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## filmmakers from Asia



The banner features the 'docs by the sea' logo on the left. The main text reads 'DBTS Labs + Forum is Calling for Applications'. Below this, it says 'Register here' and provides the link 'bit.ly/applyDBTS23'. A black box on the right states 'Deadline: 24 April 2023'. At the top, contact information is listed: 'docsbythesea.org', 'docsbythesea@in-docs.org', and 'Follow us on: @docsbythesea'. Logos for 'in-docs', 'AMERICAN FILM SHOWCASE', and 'wonderful indonesia' are visible at the bottom left. The banner is decorated with colorful abstract shapes and icons like a fish and a film reel.

Docs by the Sea (DBTS) 2023 are calling for applications from docu-filmmakers from Asia for their DBTS Labs and Forum, held online and in Indonesia from 17 July to 8 September 2023.

Docs by the Sea (DBTS) is an annual international documentary lab and forum based in Indonesia, dedicated to cultivating creative documentary projects from Asia towards international co-producing and distribution opportunities. It is a platform for emerging Asian documentary filmmakers to **launch their projects, to network with fellow documentary filmmakers** and global decision makers, while obtaining industry insights.

Docs by the Sea are looking for **23–26 creative documentary projects** in the following segments:

- Storytelling Lab
- Editing Lab
- Creative Producing Lab

After intensive development in DBTS Lab, participating projects will enter pitching sessions to a panel of documentary organisations and industry representatives in the DBTS Forum. DBTS Lab and Forum will conclude with the DBTS Awarding Night with prizes from festival partners. Aside

from winning awards, all participating filmmakers in Docs by the Sea will have the opportunity to secure international co-production.

## Key dates

- Online Labs: 17–27 July 2023
- Editing Lab (in-person) 1–2 September 2023
- Pitch Training (in-person): 2–3 September 2023
- Forum (in-person): 4–8 September 2023

## Eligibility and conditions

To be eligible for Docs by the Sea Labs and Forum, the project must be produced or directed by a national of any of these countries:

- Southeast Asia: **Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam**
- Central Asia: **Kazakhstan**, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- Eastern Asia: **China**, Hong Kong, **Japan**, Macao, **Mongolia**, North Korea, **South Korea**, Taiwan
- South Asia: Afghanistan, **Bangladesh**, Bhutan, **India**, Maldives, Nepal, **Pakistan**, Sri Lanka

The project submitted can be a documentary project at any stage of production, on the condition that there is already a pitch trailer/concept trailer made of the project.

Filmmakers of selected projects in Storytelling Lab and Editing Lab are required to travel to Indonesia to pitch their project in the Forum.

[Docs by the Sea application guidelines](#)

**Deadline: 24 April 2023**

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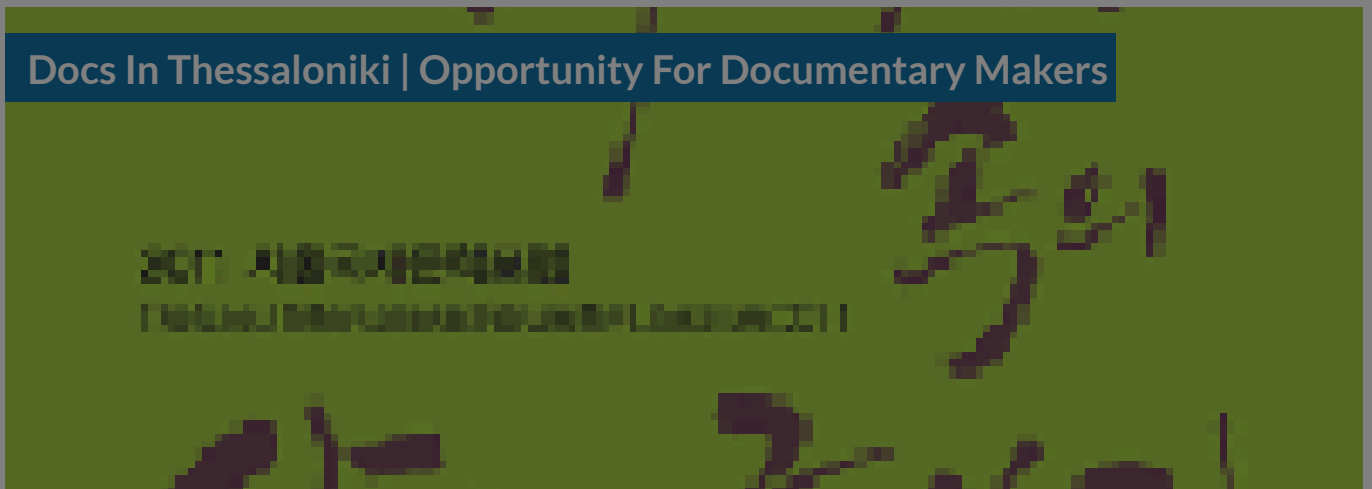
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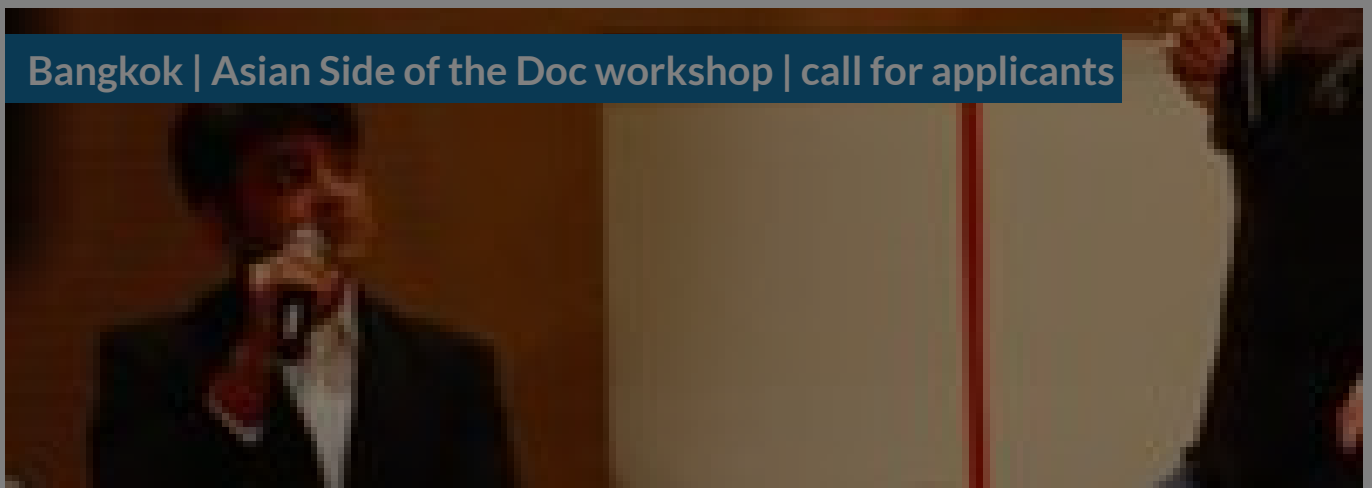


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