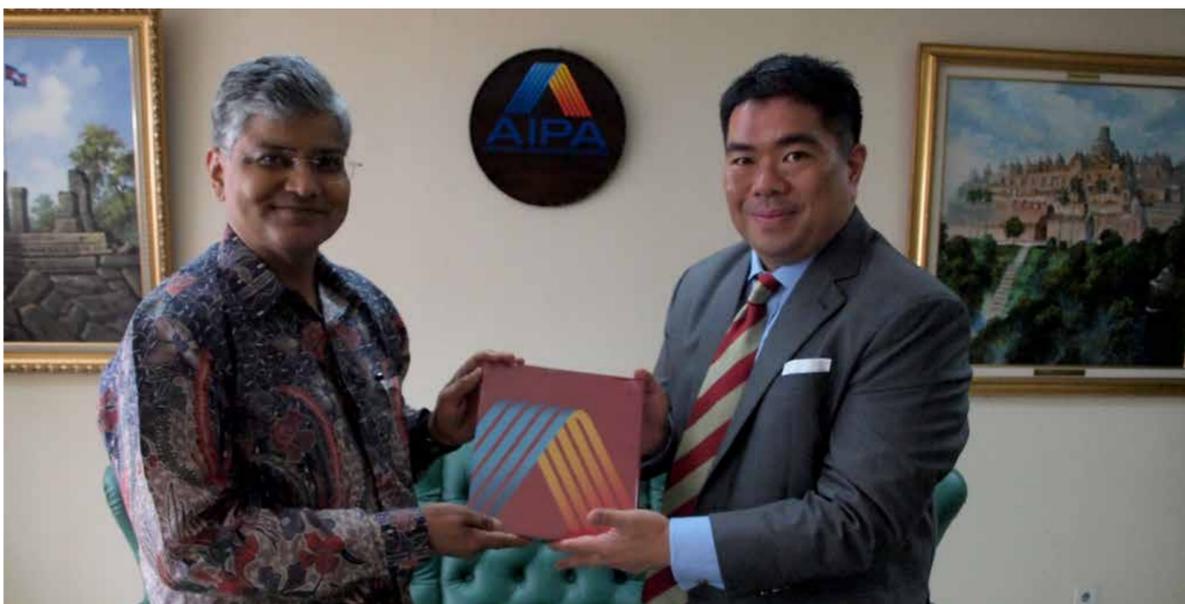


“COURTESY CALL”



Visit to AIPA Secretariat by H.E. Pradeep Kumar Rawat Ambassador of the Republic of India to Indonesia

On 14th November 2017, H.E. Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat paid a courtesy call on AIPA Secretary General, Hon. Isra Sunthornvut. The courtesy call was to introduce himself as the new Ambassador of India to Indonesia, and focus on boosting relationships between Indian Parliamentarians and AIPA Parliamentarians.

The discussions led to both sides also exploring possible avenues where AIPA Parliamentarians could listen to the grievances of the Indian private sector in investing in the ASEAN region. Particularly in the fields of health care and information technology (IT).

AIPA HISTORY



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In 1977, the same year of the establishment of AIPA (then AIPO), Singapore initiated the river clean-up action plan called "The Cleaning Operation" which was initiated by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, in order to tackle pollution in the Singapore River and Kallang Bay. After ten years of hard work, dedication and cooperation, the Singapore River and Kallang Bay became pollution free, and is still praised for its cleanliness today.

For 40 years, AIPA Parliamentarians have debated many common shared issues, on top of that list has been the protection of the environment and the dangers of pollution in the ASEAN region.



“AIPA Capacity Development Project Meeting between GIZ and AIPA Secretariat”

On 15 November 2017, a meeting between Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the AIPA Secretariat was held.

Ms, Nicole Heppner, GIZ Principal Advisor met with Hon. Isra Sunthornvut, Secretary General of AIPA to discuss the preparation process of the continuation of the AIPA Capacity Development Program, a project which is commissioned by the Federal Government of Germany with technical assistant provided by GIZ as the implementing agency. The meeting focused towards the continuation of the project into a third phase that will last until 2020.

NATIONAL DAY OF MYANMAR

National Day is the only non-religious public holiday in Myanmar. The date of the holiday changes every year and falls on the tenth day after the full moon in the month of Tazaungmon of the Myanmar lunar calendar.

National Day in Myanmar originates from the student uprising against British rule. The anti-British sentiment had been festering among Burmese citizens and it finally reached its peak and culminated in 1920.

In 1920, Burmese students led the first protest against British rule. The students protested the University Act, which they believed only benefited the elite and would ensure a prolonged colonial rule. The protest spread throughout the country and many schools also started their own strikes against the colonial system. Finally the protest grew into a full-scale fight against British colonization, that lasted till 1948.

The anniversary of the protests came to be commemorated as National Day in Myanmar. Every year the date of the holiday has to be confirmed and is celebrated in either November or December.

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