ICT to monitor corruption in education
- Complaints boxes set up in provinces
- Using art to show how corruption affects marginalised groups
- Mobile advice services to reach isolated communities

Maldives	€ 28,562
Nepal	€ 11,680
Pakistan	€ 15,000
Sri Lanka	€ 30,000
Cambodia	€ 6,312
Malaysia	€ 30,000
Unallocated	€ 18,446

### Youth Engagement

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Chapters who currently or would like to work with young people

#### SOME EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- Expand national youth networks
- Train youth on good governance and civil rights
- Develop young people's skills in project management, communication and advocacy
- Provide a platform for youth to discuss corruption and share ideas and experiences

Bangladesh	€ 11,720
Maldives	€ 14,999
Pakistan	€ 11,230
Sri Lanka	€ 15,000
Cambodia	€ 20,348
Indonesia	€ 15,000
Philippines	€ 1,005
Mongolia	€ 15,000

### Institutional Network Strengthening

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Proposals focusing on exchange and learning, financial sustainability or advocacy and campaigning

#### SOME EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- Develop skills on fundraising and proposal writing
- Develop a fundraising strategy for the Chapter
- Exchanges / workshops on fundraising to be led by TI-S

Maldives	€ 6,335
Cambodia	€ 4,661
Indonesia	€ 1,500
India	€ 8,000
TI-S Led Fundraising	€ 20,000
Unallocated	€ 17,504

### National Integrity Systems Advocacy

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Chapters who recently completed an NIS Assessment

#### SOME EXPECTED IMPACTS:

- Strengthened integrity and effectiveness of the judiciary
- Improved enforcement of asset declaration legislation
- Improved 'Right to Information' legislation
- Strengthened and reduced corruption in the public sector

Maldives	€ 18,342
Nepal	€ 7,927
Pakistan	€ 18,900
Sri Lanka	€ 20,000
Cambodia	€ 1,537
Unallocated	€ 28,992

# PUBLICATIONS

## Anti-Corruption Kit: 15 Ideas for Young Activists

(By: Anna Thayenthal)

In 2013, Transparency International conducted surveys on youth integrity in four countries in the Asia Pacific region: Fiji, Indonesia, South Korea and Sri Lanka. According to this survey, 72 per cent of young people said they would engage in a corrupt act for personal gain, whilst one in five found it acceptable to lie and cheat to get rich. At the same time, an overwhelming number of young people believe they have a role to play in fighting corruption (over 80 per cent) and more than half of young people are willing to report and expose corruption. To capitalise on this energy, APD has developed an “Anti-Corruption Kit for Young Activists”. This kit comprises 15 different ways that young people can tackle corruption in their surroundings.

For any feedback or questions, please contact [Anna Thayenthal](mailto:athayenthal@transparency.org), [athayenthal@transparency.org](mailto:athayenthal@transparency.org)



## TI Cambodia NIS Report (By: TI Cambodia)

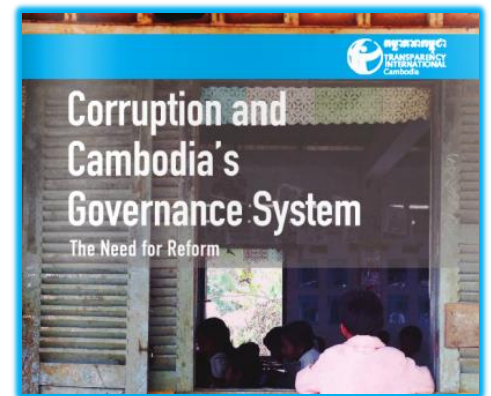
On September 9, 2014, Transparency International Cambodia became the latest chapter to release its National Integrity System Assessment.

A culmination of two years of work, the report provides a comprehensive assessment of Cambodia's governance system. It evaluates 13 'pillars' - from the Judiciary, to the Anti-Corruption Unit, civil society and the business sector - considered crucial for a strong integrity system. A well-functioning integrity system safeguards against corruption and the abuse of power.

***“Corruption is a social disease, and this assessment should be seen as the diagnosis of its nature and causes while the list of recommendations can be regarded as a prescription for preventing and curing the corruption disease.”*** Preap Kol, Executive Director of TI Cambodia.

