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SHORT BIO THE AIPA **PRESIDENT**



Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia

On 1 October 2019, Puan Maharani was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia. The current 2019-2024 parliamentary period marks her first designation as a leader of the House, as well as the House's first ever period when a female parliamentarian is elected Speaker of the House. The faction of which she is a member, Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle Faction, won majority votes in the 2019 legislative election, securing 128 out of 575 seats in the parliament.

Puan Maharani was born in Jakarta, 6 September 1973. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of Indonesia. In the 2009-2014 parliamentary period, she became a Member of the House representing Central Java V constituency, which includes Boyolali, Klaten, Sukoharjo, and Surakarta. During her parliamentary tenure, Maharani was appointed member of two different commissions, Commission I (defense, intelligence, foreign affairs and information) and Commission VI (trade, industry, investment and small and medium enterprises). Additionally, she was also a member of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, the parliamentary standing committee whose main responsibility is exercising parliamentary diplomacy in support of Indonesia's foreign policy in numerous international fora.

Prior to becoming Speaker of the House of Representatives, Puan Maharani was the Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Indonesian Culture, serving under current President Joko Widodo's Working Cabinet for the 2014-2019 period. Similarly, through this designation, Puan Maharani also became the first woman to ever hold the office of Coordinating Minister. The Indonesian Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Indonesian Culture oversees Ministry of Religious Affairs; Ministry of Education and Culture; Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Social Affairs; Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantage Regions, and Transmigration; Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, and; Ministry of Youth and Sports.



Six months into my tenure as the Secretary-General of AIPA, I am honoured to be part of the team to build upon the momentum of Indonesia's Chairmanship of ASEAN this year, centred around the themeof "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth." Resonate closely, the theme of AIPA is "Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN" signifies the shared commitment to reinforce the role of parliament in the region to create a more adaptive, responsive and prosperous ASEAN.

Certainly, it is only right to continue all the legacy that has been paved and advanced together in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity and one community. This year we have broke the yearly record of 158 activities just in the first 180 days. We have also successfully formulated the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030, for the first time in history. I believe that this Strategic Plan will strengthen AIPA to continue working hand-in-hand and synergise its ongoing efforts to realize ASEAN that leaves no one behind.

Finally, let us make AIPA continue to be relevant and responsive as the key player in the regional and global community. I am confident that with the support of AIPA Member Parliaments and National Secretariats, Observer Parliaments, Strategic Partners, friends from within and outside the region and my team at the AIPA Secretariat, we will successfully achieve AIPA vision for ASEAN and its people.

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417 Delegates from the AIPA Member Parliaments, Observer Parliaments, the AIPA and ASEAN Secretariats, and Guests of the Host participated in the 43rd AIPA General Assembly hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Phnom Penh from 20 to 25 November 2022



Meeting of **Women Parliamentarians** of AIPA (WAIPA)

Chaired by Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng of the Kingdom of Cambodia, 21 Parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments expressed its concern over the significant gender equality and inclusion implications of the global pandemic outbreak and urged the development of genderresponsive plan to remove barriers to women's full participation in decision making at all levels and across all sectors. The committee also discussed how the AIPA Member Parliaments. especially the women parliamentarians, can strengthen the role of women in the peace and security process, conflict prevention, postconflict reconstruction, and rehabilitation.

The Committee approved 3 Resolutions, including Resolution on Gender Equality Women Empowerment for a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient COVID-19 Resolution Recovery, on Promoting the Role of Women Parliamentarians in Advancing Women, Peace and Security Agenda, Resolution on the Adoption of the Meeting of Coordinating Committee of WAIPA.



Political Matters

The Committee on Political Matters was presided over by Hon. Mr. Hun Many of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Consisting of 21 AIPA Parliamentarians, the Committee underscored key geopolitical and geostrategic challenges that are currently impacting regional and international peace, security, and prosperity.

The Committee on Political Matters also recognized the need to strengthen ASEAN's relevance, centrality, and proactive role to safeguard regional peace, security and stability against the unprecedented multiple and complex challenges unfolding in the Southeast Asian region.

The Committee unanimously approved 5 Resolutions concerned on peace, multilateralism. **ASFAN** solidarity. Centrality, maritime security, regional stability, and ASEAN five-point consensus.



Committee on **Economic Matters**

Hon. Mr. Chheang Vun of the Kingdom of Cambodia led the discussion of the Committee on Economic Matters on sustainable and inclusive economic growth, Capacity Development for MSMEs, digital transformation, and tourism for economic recovery.

20 Parliamentarians of AIPA Member Parliaments agreed in consensus to approve 3 Resolutions relevant to the topic of the discussion.



Social Matters

Chaired by Hon. Mr. Yang Sem of the Kingdom of Cambodia. 23 AIPA Parliamentarians identified that digital revolution may widen the social gap, especially those living in areas with limited physical infrastructures for health, education, water, electricity, and other services. The Committee also stressed its concern on the health and wellbeing for all at all ages; children, the elderly people, women and girls, people with disabilities, ethnic groups, as well as other vulnerable and marginalized groups, during the post COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

In this regard, the Committee on Social Matters approved Resolution on Enhancing Digital Transformation for Inclusive Social Protection, and Resolution on Strengthening Social Health Protection to Address Challenges in ASEAN. The Committee also took into consideration the outcomes of the 5th Meeting of AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs and the 1st Official Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.



Committee on **Organizational Matters**

Hon. Mr. Chhit Kimyeat of the Kingdom of Cambodia chaired the Committee on Organizational Matters to discuss plenty of Organizational agenda including the AIPA Secretariat financial report and budget estimation.

The Committee considered the applications from the United States Congress, the Parliament of Georgia, the National Assembly of Nepal, and the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to be granted Observer status of AIPA. The Committee also agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Freeland Foundation, and Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) for additional three years.

