

# Stop the Deportation of Michael Garlan!

**Michael Garlan is a Philippine national who has been seeking asylum in Austria since 2017 because of political persecution in his home country. Right now he is threatened of being deported to the Philippines where his life is in danger. Please help us to support Mike with a lawyer!**

Mike is the secretary general of MIGRANTE, a Filipino migrant organization dedicated to promoting the rights and welfare of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Mike started as a community-based human rights activist in early 1999 while still in the Philippines.



In 2014, he decided to move to Austria with the endorsement of MIGRANTE International committee in charge of international migrant/overseas Filipino workers. As an activist, Michael Garlan does not waste any single day in doing his task and so starting day one in Vienna he participated in the Vienna Labor Day rally of 1st May 2014. Since then, has been actively and consistently involved in the campaigns and activities of MIGRANTE Austria.

Advocacies and assisting Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) in asserting their human rights were the major areas of his task. He strived to raise awareness of the Philippine situation and of the plight of Filipino migrant workers. He organized and joined demonstrations, adding his voice to those calling for justice and peace.

Michael Garlan, “as a migrant activist openly speaking on behalf of the oppressed is being vilified as an ‘enemy of the state’ and was forced to seek the protection of the Austrian government in October 2017. As time goes by, it becomes clearer that staying in the Philippines is most risky and dangerous for Michael Garlan.

Let us not look away! Sending Michael Garlan back to the Philippines, where the human rights situation deteriorates from day to day, would be utterly wrong, cruel, and unjust!

Michael Garlan is in urgent need of support to finance legal help, to prevent this deportation from happening, to help him continue to contribute to advancing the rights and welfare of migrants from the Philippines and other countries in a way that would also benefit Austria as host country. Let us make it possible for him to become an asset to his community and to Austria!

If you are able to support Mike with the financial burden of the cost for a lawyer, please consider making a donation on his solidarity bank account:

## Bank Account:

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