The Australian section of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) supports a wide range of humanitarian projects and partners working in Southeast Asia, as well as reports on human rights issues in Australia itself. The ISHR headquarters in Germany also works closely with partners in Pakistan on issues related to the persecution of religious minorities, and also focuses on human rights violations in East Asia, especially in the People’s Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of North Korea, as well as in Vietnam. Another current issue has focused on the persecution of the Muslim Rohingya minority in Myanmar.

To learn more about specific issue areas and our work in the Asia, see the updates below.

**UPDATES**
ISHR-Statement on North Korea at the UN

Frankfurt am Main/Geneva, 9 March 2020 - At the 43rd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, ISHR presented a statement on the human rights abuses against North Korean refugees with a particular focus on sexual violence against North Korean women repatriates, thereby exercising its consultative status granted by the UN for the first time.

Schirrmacher visits Memorial Hall in Nanjing

The President of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), Thomas Schirrmacher, visited the Memorial Hall for the victims of the Massacre of the Japanese invaders 1937/1938 in Nanjing (China).

Hong Kong is no longer the same Hong Kong

Two million peaceful demonstrators and record high police brutality: Hong Kong used to be called the shining pearl of the East. The combination of Chinese traditional culture and the British rule of law made Hong Kong the world’s third biggest financial center ...
Secretary General of PSCORE (People for Successful COrean REunification) about the situation of women and children's rights in North Korea

Human Trafficking Experts visit Brick Factory Slaves in Lahore

The President of the International Council of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) and author of the book ‘Human Trafficking’ has sought out brick factories near Lahore, Pakistan where slaves working under the most degrading conditions are producing bricks.

Vietnamese Institute for Human Rights: Expert Discussion at the IGFM

Upon request of the German Foundation for Legal Cooperation (IRZ) on behalf of the Federal Government, an expert discussion about human rights was held on the premises of the International Society for Human Rights (IGFM) in Frankfurt, with an eight-member delegation of the Vietnamese Institute for Human Rights (VIMR), which was sent by their government.