AIPA Parliamentarians also welcomed the initiatives to the Development of the AIPA 2023-2030 Strategic Plan Funded by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) ASEAN and the Establishment of AIPA Digital Law Library. Three AIPA Distinguished Service Awards were conferred by the Committee on Organizational Matters to H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib of Brunei Darussalam, Hon. Kittisangahakbindit Khuon Sudary of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Hon. Rose Marie J, Arenas of the Philippines in recognition of their meritorious services to AIPA.





The Committee extended its highest appreciation to the fifth Secretary General of AIPA, Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van for her service in three years of her term, and also supported the appointment of H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman from the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam as the sixth Secretary General of AIPA for the next three years.

Met officially for the first time, the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA discussed the draft resolution on "Fostering Engagement with Young People for a Sustainable, Resilient, and Prosperous ASEAN Community." 20 participating Parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments shared their valuable inputs on the draft resolution that aimed to foster engagement between young parliamentarians and young people of ASEAN, in order to encourage further young people's participation and contribution to ASEAN Community building process. The attending delegates also expressed their support to transform the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA into a Standing Committee of AIPA, in which the meeting has mandated the AIPA secretariat to process the above transformation procedurally in accordance with applicable AIPA regulations to be adopted at the 44th AIPA General Assembly in Indonesia.





Secretary General of AIPA and 20 AIPA Delegations assembled



by the AIPA parliamentarians during the Hearing. The meeting also discussed how the two organizations could synergize to increase the awareness of the peoples on ASEAN identity and to narrow the intraregional gap.

The dialogues between AIPA Member Parliaments and the Observer Parliaments proceeded with the topic "Investing in Peace, Sustainable Development, and Post COVID-19 Recovery." The Dialogues affirmed the strong commitment of AIPA and Observer Parliamentarians to enhance mutually beneficial cooperation and partnership on equal basis, promote exchanges of official visits from both sides to further strengthen the ties of ASEAN-Observer Countries' economy, peopleto-people relations, promotion of the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and good governance.

THE TRANSFER OF OFFICE OF THE AIPA SECRETARY GENERAL

HON. NGUYEN TUONG VAN

5TH AIPA Secretary General

There were many challenges on my way during the last three years, I did my best to fulfill my responsibilities in the Secretary General capacity and I am very happy to see significant progress achieved by AIPA during this hard time.

On this occasion, please allow me to express my deepest gratitude, especially to the 3 Presidents of AIPA during my term from Vietnam, Brunei and Cambodia for their wonderful leadership and to all AIPA Member Parliaments for their valuable support. Last but not least, my term would not have been concluded with success without the close cooperation and hard work from my colleagues at AIPA Secretariat and National Secretariats.



H.E. AR. SITI ROZAIMERIYANTY DATO HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN

6TH AIPA Secretary General

While it is truly an honour to be the Incoming Secretary-General of AIPA, I would like to acknowledge the Honorable Madam Nguyen for her admirable work and efforts through the very challenging years. It is only right to continue all the legacy that has been paved and advance together in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity and one community.

The role of ASEAN – with support from AIPA – is to bring the people together and platforms for them to grow their ideas while reinforce legislative measures. It is important that we gain the support from the grassroots as ASEAN must be a unified and inclusive region.

I look forward to your excellencies support and boosting regular interaction with ASEAN and our dialogue partners in making 'ASEAN matters: Epicentrum of growth' next year.



AGENDA **ACTIVITIES**

January - July 2023





Strategic **Plan**

The year 2023 marks a milestone for the AIPA and its Member Parliaments, as we have successfully formulated the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030 for the first time. We have identified the need to formulate a strategic plan that will guide the parliamentarians in channelling the voice from the grassroots while reinforcing legislative measures for the people of ASEAN.

The AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030 is developed upon conforming to ASEAN vision and beyond across all three pillars to ensure its relevancy and continual application. Indeed, this strategic plan signifies a strong collective commitment, unanimity, and cooperation to enhance the parliamentary capacity to become more adaptive and responsive.







Vision Statement

United in diversity, the peoples of ASEAN live prosperous lives in stable, peaceful, just and inclusive societies, and in a sustainable and healthy environment to ensure that all individuals can live in dignity and fulfill their potential



Mission Statement

To formulate enabling parliamentary measures to achieve the goals of ASEAN integration, foster inter-parliamentary cooperation based on multilateralism, and promote rules-based policies on sustainable, resilient and inclusive development









Leaders' Interface during NDASEAN

10 May 2023, Labuan Bajo - East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

Led by the AIPA President, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. (H.C.) Puan Maharani, the AIPA Delegation met the ASEAN Leaders on Wednesday. 10 May 2023 at the Meruorah Komodo Hotel, Labuan Bajo - East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, that marked the 12th meeting of the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface. Parliamentarians from 9 AIPA Member Parliaments and Secretary General of AIPA joint the delegation.

As a mechanism to exchange views on how executives and legislatives of ASEAN can work effectively for the betterment of the region, the AIPA President H.E. Dr. (H.C.) Puan Maharani delivered AIPA Message which highlighted the important role of ASEAN and AIPA as the key institutions of the region.





- Continue to maintain peace, unity, centrality and vitality of ASEAN as a factor ensuring peace, stability and prosperity in the region.
- Promote strong and sustainable economic growth in the region, enhance responsive capability ASEAN's resilience, focus on energy and food security in the volatile context of the region and global.
- Continue promote green investment and encourage green, equitable and sustainable finance; develop a roadmap, legal framework and policy to achieve the green initiatives and agreement in ASEAN.
- Improve the operational efficiency of ASEAN mechanisms and between ASEAN and its partners, including AIPA.
- Promote innovation, transfer, application and development of science and technology for growth and sustainable development.



