International Union of Socialist Youth  
Motivation Letter for Vice-President of Asia Pacific Committee  

Dear friends and comrades,

In our ever changing world, we are faced every day with challenges that threaten our most basic rights and freedoms. Democracy is threatened every day and it is our very duty to safeguard it. Being part of the International Union of Socialist Youth, our member organizations have a space and platform to input our ideas and experiences with our comrades to learn from one another and build the Socialist Future. I wish to seek the position of Vice-President of Asia Pacific Committee for the very purpose of working together with other democratic organizations to make the democratic system strong.

I would like to share my should I be elected.

Asia-Pacific Committee Membership

• I wish to dedicate my term as VP for APC to improve the membership of the region. The strengthening of Socialism, Social Democratic and Labour movement in the region is key. We will provide an avenue not only for our member organizations but as well as organizations sharing values juxtapose to ours to strengthen relationship amongst us. With this, we will support every national campaign for us to have the opportunity to implement our policies.

Human Rights

• Just last year, Asia Pacific has been plagued with repression but the rise of resistance gives us hope. Hongkong’s defiance echoed around the world; Repressive governments across South-East Asia took severe steps to silence their opponents and muzzle the media; In China, Uyghurs and other predominantly Muslim ethnic minorities have been forcibly detained in “de-radicalization” camps. These are just among the many human rights violations in Asia-Pacific. We must hold the line and strengthen the resistance. We will go beyond statements and pressure governments into ceasing these human rights violations through a social media campaign called #HumanRightsOurFight, where we work with our comrades in the ground to expose the atrocities being committed and sharing it in social media platforms along with lobbying efforts to international human rights authorities.

Press Freedom

• With almost half of the world’s population, Asia-Pacific holds the biggest imprisonment camps and the world’s deadliest place for journalists and bloggers. Some countries are even a black hole for media. Most importantly, the suppression of press freedom has paved way to propaganda and false information which plays a crucial role in eroding democracy. We will be playing a
role in press freedom by recognizing journalists/news teams whose reporting is unbiased. This can come about by releasing online statements or certificates. This can eventually turn as a mark of credibility for journalists to be recognized by our organization.

**Gender Equality**
- Asia Pacific is ranks high overall in gender equality with only 4 out of 18 countries being relatively ahead in having essential services such as education, maternal and reproductive health, financial and digital inclusion, and legal protection and political voice. Among issues prevalent in the region are violence against women, child marriage, human trafficking and persecution of LGBTs. There are still a whole pandora's box of issues. We can help curb these issues through education by having a ToT for Feminism and SOGIE (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification and Expression) among our member and partner organizations. The goal of the training is to equip our comrades with the skills and competencies to educate young people in their localities on what gender equality incorporating the values of Socialist Feminism in the module.

I believe that with my vision, the support of my dear comrades and the International Union of Socialist Youth, we will be able to live up to this organizations’ slogan, All over the world to change it.

Sincerely,

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