## NIS Launches in the Asia Pacific

TI Cambodia joins a growing list of Chapters that have carried out NIS assessments recently, with the Chapters from Vanuatu, Bangladesh, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka all launching NIS assessments between April and July 2014, and TI New Zealand releasing their assessment in 2013. Vietnam will also soon release the results of their NIS assessment.



### NIS ASSESSMENT LINKS:

- [Cambodia Full Report: National Integrity System 2014](#)
- [Bangladesh NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [Nepal NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [Maldives NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [Pakistan NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [Sri Lanka NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [Vanuatu NIS Assessment 2014](#)
- [New Zealand NIS Assessment 2013](#)

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CHAPTERS

## Public Platform in Northern Sri Lanka (By: TI Sri Lanka)

On August 8, 2014, Shelter for Integrity, our ALAC in Sri Lanka launched the first Public Platform in the post-war period in one of the former war torn areas in the country. The hall was fully occupied, with 470 participants, including residents and CBO leaders from all the four districts of northern Sri Lanka.



This Public Platform not only provided the public with the opportunity to communicate directly with government officials about issues relating to their daily lives, such as land, water, military involvement in land acquisition, security, road development, healthcare for kidney patients, illegal drugs, and elephant attacks, but also created a space for government sectors to collaboratively puzzle out solutions to common problems.

The side event, "Hand-In-Hand for a Better Governance and Society" Photography Exhibition, which demonstrated the achievements of the northern Shelter for Integrity in the past months, and the current difficulties facing by residents in one of the districts, also attracted a great number of visitors. The exhibition

strongly conveyed the importance of initiatives to counter corruption and the need for cooperation between the public sector and citizens.

Following the event, Shelter for Integrity, received requests from several government agencies in the district to conduct similar platforms in their areas. As a follow up an evaluation meeting will be held in November with the participants and government officials who attended the event to monitor the commitment made during the public platform. .



## Youth Integrity Summer Camp in China (By: Ran Liao)

51 students from 47 universities were invited for the 2014 Summer Camp for National Youth Integrity



The camp took place in Xi'an Jiaotong University, located in Xi'an city, Shaanxi province from 16-23 July, and was hosted by the Anti-Corruption Governance Research Association of China/TI China. The camp members consisted of 24 Student Integrity Ambassadors, 27 student representatives of Student Integrity Associations, and seven instructing teachers.

During the Summer Camp, three guests were invited to give presentations on anti-corruption issues, governance assessment and software development. Students were trained on integrity knowledge, and were asked to conduct corruption case analysis. They also shared best practices and learned-lessons on promoting integrity in the university campus. The participants also joined in both indoor and outdoor team building programs.

## Recent Chapter Videos

Click on the pictures below to see these recently released videos by some of our Chapters.



TI NEPAL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO



TI SRI LANKA NIS VIDEO



TI INDONESIA ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVIE

## Climate Finance

Across the region, Chapters continue to work hard on climate finance issues. Recently, our Chapters in Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Vietnam have all been featured for their efforts to stamp out corruption in climate finance.

The Bangladesh government recently introduced a Climate Change Trust Fund, intended to protect people from natural disasters. However, the fund is plagued by corruption and a lack of safe-proofing, leading to poor implementation. TI Bangladesh has released a documentary and a report outlining the problem, and pushing for reforms and accountability.

Meanwhile, our Chapters in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam have all carried out assessments on the REDD+ scheme, highlighting red flags for corruption. The UN-initiated *Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation* (REDD+) scheme was put in place to try and fight deforestation, but this too needs to be watched carefully for illicit activities.

More exciting advocacy work is to follow in all these countries based on the studies.

### RELATED ARTICLES

[TI Bangladesh: Cutting off our heads to cure a headache?](#)

[REDD+ Assessments: To conserve forests, climate funds must cut out corruption](#)

## Unmask the Corrupt Campaign

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, Transparency International launched its “Unmask the Corrupt” campaign in 11 Chapters around the world. The initiative is aimed at reducing large-scale theft of public money or solicitation of bribes as well as money-laundering payments.



impunity to the corrupt, and TI Indonesia invited creative people to design visual communications material for the new campaign.