Preceding the interface with ASEAN Leaders, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia hosted parliamentary preparatory meeting on 9 May 2023, to deliberate and finalize the AIPA Message to be delivered by the AIPA President to the ASEAN Leaders at the interface meeting. To ensure the process in drafting the AIPA Message is participatory, consultative, and inclusive, the AIPA Secretariat conjointly with the Host Parliament in collecting and incorporating all the inputs received from AIPA Member Parliaments.



DRUGS 6TH AIPA ADVISORY

30 - 31 May 2023, Bogor - Jawa Barat, Indonesia

AIPA Secretary General attended the 6th AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs hosted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia from 30 to 31 May 2023 in Lido Lake Resort by MNC Hotel, Bogor-Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

Under the theme "Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN", participating Parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments reported the development of drug situation in their countries. AIPA Parliamentarians also discussed the Draft Resolution on Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN, and Recognized that socio-economic factors especially income disparity, unemployment, and poverty are possible root causes of drug abuse, provoking vulnerable people, youths and marginalized groups of society. Following the deliberation, AIPA Member Parliaments has successfully



and generated the actions and recommendations including to take account of inclusive economic development in drug-prone communities by strengthening national laws, stipulate more focussed national budget, and oversight.

During the meeting, the AIPA Secretary General underscored the importance of economic growth as a means of creating a drug-free environment. emphasized that economic growth is essential for job creation, income generation, and poverty reduction – all of which are critical for building a strong community that is drug free.























OF AIPA COMMITTEE OF WAIPA 2ND COORDINATING MEETING OF **WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**

5 June 2023, Padang - Sumatera Barat, Indonesia

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia hosted the 2nd Coordinating Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA on 5 June 2023. The meeting took place in hybrid format with the participation from 6 AIPA Member Parliaments. Representatives from UN Women Indonesia Office, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, and Padjajaran University are also invited as a resource person for the discussion topic on "Enhancing ASEAN Resilience through Women Leadership and Gender-Responsive Parliament". Hon. Ms. Irine Yusiana Roba Putri, Chairperson



of WAIPA, Member of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia led the discussion to gather recommendation and inputs with regards to the above-mentioned topic. Following the conclusion of the meeting, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia has generated all recommendations from the AIPA Parliamentarians into a draft resolution which will be discussed by the WAIPA Committee at the upcoming 44th AIPA General Assembly in Jakarta.



THE AIPA CAUCUS 14TH MEETING OF

application and development of science and technology for sustainable growth Promoting innovation, transfer, and development The 14th AIPA Caucus Meeting took place in Phu Quoc city of the Mekong Delta province of Kien Giang, Viet Nam, from 9 to 12 July 2023. The Meeting discussed the thematic topic of "Promoting innovation, transfer, application, and development of science and technology for sustainable growth and development."

As a mechanism created to monitor the implementation progress of the adopted AIPA Resolutions, the AIPA Member Parliaments presented their country reports on the status of implementation of 12 AIPA Resolutions adopted at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly across 4 different committees. The AIPA Member Parliaments and AIPA Secretariat have in total monitored 147 Resolutions adopted in 2017-2022 on its status of



Implementation. Approximately 86.8 % of total resolutions have been implemented, while 9.98 % partially implemented, and 3 % have not been implemented.

The launching of the new AIPA Website and Handbook on "Promoting the Adoption of ASEAN Guidelines on Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry: A Practical Handbook for ASEAN Parliamentarians" also took place during the AIPA Caucus. The Handbook outlined the role of parliamentarians as key strategic change makers to boost responsible investment in Southeast Asia.



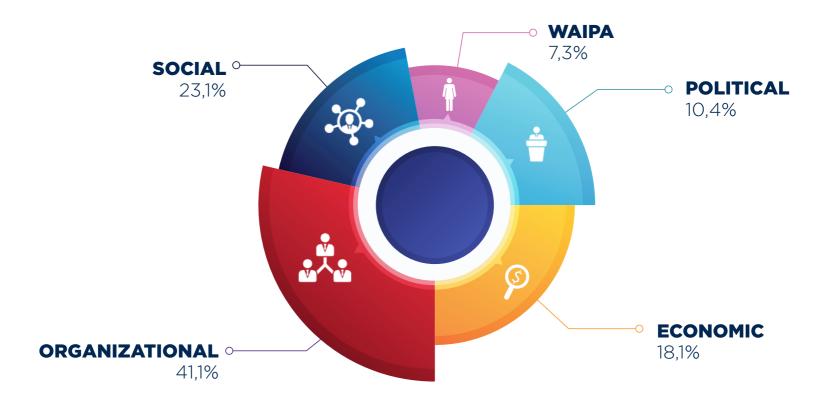




AIPA Adopted Resolutions in 1977 - 2022

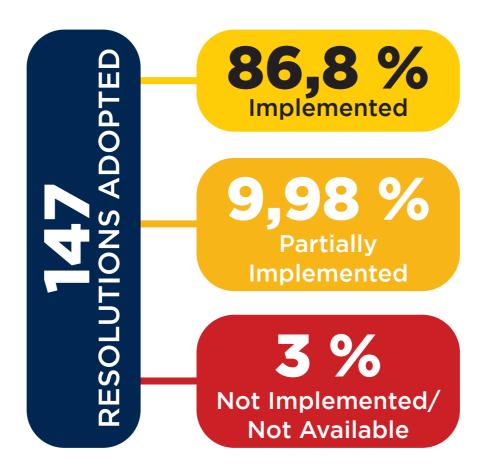
AIPA has adopted 961 resolutions since its establishment in 1977.

The organizational committee takes the largest portion with 395 resolutions, followed by social committee with 222 resolutions, economic committee with 174 resolutions, Political committee with 100 resolutions and WAIPA committee with 70 resolutions



Status of Implementation of AIPA Resolutions adopted in 2017-2022

This year, the AIPA Secretariat have gone the extra mile by improving the matrix template that collects the progress of the implemented adopted resolutions from 2017 until 2022. It allows us to look beyond than the adopted resolutions in the previous year. There are a total of 147 resolutions adopted across all of the committees. Accummulatively, the average rate of the implementation of all the resolutions is 86,8% Implemented while 9,98% Partially Implemented and 3% not implemented or data is unavailable.





