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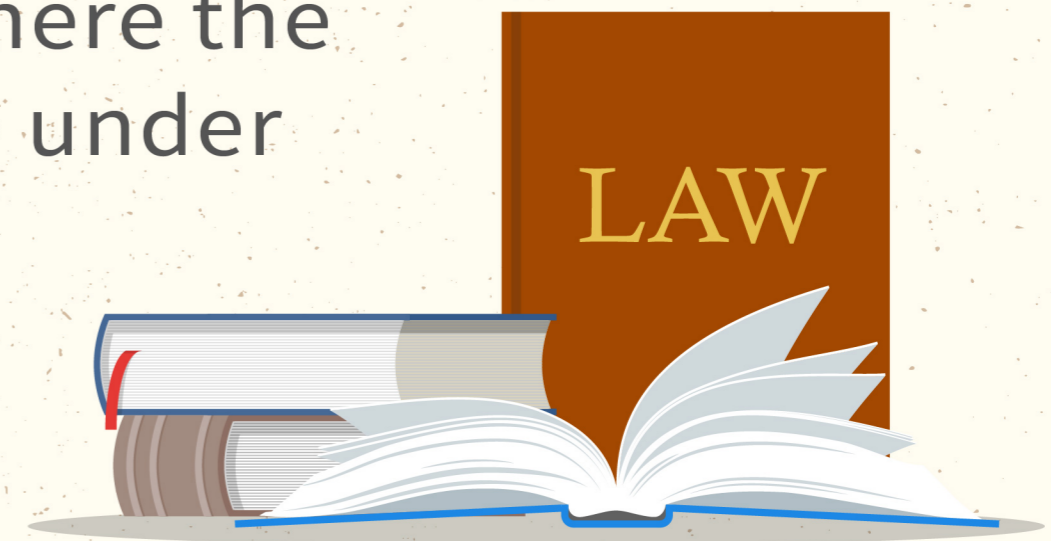
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Why are they awarded with the Tang Prize?

The three non-governmental organizations are awarded for their efforts to strengthen the local legal institutions and furthering the rule of law through methods of **scholarly research, innovative strategic litigations, public education and advocacy.**

They are deeply committed to **the fight for individual, social and environmental justice** where the rule of law and social conditions are under severe challenges.



Promoting and Fighting for Environmental Justice in Bangladesh

Bangladesh suffers from severe environmental derogation caused by pollutions, and **particularly effected by climate change.**



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BELA
Bangladesh Environmental
Lawyers Association

Since 1994, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) has initiated **more than 300 environmental public interest litigations** and advocated several legislative reforms.

BELA had also successfully persuaded the Supreme Court of Bangladesh to dictate that **the people enjoys the fundamental right to a decent environment** according to the Constitution of Bangladesh.



Safeguarding Human Rights and the Environment in Colombia

Environmental and Human Rights Problems are pressing issues in Colombia.

• The Amazon Rainforest •

The Amazon rainforest suffers from **over-extractions of natural resources** and the adverse impacts of climate change.



• Human Rights Issues •

The marginalized groups such as the **indigenous people, peasants, the LGBT and the Afro-Colombian communities**, also human rights and environmental activists, are constantly under threats and oppressions in Colombia.



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Dejusticia was **established in 2005**, formed by top legal scholars and practitioners, combining with robust social movements and **capacity building**, raising awareness on many human rights and environmental issues.

On behalf of **25 Colombian youths**, the Center presented a plea, enabling the Colombian Supreme Court to unprecedented rule in 2018, **recognizing the Amazon as a subject of rights**, ensuring the government's obligations to protect and to conserve.



Strengthening the Judicial Independence and Protecting the Rights of the Underprivileged in Lebanon

Today's Lebanon faces many challenges deriving from **corruptions in public sectors, high unemployment rate, poor living standards** and the influx of refugees from neighboring states.



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Established in 2009, the Legal Agenda thrives to work towards **improving and strengthening judicial independence in Lebanon and other Arab countries**, through conducting in depth research, creating judicial observatories and proposition of draft law on judicial independence.

The Legal Agenda's works are to ensure the protection to the rights of underprivileged groups, including **workers, migrant workers, and refugees**. Through litigations, the Organization **developed model defenses** after each winning verdict, to protect the fundamental rights of the people.

They make people believe that the rule of law can actually change the world

Their contributions represent the rule of law is not solely limited to governmental measures or judicial decisions, **everyone can contribute by being active and vocal on the concept of the rule of law.**

