

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Peace and Conflict Journalism
Course 1 & 2 Abridged
for Journalists
April 21 to 23, 2016

Journalists are key players in the battlefields of today's conflicts and in the epicentres of disasters and humanitarian crises. Without journalists and their platforms, the world cannot know the situation on the ground. It is the journalist that reports what is going on and what is needed. It is the journalist that relays information that is vital to those in the position to do something – other people in the universe collectively called the audience. By just reporting the facts, journalists influences the course of events. Journalists set the conditions for justice and peace. Journalists set the conditions for aid and the integrity of creations.

This awareness of the role journalists have in situations of conflict, wars, crises and disasters, gained through painful analysis of conflict and war coverages and disaster and humanitarian response reporting for the last two decades by journalists of PECOJON – The Peace and Conflict Journalism Network, demands a redefinition of the responsibility of all media practitioners. It requires reporters, editors and media managers to have a deeper understanding of the mechanics of conflict and crisis and to learn how to report it without fanning flames that lead to more suffering.

Since 2004, PECOJON – The Peace and Conflict Journalism Network, working with veterans who bring in decades of fieldwork experience and academicians who bring in a wealth of knowledge on the craft, have been conducting training on Conflict Sensitive Journalism to media practitioners in the Philippines, Indonesia, East Timor, Cambodia and Myanmar, with the goal of incorporating CSJ principles and techniques in mainstream journalism practice and education.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

Qualified to apply for this program will be print (newspaper & magazine), online, broadcast (tv and radio) journalists who are committed to attend both courses (PJ1 & PJ2). Journalists covering conflict, crisis and war are highly encouraged to apply.

Training Date: April 21-23, 2016

Arrival date & time: 12:00NN, April 20, 2016 (tentative)

Departure date & time: 10:00AM, April 24, 2016 (tentative)

Tentative Venue:

The Cebu Grand Hotel

N. Escario St., Cebu City 6000

Only twenty (20) participants will be accepted for this course. Priority is given to journalists from Leyte, Samar, Pangasinan, Legaspi and Albay, the Cordillera Autonomous Region, Lanao del Sur, the Negros Region, Soccskargen, the Caraga Region, MIMAROPA and Guiuan.

Accommodations, travel arrangements and meals during the course duration will be facilitated and arranged by PECOJON. Taxi expenses from home to airport or from home to bus terminals will not be reimbursed and will be considered as counterpart of the participant. The same applies to meal expenses during travel. However, taxi expenses from Bus Terminal or Airport to Course Venue will be reimbursed accordingly if no transport service has been pre-arranged.

A registration fee of PhP 300.00 will be collected during registration at 1:00PM of April 21, 2016. The course will start officially at 3:00 PM of the same day.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. A letter of Application/Intent**
- 2. Filled-out Application Form**
- 3. Filled-out Medical Fact Sheet and Waiver**
- 4. Registration Fee of PhP 300.00**

DEADLINE: Applicants are expected to submit their application form on or before April 01, 2016, to trainings@pecojon.org.

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DESCRIPTION OF COURSES:

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Peace and Conflict Journalism 1 (PJ1)

- The course discusses concepts of conflict, violence, and peace, provides methods of conflict analysis and conflict transformation and introduces participants to the principles and strategies of Conflict Sensitive Journalism.

Peace and Conflict Journalism 2 (PJ2)

- The follow-up course aims to deepen participants understanding of the concepts of Conflict Sensitive Journalism, provides practical exercises and discusses related topics such as propaganda, civil military coordination, trauma and other important topics depending on the participants' composition and current affairs.

Qualification Course for Peace and Conflict Journalism Trainers (PJ3)

- The third course provides in-depth examination of the principles of Conflict Sensitive Journalism including update on current state of research. It equips participants with teaching and training methodology specifically geared towards participatory approach, including modules on training needs assessment, training design and logistics.

Conflict Sensitive Journalism in Reporting Human Trafficking (RHT1)

- The course applies the principles and techniques of CSJ in reporting Human Trafficking, the 21st-century version of slavery, and provides participants with practical exercises done in field conditions as well as a working familiarity with related national and international laws.

Conflict Sensitive Journalism in Disasters and Humanitarian Response

- The course applies the principles and techniques of CSJ in reporting natural disasters and the ensuring humanitarian response. Anchored on the premise that the potentiality of conflict is highest when resources are scarce, the course also provides participants with a working knowledge of humanitarian law and policies of accountability to affected communities.