STRATEGIC THEME

To formulate
Enabling
Parliamentary
Measures
Supporting
ASEAN Integration

7TH FORUM ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ASEAN

The ASEAN Secretariat organized the 7th Annual Forum of Entities on 15 May 2023 in the ASEAN Secretariat compound, Jakarta, Indonesia. The forum brought together all the entities to meet and have an open discussion with the H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, on various topics related to ASEAN matters. In the discussion, it was underlined by the Secretary-General of ASEAN that reinforcement of relationship between the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Entities is necessary in achieving the goals and aspirations of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

AIPA is listed as one of the 77 entities associated with ASEAN in Annex 2 of the ASEAN Charter.



WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP **RECOMMENDATIONS TO 44TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (AIPA)**

AIPA Secretary General and AIPA Secretariat staffs joined the Indonesian House of Representatives in the Workshop to Develop Recommendations to the 44th General Assembly of the AIPA on 20 June 2023. Organized by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) in collaboration with the Indonesian Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, the Secretary General of AIPA was invited to deliver a keynote speech on the role of AIPA in making gender equality in ASEAN a reality. In her speech, AIPA Secretary General underscored the importance of closing the gender gap and increasing the presentation of women in politics and decision making within the region.

Following the workshop, the event continued with a Working Committee Meeting to discuss and formulate recommendations on several draft resolutions to be tabled at the upcoming 44th AIPA General Assembly.





OBSERVATION OF THE 7TH MANDATE NATIONAL ELECTION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

The AIPA Secretariat joined the delegation of AIPA to observe the 2023 election of Members of Parliament for the 7th Mandate of the Legislature of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which took place on Friday, 21 July 2023, and concluded on Sunday, 23 July 2023.

The AIPA Delegation consisted of AIPA Secretariat headed by the AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul, and four AIPA Member Parliaments; Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Prior to the election day, the delegation of AIPA had the honor to have a Courtesy Call with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, followed by a luncheon at the Peace Palace.

The AIPA delegation observed the 2023 General Election in Cambodia, and witnessed a proper democratic process, where political parties competed freely without interference and provided voters with diverse choices.



STRATEGIC THEME

To Foster Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Based on Multilateralism Within and Outside ASEAN

10 Activities

2023 SEAPAC CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The AIPA Secretary General and AIPA Secretariat staff participated in the Southeast Asia Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC) Conference and General Assembly, on 27-28 February 2023 at the Sultan Hotel Jakarta and Bogor Botanical Garden, Indonesia.

SEAPAC is the Southeast Asian regional chapter of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC). This network comprises parliamentarians who share common concerns and prioritize addressing anti-corruption and good governance matters. The primary focus of SEAPAC lies in advocacy efforts, which involve capacity building, information facilitation, best practices, lessons learned, and research. Since 2019, through DPR RI, Indonesia has taken the lead in this international inter-parliamentary network, serving as its regional secretariat after leading the network from 2015-2019.

During the conference the participants primarily discussed the roles of parliaments in addressing contemporary issues related to political finance, green corruption, and post-audit oversight. The discussion aimed to identify both challenges and opportunities that could empower parliaments and parliamentarians to actively contribute to the alignment and institutionalization of broader anti-corruption policies.



146TH **IPU ASSEMBLY AND 2ND** NAM-PN CONFERENCE

AIPA has been a permanent observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and has regularly received invitations to attend its assemblies. However, there has been no previous record of the AIPA Secretary-General's attendance at past IPU assemblies due to technical limitations.

This year, the AIPA Secretary General received an invitation to the 146th IPU Assembly in Manama, Bahrain, along with an official invitation from the Chair of NAM-PN (Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network) to attend the 2nd NAM-PN Conference as a sideline event of the IPU Assembly. The decision to





















participate was justified based on the AIPA Statutes, which empower the Secretary General to represent AIPA as an observer in international parliamentary conferences.

From 11 to 13 March 2023 in Manama, Bahrain, the delegation of AIPA Secretariat participated at the 146th IPU Assembly to observe its organizational structure, the assembly's functioning, and discussed relevant issues including participation in the Forum of Women Parliamentarians. The delegation also had several bilateral meetings with several AIPA Member Parliaments to update on AIPA's activities, AIPA Strategic Plan, and mandates received from the previous AIPA General Assembly. The AIPA Secretary-General also had a meeting with the IPU Secretary-General to explore potential cooperation between the two organizations.

Upon the invitation from the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN), the delegation of AIPA Secretariat attended the sideline event of the 2nd NAM-PN Conference, where the topic of the conference was to discuss the parliamentary support to the national and international efforts on post-pandemic recovery. Furthermore, following the discussion result at the Executive Committee Meeting and further consultation with the AIPA Member Parliaments, the AIPA Secretary-General, representing AIPA, and the Chairman of the NAM-PN and the Chairperson of the Azerbaijani Majlis, representing NAM-PN, signed the Memorandum of Understanding on 12 March 2023 in conjunction of the 146th IPU Assembly in Manama, Bahrain.



10TH NEVSKY **INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONGRESS**

The Nevsky International Ecological Congress serves as a platform for parliamentary cooperation within the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) focusing on environmental safety, harmonizing environmental law, and promoting eco efficiency in the economies. It also plays a vital role in raising environment awareness and promoting healthy lifestyles to foster a more sustainable future. Bringing together representatives from government, business, academia, research, organizations, and nonprofits, the Congress advocates for resource and energy efficient low-waste technologies and emphasizes the responsible management of natural resources and waste.



invitation from the Federal Upon Assembly of the Russian Federation, AIPA Secretary-General addressed the 10th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, organized from 25 to 26 May 2023, through a video message. In her message, the AIPA Secretary-General acknowledged the reality of climate change, emphasizing that the world faces a critical moment in the conservation and sustainability of the planet that has intensified challenges in economic difficulties, food insecurity, and increased poverty rate. AIPA recognizes the vital role of parliament in preserving and sustainability utilizing natural resources, and has prioritized environmental issues in the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030.

