

Dear Referee,

## **ASIA JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP 2026**

Thank you for supporting an application to the **Asia Journalism Fellowship (AJF) 2026**. We appreciate your time, and your input will help us understand the applicant's work and potential beyond what we can see in the application materials alone.

### **About the Fellowship**

Since its launch in 2009, the AJF has established itself as a prestigious mid-career programme for outstanding Asian media professionals. The programme is hosted by the Institute of Policy Studies at the National University of Singapore, in partnership with Temasek Foundation. (More information on the programme is available at [www.ajf.sg](http://www.ajf.sg)).

AJF 2026 will bring together journalists from across Asia for an eight-week programme, comprising four weeks online and four weeks in Singapore (**6 July to 28 August 2026**).

### **What we are looking for in your letter**

We would be grateful if you could comment on the following aspects of the applicant:

- Journalistic strengths and professional standards (*e.g. reporting rigour, verification habits, editorial judgement*).
- Impact and credibility (*e.g. achievement and contribution in the newsroom or in their community*)
- Learning mindset and collaboration (*e.g. ability to engage with feedback, work with others, and contribute to group learning*)
- Potential for future contribution (*e.g. how do you see the applicant growing professionally, and what difference could they make to their profession or society over time*)

### **How to send your letter**

You may pass your letter to the applicant to include in his/her application package. Alternatively, you can also email it directly to us at [applications@ajf.sg](mailto:applications@ajf.sg). Please indicate the applicant's name in the subject line).

### **Deadline**

All application materials, including recommendation letters, must be received by **Friday, 22 May 2026 (GMT+8)**.

Thank you once again for your contribution to AJF 2026.

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Director

Asia Journalism Fellowship