

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING



Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

"A Partnership For Human Rights In Our Region"

VIDEO DOCUMENTARY

**24th – 27th September 2001
Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Overview

The video documentary project was approved by Forum members at both the Forum's third and fourth annual meetings. Filming initially commenced in 1997 and was completed in 2001.

The documentary examines the role of national human rights institutions and the work of the Forum. In addition to footage of our annual meetings and workshops, the documentary focuses on the work of the Commissions of India, Indonesia and Fiji. Important national and regional issues examined include sectarian and ethnic violence, extra-judicial killings, torture, child labour and violence against women. In addition to the work of national institutions the documentary focuses on collaborative work with non-government organisations and the United Nations.

The documentary's video format provides an accessible and cost-effective visual medium that can be widely disseminated to the public through film festivals, public broadcast television and the Forum's membership network to broaden and inform the general public's knowledge of the Asia Pacific region and human rights.

The use of broadcast quality video also means that it can be shown to any audience that has access to a video player including schools, universities, government and non- government organisations. Forum members can also use the video in undertaking educational and promotional activities within their country's education system. Copies of the video will therefore be given to each member to incorporate into its education and promotion program.

For further information on the video documentary please contact the Secretariat of the Forum.