To tackle this, AIPA Secretary-General emphasized the need for stronger collaboration between governments and parliaments to effectively respond to complex challenges and reinforce accountability in upholding international environmental agreements. **AIPA** remains committed to making concrete parliamentary contributions and fostering collaboration to accelerate climate action and working towards a better future for all.





AIPA Secretariat participated in the forum activities, including held a side bilateral meeting with the Representative of Korean National Assembly and President of Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum on the ASEAN-Korea, and trilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the National Assembly of Korea and the Secretary General of the Senate of Cambodia, and the Deputy Secretary General of the House of Representatives of the Philippines.

The forum's sessions discussed the roles of parliaments and businesses in facilitating supply chain cooperation and sustainable cooperation on climate change between ASEAN and Korea.

The AIPA Secretary General actively participated in both sessions, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts to promote sustainable practices and mitigate climate change and assuring the delegation's commitment to coordinate the idea and explore ways to enhance cooperation between AIPA and the National Assembly of Korea. The forum also generated a Joint Statement, outlining the importance of forging complementary cooperation, supply chain revitalization, mitigating climate change, and fostering dialogue between parliaments and business sectors of ASEAN and ROK.



STRATEGIC THEME

To promote
Rules-Based
Policies
on Good
Governance,
Human
Rights, Social
Inclusion and
Sustainable
Development

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Activities

REGIONAL CAMPAIGN ON WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP JOURNEYS:

EMBRACING EQUITY IN POLITICS

AIPA Secretary-General attended and delivered a keynote address at the Forum of "Women's #LeadershipJourneys: Embracing Equity in Politics" on 21 March 2023, as part of the Women's March to Celebrate the 2023 International Women's Day.

The forum aimed to address the gender gap and promote women's political leadership in the ASEAN Region.

In her keynote address, the AIPA Secretary-General highlighted the persistent gender gap in politics, citing the slow progress in achieving gender parity worldwide. While women's representation in ASEAN parliaments increased from 19.7% in 2010 to 22% in 2022, it still falls short of the global average of 26%.





SPEED MENTORING **ROUNDTABLES IN** CELEBRATION OF THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL **WOMEN'S DAY**

#FIERCE ShePower) *WomenDelive

In celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March 2023, the AIPA Secretary-General was invited to be a mentor in Speed-Mentoring Roundtables hosted by the Mission of Canada to ASEAN and the Embassy of Canada in Indonesia. On this occasion, AIPA Secretary General shared her personal and professional experiences as a female leader, businesswoman, and mother.

The Secretary General of AIPA also highlighted the importance of women's representation in the ASEAN parliament which is still lagging behind the global average. The Speed-Mentoring Roundtables have given an opportunity to keep an open dialogue for gender equality and encourage young women. More than 5 prominent female leaders, ambassadors, CEOs, and activists were also invited to the Speed-Mentoring Roundtables, while AIPA Secretariat staff, female midprofessionals, and students attended as mentees.



SECOND GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY SUMMIT AGAINST HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Upon the invitation letter extended to participate at the Summit, AIPA Secretariat received two letters from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AEICD) Food and Agriculture the Organization of the United Nations (FAO), addressed to the President and Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA). The meeting was conducted from 15 to 16 June 2023 in hybrid mode with the physical venue in Valparaiso, Chile. The President and Secretary-General of AIPA participated virtually in the Global Summit.

The Global Summit highlighted four crucial aspects in order to promote enabling environments for inclusive, resilient, efficient and,





sustainable agrifood systems through the role of parliamentarians by; 1) ensuring the availability of and access to healthy food for all, 2) bridging the gender gap in food security and nutrition; 3) transforming agrifood systems to make more inclusive, sustainable, equitable and resilient to climate change, and; 4) strengthening coordination, cooperation, and partnership at national, regional, and international levels to ensure the right to adequate food for all.

During the Inauguration Ceremony, the President of AIPA underlined the important role of parliament in creating legislation, allocating public funds, and monitoring the government's policy in combating hunger and malnutrition. The Secretary-General of AIPA delivered intervention at the Session 4 "Strengthening coordination, cooperation and collaboration to guarantee the Right to

Adequate Food", highlighting the issue of hunger and malnutrition in ASEAN with a potential global food emergency looming unless immediate action is taken. The Secretary-General further reaffirmed that AIPA acknowledges the principle of sustainable investment in agriculture and food systems will contribute to the improvement of food security and nutrition within the ASEAN community. AIPA is committed to incorporating the guidelines into national legislation and collaborating with stakeholders to mitigate food insecurity, as this objective aligns with one of the five strategic areas outlined in the ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan 2021 to 2025.

ASEAN WPS SUMMIT: HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

The ASEAN Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Summit 2023, held from 5 to 7 July in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, aimed to advance the regional plan of action on Women, Peace, and Security (RPA on WPS) adopted in 2022, and emphasized importance of strengthening partnerships, resource mobilization. and regional accountability to promote gender equality and women's leadership in conflict resolution. The participation of AIPA in the ASEAN WPS Summit was intended to learn further about the recently adopted RPA on WPS and its implementation, and to align the work of AIPA with ASEAN on the issue of WPS.

The Summit showcased successful initiatives, such as the Peace Village of Wahid Foundation and Wedomartani Village, highlighting women's active involvement in peacebuilding and economic empowerment. Meanwhile, plenary and breakout sessions discussed





challenges and opportunities in implementing the RPA on WPS, focusing on cross-border issues, non-traditional security challenges, and relief and recovery efforts, with key discussions centered on ways to address emerging security challenges, including cyber threats and climate-related issues, from a gender perspective.