TI Malaysia held a press release to launch the campaign in Malaysia. In his keynote address, TI Malaysia President, Datuk Akhbar Satar stated, “there is much work to be done to address illicit money outflows, money laundering and eliminate secret tax havens and opaque beneficial ownership,” and called on the Malaysian government to make advances in the struggle against impunity. A panel of distinguished speakers also took to the stage, sharing their expertise on issues pertaining to the Unmask the Corrupt campaign in Malaysia. TI Malaysia will submit an open letter to the Prime Minister, and conduct a workshop with university anti-corruption clubs to raise awareness on the campaign and engage the youth in promoting ‘Unmasking the Corrupt’ at their universities.

TI’s first global social outreach campaign will come to a head in time for the G20 summit, where all gathered support will be released simultaneously as a “thunderclap”. Please sign on using the link below.



The campaign focuses on three main areas – tracing beneficial ownership, barring those with a history of corruption from accessing their internationally placed assets, and regulating purchase of luxury goods. Of

the 11 pilot Chapters, three are in the Asia Pacific – Indonesia, Malaysia, and Australia.

In Indonesia, demonstrators took to the streets with the aim of introducing the public to the new initiatives taken to no longer permit

### RELATED LINKS

[TI Malaysia: NGO kicks off campaign against corruption](#)

[TI Malaysia: Campaign to unmask the corrupt gets under way](#)

[Unmask the Corrupt Campaign](#)

**SIGN ON TO THE THUNDERCLAP  
AND TELL THE G20 THAT IT'S TIME  
TO UNMASK THE CORRUPT.**



# THE SHOUTBOX

## Letter to the President of Afghanistan

On the 28th of October, TI's new Chair, José Ugaz wrote to the recently inaugurated President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Dr Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai.

In this letter, Ugaz announced that TI is going to begin a landmark NIS study of the governance, transparency and accountability of Afghanistan's main state institutions. TI shall contribute our expertise to building and monitoring an anti-corruption and good governance action plan with the hope of bringing a positive impact to the people of Afghanistan.

## Interns

A warm welcome to APD's new interns, Marie Eilers, from Germany, and Thomas Vink, from New Zealand. They will be with us until the end of the 2014.



## TI Asia Pacific Facebook Group

The TI Asia Pacific Facebook group is now up and running.

Please use this group as an informal and fun place to share news, stories, ideas, events and photos with other Chapters in the Asia Pacific. Please join the page here:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TIAsiaPacificGroup/>

## Uncovering Asia

Uncovering Asia: The First Asian Investigative Journalism Conference will take place in Manila on 22-24 November. The event will bring together top investigative reporters, data journalists, and media law and security experts from across Asia and around the world. Please register here:



## Social Sanctions Kitchen

Social sanctions are part and parcel of social movements all around the world, providing a vast landscape of creativity from which to draw inspiration for no-impunity action in the anti-corruption field. This is a space where these examples can be shared, discussed, liked, loathed and tagged as trending in the simplest, intuitive and visually engaging ways. For insights, tactics & resources on social & political sanctioning join the community of "cooks" by: Visiting [www.notgettingawaywithit.org](http://www.notgettingawaywithit.org) (Access password: endshare)



## Congratulations

### TI JAPAN

Aki Wakabayashi has been elected as the new Chair of TI Japan. She can be contacted at: [awa@mri.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:awa@mri.biglobe.ne.jp).

### TI CHINA

Han Jingyang and Cheng Wenhao have been elected as new Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of TI China. Cheng Wenhao can be contacted at: [Chengwh@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:Chengwh@tsinghua.edu.cn).

### TI KOREA

Geo-sung Kim recently stood down as Chairperson of TI Korea (south) after more than seven years in the role. He also served on the TI's international Board of Directors. Geo-sung will take up a new position as Director-General of Audit and Inspection with the Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education, the largest provincial body in South Korea. We wish Geo Sung all the best in his new role.

The next issue of *Exchange* will come out before Christmas, and include RGM and AMM outcomes, an update on the Asia Pacific ACA index and more of your news.

Please send updates at any time to [tvink@transparency.org](mailto:tvink@transparency.org)