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Director, Research

Vriens & Partners is a corporate advisory firm headquartered in Singapore with offices in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Malaysia, the Philippines and Cambodia. We specialize in government affairs, public policy, and political risk analysis in Southeast Asia. We provide expert analysis of pressing public policy issues, strategies for engaging key stakeholders, independent appraisals of the political risk associated with existing and potential investments, strategic communications services and risk communications counsel, and risk assessment and management.

We are seeking a Director, Research to serve as a Singapore-based internal consultant for our project teams based around the region. This candidate will be an effective writer and editor of political analysis, in addition to possessing strong communication, organizational, and teamwork-related skills.

Firm Development Objectives

- To **elevate the firm's standard of writing and presentations** and ensure consistency in voice and quality
- To **lead the firm's political and regulatory monitoring function and oversee the firm's regular political and economic updates.**
- To **ensure the firm sets consistent positioning and tone** in political commentary

Role

- **Major Firm Reports**
 - Establishes and promulgates a one-firm style for all written products
 - Advises project managers on structuring and developing major reports
 - Writes/edits executive summaries
 - Edits reports if necessary
 - Rewrites reports if necessary (minimum)
- **Writing Training**
 - Leads writing training for new consultants training
 - Leads writing training for senior consultants
- **Monitoring**
 - Ensures that the quality of monitoring is consistent across the firm
 - Ensures that monitoring methodology is robust and consistent across the firm.
- **Monthly Regional Update**
 - Writes regular political updates on major markets in the region covering political, business and economic developments with the input and ultimately the approval of the country teams
- **Ad hoc Political Updates**
 - Writes ad hoc updates on relevant political developments – elections, cabinet reshuffles, etc. – with the input and ultimately the approval of the country teams
- **Firm Positioning**
 - Responsible for firm positioning on political analysis, in consultation with Managing Partner and Country Directors

Profile

- Southeast Asia expert
- Master's degree or PhD in Asian Politics
- Think Tank, Consulting and/or In-house experience. Academics with corporate (or equivalent) experience may be considered

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- Extensive writing credentials, particularly on analysis of political and economic developments
- Demonstrated skills working with on a diverse international team
- Demonstrated ability to write for a popular (non-expert) audience
- 7 to 10 years of work experience

Additional Information:

- Location: Singapore
- Schedule: Monday – Friday (full time)
- Travel: Occasionally

Interested candidates should send their applications to careers@vrienspartners.com and indicate the position being applied for in the subject line. Please include a cover letter and current resume.

Vriens & Partners is Southeast Asia's leading government affairs strategists. Our clients are leading multinationals, business associations, and non-governmental organizations. We employ nearly 70 people, of 12 nationalities, and operate across 11 countries and territories. We offer our consultants a challenging and dynamic working environment and exposure to multiple industry sectors, in a young and growing consulting firm.