With a joint pledge supported by partner countries, and UN Women to support ASEAN's endeavors, the Summit highlighted the role of women parliamentarians in advancing the WPS Agenda and explored possibilities for multistakeholder dialogue and underscored the importance of regional accountability, resource mobilization, and strengthened partnerships to create a more inclusive and peaceful ASEAN community.

JOINT BRIEFING ON MARINE DEBRIS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF), and United Nations Conference on Trade (UNCTAD) jointly organized a Briefing on "Technology and Innovation Solutions to address Marine Debris in Southeast Asia" on 6 July 2023. Following the adoption of Resolution on "Combating Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastic" at the 38th AIPA General Assembly, the purpose of the briefing was to bring parliamentarians to discuss and share expertise and identify the practical and innovative solutions on pressing issues of marine debris in Southeast Asia.







The briefing successfully involved 44 participants from AIPA Members Parliaments, AIPA Observer Parliaments, and International Organizations. Resource persons from the ASEAN Secretariat, ERIA, and UNCTAD, presented topics on the "Overview of the Marine Debris Condition in Southeast Asia and the Role of Parliament in Addressing the Issue", "Management of Marine Debris Waste in Southeast Asia", and "Plastic Control Measures and the Role of Innovative and Traditional Plastic Substitute and Alternative" respectively.

The joint briefing also generated a Joint Statement of AIPA-UNCTAD-ICCF Marine Debris Program, reaffirming the commitment to harness the power of technology and innovation to curb environmental concern and protect the sustainable future for oceans and reaffirming further the aspiration of ASEAN through the Bangkok Declaration, adopted in 2019, and ASEAN Community Vision 2025 to take concrete actions in combating marine plastic debris and promote innovative solutions.





BALI WORK PLAN
MULTI-SECTORAL TASK
FORCE (MTF) MEETING
AND THE THIRD ASEAN
PARTNERS MEETING FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE BALI WORK PLAN
2019 - 2025

The 3rd Bali Work Plan: Multi-Sectoral Task Force Meeting and ASEAN Partners Meeting, held in hybrid mode on 8 July 2023 in Bali, Indonesia, focused on the progress of implementing the ASEAN Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism 2019-2025, known as the Bali Work Plan. The meeting was divided into two sessions; Multi-Sectoral Task Force (MTF) Meeting and ASEAN Partners Meeting, and various Sectoral Bodies and Entities of ASEAN, including AIPA, were identified as implementing partners. The meeting brought together representatives from 8 ASEAN Member States, 9 ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, and 2 ASEAN Entities.

The implementation status of the Work Plan was discussed, with challenges





identified in monitoring and collecting feedback from relevant ASEAN bodies. AIPA's efforts in implementing the plan included discussions on countering terrorism and violent extremism at the 2019 AIPA Caucus and a regional parliamentary seminar on "Enhancing Implementation of Women Peace and Security, UN Program of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (UN PoA), and 2030 Agendas through Increased Parliamentary Engagement and Action in International Processes". in collaboration with the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW) in 2022. AIPA is also set to propose the re-tabled Draft Resolution on countering terrorism at the 44th AIPA General Assembly that was deferred at the 40th AIPA General Assembly.

Furthermore, the meeting emphasized the need for better engagement with relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, Dialogue/Development Partners, UN Entities, and International Organizations. While progress on the implementation of Bali Work Plan has been made, achieving the expected Key Performance Indicators by 2025 may be challenging. The AIPA Secretary General recommended an inclusive approach, involving all relevant parties to address issues comprehensively. AIPA expressed its willingness to collaborate with ASEAN bodies, partners, and stakeholders in countering terrorism, radicalization, and violent extremism in the region.







STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION ON WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY (WPS) WITH THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The AIPA Secretary-General and AIPA Secretariat staffs attended the Stakeholder Discussion on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) with the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs on 14 July 2023 upon the invitation from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN IPR).

The central focus of this Discussion was to highlight the significance of women in peace processes and their active involvement in various fields. Delving into the matter, the discussion identified strategic entry points to enhance the role of women in conflict resolution, highlighted five factors to ensure meaningful WPS processes, and explored how the national action plans can be designed and implemented to advance the WPS agenda. The Discussion engaged over 30 participants from diverse backgrounds, including representatives from various ASEAN governments and institutions, as well as civil society members.





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BETWEEN AIPA AND PCASIA

The Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) is one of the longest partners of AIPA that focuses on the enhancement of capacity of parliamentary staff in ASEAN. Last year, the AIPA General Assembly adopted a resolution number RES 43GA/2022/Org/10 on the "Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia)" at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, approving the continued cooperation between both institutions.

The Memorandum of Understanding for Capacity Development Program and Research Assistance for Inter-Parliamentary Assembly was signed by the Secretary-General of AIPA and the Executive Director of PCAsia on 25 January 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The MoU reaffirms AIPA and PCAsia's common objective to promote capacity development of the staff of AIPA Member Parliaments and AIPA Secretariat and to support comparative research study on the area of interest of AIPA to support evidence-based knowledge for parliamentarians that aligns with the aims and objectives of ASEAN.



ASEAN SECRETARIAT **E-TRAINING FOR THE ENTITIES DIGITAL PLATFORM**

Following the creation of the ASEAN Entities Digital Platform, AIPA Secretariat joined the e-training organized by the ASEAN Secretariat. The e-training has introduced the portal of the ASEAN Entities Digital Platform which aims to elevate the entities' engagement with the ASEAN Secretariat and between accredited ASEAN entities.

Through the platform, the AIPA Secretariat and other ASEAN entities may sharing information about their activities and publications. The e-training has also provided an opportunity for the AIPA Secretariat to learn how to optimize the use of the ASEAN Entities Digital Platform.



