

## 2017 Jakarta Declaration

We are some of the 1.8 billion young people aged between 15 – 30 in the world today—the largest generation of youth the world has ever known. We know first-hand the ways in which youth are affected by global political, social and economic developments and believe that positive youth engagement in civic and political processes is more important than ever.

Generation Democracy is a global coalition of more than 400 young people and organizations located in 75 countries around the world, united by the desire to give voice to the aspirations and needs of young people, and to ensure that the world's youth are better served by local, national, regional and international institutions.

We, as young leaders from 15 countries across Asia, are dedicated to advancing the voices of youth in civic and political processes and recognize that there are different challenges facing youth around the globe, including:

- The lack of empowerment, representation, equality and engagement of marginalized communities, including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, refugees, LGBTQI, and the economically disadvantaged;
- The dearth of opportunities for young people to grow and assume leadership roles;
- The disconnect between young leaders and policy makers;
- Growing apathy toward policy and politics fueled by disinformation; and
- The absence of effective coordination for youth action among young people.

To overcome these challenges, we, the young people of Generation Democracy, as part of the #NoVoteNoVoice #UnitingYouth campaign, pledge to:

- **Provide** safe online and offline spaces to amplify the voices of marginalized communities and encourage the formation of national and regional alliances that build solidarity and promote inclusion;
- **Advocate** for opportunities to build a generation of accountable youth leaders;
- **Identify** mentors, partners and allies who are committed to supporting the leadership journey of youth across Asia;
- **Tackle** apathy among youth through online and offline platforms that provide youth and political leaders the opportunity to debate and address issues through critical thinking; and
- **Unite** youth across cultural and political party divides to mobilize a movement that catalyzes change and mobilizes action.

*Positive change for a greater quality of government starts with us. We are the generation to solve these challenges.*

*We are Generation Democracy!*