

In Memoriam



Sunila

Sri Lankan human rights defender, Sunila Abeysekera, passed away on 9 September 2013 aged 61. In 1990, Sunila co-founded INFORM Human Rights Documentation Centre, a Colombo-based human rights organisation and FORUM-ASIA member. FORUM-ASIA learned a great deal from Sunila's work for peace and justice and women's rights in particular that brought real change to communities on the ground. The special moments shared among those who had the privilege of working with Sunila and who dedicate their lives to the struggle for human rights and to humanity will be treasured. Sunila's spirit will live with us for as long as we continue to fight for that dream and aspiration of human rights and dignity for all.



Farid

Mohammad Farid, a child rights advocate in Indonesia passed away on 28 February 2015. Farid was the founder of Yayasan Sekretariat Anak Merdeka Indonesia (SAMIN), a FORUM-ASIA member and Indonesian NGO that promotes and protects the rights of children. He served as member of the Executive Committee of FORUM-ASIA from 2005-2007. Farid also served as Chairperson of Asia ACTs, a regional network for children's rights. FORUM-ASIA fondly remembers Farid for his infectious fighting spirit and dedication to the cause of human rights. Civil society in Indonesia and the region has lost a great comrade. But his contributions will live on forever in the hearts of those whom he had served.