FISCAL ANALYSIS

CAPACITY TRAINING

Following the adoption of AIPA Resolution on "Creation of Annual Consultative Working Group Co-Facilitated by AIPA and PCAsia to Promote Transparent Data and Knowledge Sharing in Health Emergency Preparedness and Responses" at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, the Fiscal Analysis Capacity Training aims to improve capacities of parliamentary fiscal analysis staff to identify impediment risks and analyze the efficiency of government responses, especially during health emergencies.

The expected results from the training are that participants will be able to comprehend the national budget systems, applied statistics, and policy costing related to health emergency

responses in ASEAN Member States, perform budget costing and modeling under health emergencies, featuring best practices for expenditure monitoring, and prepare a briefing note/country case study capturing budget processes and modeling under health emergency responses, program costing analysis including corruption assessment, budget legislation and policies.

The training started in March 2023 and will be concluded in November 2023. Currently, 12 parliamentary staff from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, and Thailand are participating in the training, with 41.7% participants are women.





TECHNIQUES, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCES

The first Seminar on Negotiation and Mediation was organized from 5 to 7 April in Siem Reap Cambodia, in line with the the scope of cooperation between AIPA and PCAsia as prescribed in the MoU which aims to strengthen the capacity of parliamentary staff, as well as to enhance the representation, legislation, and oversight function of the AIPA Members Parliaments. The overall objective of the program is to provide a platform for parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and resource persons to share knowledge and experience in negotiation and mediation in the diplomatic field, with the increasing practice of parliamentary diplomacy at regional and international levels.



This seminar was attended by 32 participants from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, France, European Parliament, Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF) Berlin, PCAsia, and AIPA Secretariat. During the seminar, both parliamentarians and parliamentary staff were introduced to the concept of negotiation, mediation and conciliation and the tools for effective negotiation. The seminar also further allowed the participants to share the process and procedures of the negotiation within legislative, and between the executive and legislative branches.



PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

Training on parliamentary diplomacy has been one of the staple activities between AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) under the Memorandum of Understanding for "Capacity Development Program and Research Assistance for AIPA". This 5th Intake of Training on Parliamentary Diplomacy was organized from 2 May to 5 JUly 2023 and participated by 26 parliamentary staff from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and the Philippines, with 50% of the participants were women parliamentary staff.

This activity aims to provide the participants with knowledge on the parliamentary institutions and inter-parliamentary organizations, geopolitics, international law, international relations, resolutions generated at inter-parliamentary meetings. differences between parliamentary diplomacy and non-parliamentary diplomacy. The training further aims to strengthen the capacity of parliamentary staff to enable them to support parliamentarians through providing research/ information products, including memos, providing country's position, to be used for parliamentary diplomacy purposes







TRAINING SEMINAR ON AN OVERVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY **RESPONSIBILITIES:** STRENGTHENING THE **INSTITUTIONS**

The Training Seminar on "An Overview of PCAsia and both Secretariats of the House



The training seminar aims to strengthen the theoretical and practical knowledge of parliamentary staff, and eventually parliamentarians on the different political systems and aspects of parliamentary responsibilities, to support the development of a body knowledge in parliamentary affairs and practices in AIPA Member Parliaments, and to facilitate the acquisition of skill and knowledge of good parliamentary practices between parliaments. 71 participants attended the training seminar, ranging from parliamentary staff from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the King Prajadhipok's Institute, and resource persons from Canada, India, France, and European Parliament.



















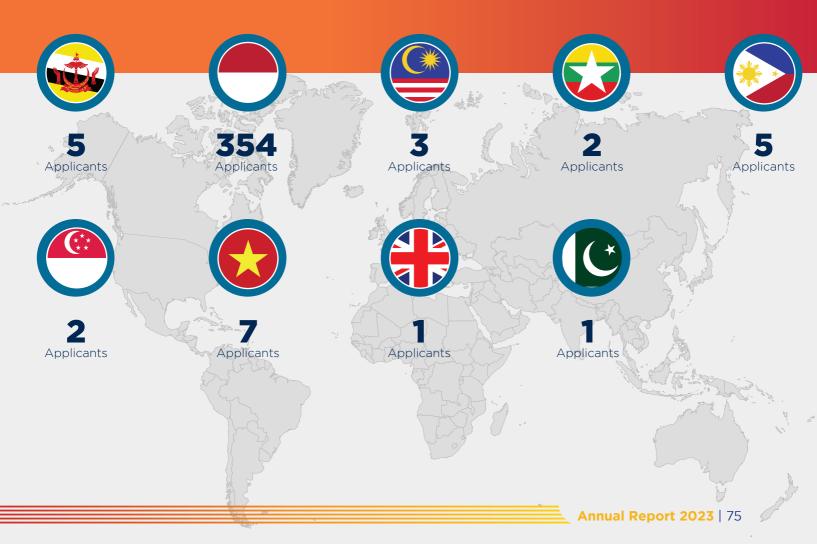






AIPA SECRETARIAT ATTACHMENT PROGRAM

The AIPA Secretariat Attachment program is an internship opportunity for students or fresh graduates across the ASEAN Countries. Initially offered in 2014, this program aims to give hands-on experience working in the AIPA Secretariat for at least four months. In 2023, the AIPA Secretariat opened two batches of the Attachment Program in March-June 2023 and July-November 2023.



This year, the AIPA Secretariat has received hundreds of applicants from within the region and beyond, which made the selection process very competitive. We had two phases of the attachment programme during the first quarter of the year and the third quarter. Based on entry requirements, academic qualifications and interviews, a total of 3 interns from Brunei (1), and Myanmar (1) were accepted in the first batch during the first quarter of the vear. Meanwhile, total of 3 interns from Brunei Darussalam (1), Indonesia (1), and the United Kingdom (1) were accepted in the second





KARENINA SHEVAYARRA

Indonesia



WAFIY TALIB

Brunei Darussalam



RYAN RAHMAN PAUL FRIIS

United Kingdom

SOCIAL MEDIA **DIGITAL PLATFORM**

Since years, the AIPA Secretariat has established and managed 4 social media and 2 website including Instagram (@aipa.secretariat), Facebook (aipa.secretariat), LinkedIn (AIPA Secretariat), Twitter (@aipa.secretariat), YouTube (@aipa.secretariat) AIPA's official website (aipasecretariat.org) and AIPA's Resolution Database (aipasecretariat-dms.org).

