



Action Plan 2018-2020

19th General Assembly

Confederation of ASEAN Journalists

In pursuance of the Bangkok Declaration adopted at its 19th General Assembly held in Bangkok on January 24-28, 2018, the Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ) has agreed to the following Action Plan for 2018-2020:

- 1) Lao Journalists Association (LJA) and Confederation of Thai Journalists (CTJ) will jointly organize a “working visit” for journalists from member countries of the Confederation of ASEAN Journalists to promote better understanding among ASEAN countries through tourism. Each CAJ member country will be invited to nominate two journalists for a week-long familiarization tour of tourist destinations in Laos and Thailand. The working visit, which will coincide with the “Visit Laos Year” and “Amazing Thailand Year”, is scheduled to take place in the first week of April, 2018.
- 2) CTJ will work with Thailand’s On-line News Providers Association (SONP) to organize a regional forum on the issue of “fake news” and the role of professional media in dealing with the challenge. Each CAJ member country will be invited to send a representative to attend this forum which will be held in Bangkok in July, 2018.
- 3) Vietnam Journalists Association (VJA) in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Vietnam) will organize a media contest on the topics “Sustainable Agricultural Development”. Journalists from CAJ member countries will be invited to submit articles related to the topic and the awarding ceremony will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam, before the end of the year.

- 4) Persatuan Wartawan Indonesia (PWI) will pursue the “ASEAN Hero” project, designed to award people with outstanding contributions to their home societies. CAJ member countries will submit their nominees to be chosen by a panel of judges.
- 5) The National Press Club of the Philippines (NPC) proposes to disseminate guidebooks that are being compiled by Philippine media in conjunction with Philippine security agencies to help journalists handle threats in various forms against them and their profession.
- 6) The BOD meeting in Laos at a date to be fixed by the LJA/CAJ shall start deliberation on the creation of the “CAJ Advisory Council” as provided for under Article V, Section 2, of the CAJ Constitution and the “Hanoi Declaration of 2015.”

Done in Bangkok at the 19th General Assembly of Confederation of ASEAN Journalists on January 26, 2018