



CONSIDERATION OF THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 30TH AIPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

It becomes a norm that every AIPA General Assembly approved a number of important resolutions on political, economic, social, organizational and women matters and during the 30th AIPA General Assembly was no exception in which 30 resolutions were approved. But only 9 resolutions which is within the AIPA executive power were implemented, while the rest of the resolutions are at the behest of the Parliament and the Government of the member countries.

No doubt that AIPA is one of the important regional body and the General Assembly is where the Parliamentarians of the ASEAN member countries and dialog partners exchange views and opinions, debates and making important decisions on matters which are beneficial to their countries and the ASEAN as a whole. The importance of the AIPA contributions to ASEAN was reflected in the statement made by H.E Nguyen Phu Trong, President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, and President of AIPA at the meeting between ASEAN Head of Government/State with ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (AIPA) on the 8th April 2010 “AIPA’s recommendations in various areas have been producing positive impacts on policy making, legislation and law implementation oversight of ASEAN member countries”, but in reality there is no concrete information as to how the resolutions are implemented in their respective member countries. There is no mechanism to monitor the implementation and the secretariat has no power to compel the member countries to implement them.

In the case of Brunei Darussalam, the officer responsible of the meeting will brief the Prime Minister verbally, and at the same time the written and compiled reports will be sent to the Prime Minister’s department and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for them to take action where it is appropriate. The Prime Minister’s Department normally will disseminate the report and resolutions passed by the AIPA General Assembly, if not fully implemented, at least come to the attention of the executive branch of the government.