This year, the AIPA Secretariat continues its efforts to deliver its overarching message of "Our AIPA, Our ASEAN" and raise the awareness and understanding of the AIPA Secretariat through



AIPA FACEBOOK **FOLLOWERS BY COUNTRIES**

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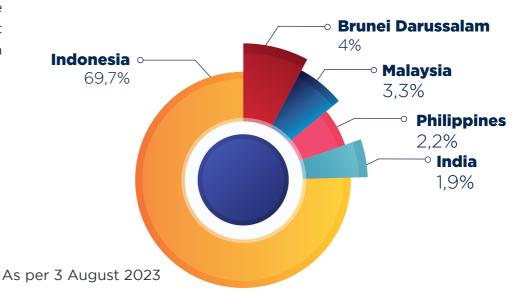


Myanmar .

AIPA's official social media and digital platforms. Furthermore, the AIPA Secretariat also launched the new design of the AIPA website integrated with the Resolution Database during the AIPA Caucus meeting on City, Vietnam.

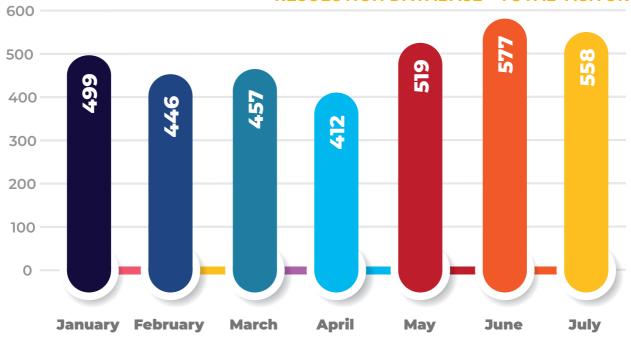
These improvements aim to enhance the user experience and make it easier to access the updated information about AIPA. Based on the Google Analytic, the AIPA Secretariat received 14.216 visitors from inside and outside the region.

AIPA INSTAGRAM **FOLLOWERS BY COUNTRIES**



Visitor

RESOLUTION DATABASE - TOTAL VISITOR



4000

500

The virtual gallery displayed gifts that the AIPA Secretary General has received since the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of AIPA was also launched at the AIPA Caucus. Meanwhile in the AIPA resolution database system, the AIPA Secretariat continues to keep the database updated and accessible to the public.

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AIPA WEBSITE BY COUNTRIES

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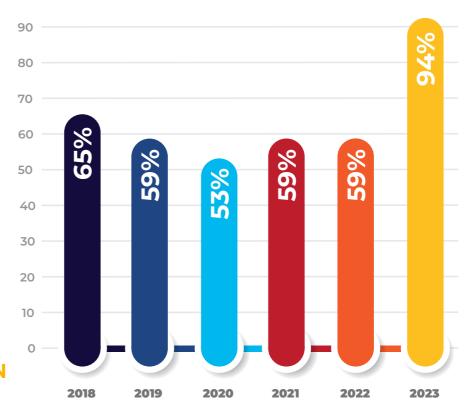
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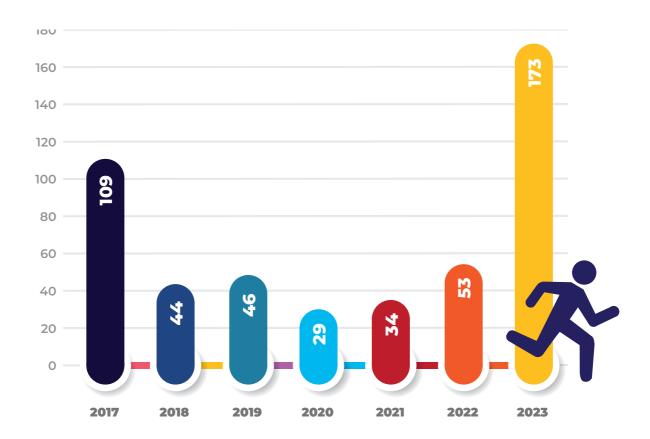
THE PROGRESS OF **AIPA COMMUNICATION MASTER PLAN** 2018 - 2023

Adopted at the 38th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Communications Master Plan 2018-2025 serves as the strategic document to provide a clear and effective framework for communications efforts and activities of AIPA from 2018 to 2025. This year, the progress of the AIPA Communication Master Plan marked a high surge as the AIPA Secretariat has successfully accomplished 16 out of the 17 indicators. The numbers made a 35% increase compared to last year (59%) and the total average from 2018-2022 (59%).

To highlight some of the key activities and initiatives, from January to July the AIPA Secretariat conducted a joint press release, campaign, and interviews that were published on AIPA Social Media and other digital platforms. Active involvement of the AIPA Secretariat in ASEAN Entities events has also contributed to the achievement of this year's AIPA Communication Master Plan.

AIPA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES IN 2017 - 2023

The AIPA Secretariat has achieved a remarkable year, setting a new record with an astounding 173 activities in the first 6 months. We have intensified our engagements to strengthen partnerships and collaboration while enhancing parliamentary diplomacy and continue to serve the needs and aspirations of the people in ASEAN. These activities have also played a pivotal role in propelling the overall growth and enhancing the network and capacity of the Secretariat. The AIPA Secretariat is confident with the realization of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-230, AIPA will remain relevant and play a crucial role in rebuilding our resilience to become more adaptive, responsive and prosperous.









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