

**RESPONSIVE PARLIAMENTS FOR
A STABLE AND PROPEROUS ASEAN**



AIPA

**Annual Report
AIPA Secretariat**

January - December

2023

OUR AIPA OUR ASEAN

Table of **CONTENTS**

Table of Contents	2
Short Bio The AIPA President 2023	4
Foreword by AIPA Secretary General	5
44th General Assembly	6
Handover of AIPA Presidency to Lao PDR	16
AIPA Presidency 2023 - 2024 Joint Briefing with Lao PDR	18
Agenda Activities	20
ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface during The 42nd ASEAN Summit	22
6th AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs	26
2nd Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA)	30

14th Meeting Of
The Aipa Caucus

34

Strategic
Theme 1

40

Strategic
Theme 2

46

Strategic
Theme 3

58

Strategic
Theme 4

76

AIPA University
Engagement

90

AIPA Awareness
Attachment Program

94

AIPA Awareness
**Social Media &
Digital Platform**

100

AIPA Secretariat
Team

104

The Progress of
**AIPA Communication
Master Plan 2018 - 2023**

106

2023
Projects

108

SHORT BIO THE AIPA PRESIDENT



H.E. DR. (H.C.) PUAN MAHARANI

Speaker of the House of
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.



FOREWORD BY AIPA SECRETARY GENERAL

H.E. AR. SITI ROZAIMERIYANTY
DATO HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN
Secretary General of AIPA

It is indeed truly an honor to have been entrusted as the sixth Secretary- General of AIPA and a privilege to start my tenure under Indonesia's Chairmanship of ASEAN. I am very proud to say that AIPA has gone a long way, 46 years of a well-deserved recognition and will continue to evolve and transform into a broader and more integrated institution.

The 44th General Assembly centered around the theme of "Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN" signifies the shared commitment to reinforce collaboration between ASEAN and AIPA in responding to the complex challenges to become more adaptive, responsive, and prosperous. AIPA remains relevant as it accomplished a momentous milestone in formulating the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030 for the first time.

This year, we have surpassed the annual record with a total of 332 activities of synergizing efforts and strengthening commitments with our respective parliamentarians to realize ASEAN as the epicentrum of growth that leaves no one behind. I believe AIPA will continue to have a crucial role to play and its importance in shaping the regional outlook will increase especially in developing the 2045 agenda.

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 to serve the needs and aspirations of the people in ASEAN.



44th General Assembly

Under the theme “Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN”, the 44th AIPA General Assembly was held on 5-11 August 2023, hosted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Recently Granted Observer Parliaments



CUBA



ARMENIA



TURKIYE



SPEAKERS

9



MEMBER
PARLIAMENTS

176



TOTAL
DELEGATES

604



PARLIAMENTS

26



INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

10



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



1

Resolution on Adoption of the Report of the Virtual Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA)

2

Resolution on Enhancing ASEAN Resilience through Women Leadership and Gender-Responsive Parliaments

3

Resolution on Digital Transformation Led by Women and for Women

Committee on Political Matters

1

Resolution on the Adoption of Report of the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface during the 42nd ASEAN Summit

2

Resolution on the Adoption of Report of the 14th AIPA Caucus Hosted by the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

3

Resolution on Maintaining Regional Peace, Security and Stability through Dialogue and Collaboration

4

Resolution on the Threat of Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization

5

Resolution on the Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing Water, Energy and Food (WEF) Security Nexus in ASEAN

6

Resolution on Parliamentary Cooperation in Contributing to Long-lasting Peace in Myanmar



Committee on
Economic Matters



1 Resolution on Accelerating Green Transition for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Growth

2 Resolution on Parliamentary Roles in Advancing Regional Economic Connectivity and Eradicating Corruption

3 Resolution on Encouraging the Application of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Sectors

4 Resolution on Promoting Innovation, Transfer, Application, and Development of Science and Technology for Sustainable Growth and Development

5 Resolution on Driving Energy Transition and Developing Green Economy in ASEAN

Committee on
Social Matters

1

Resolution on the Adoption of Report of the 6th Meeting of AIPACODD and Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN

2

Resolution on Mobilizing Parliamentary Actions on Promoting Green Jobs and Skills to Support Green Economic Transition

3

Resolution on Addressing the Employment Challenges Faced by Displaced and Underemployed Youth for Secure and Prosperous ASEAN



Committee on **Organizational Matters**

1

Financial Report of the AIPA Secretariat for the Period of 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

2

The Increment in the Annual Contribution of AIPA Member Parliaments

3

The Implementation of Mandatory Annual Contribution of AIPA Observer Parliaments

4

Adoption of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030



5

Accrediting the National Assembly of the People's Power of the Republic of Cuba as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

6

Accrediting the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Türkiye as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

7

Accrediting the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

8

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA

9

AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Dr. Teo Ho Pin

10

Appreciating the Service of H.E. Dr. (H.C.) Puan Maharani as President of AIPA

11

Resolution on Date and Venue of the 45th General Assembly

Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA)

1

Resolution on Advancing Youth Engagement for Inclusive Development, Economic Transformation, and Democratic Participation

2

Resolution on Advancing the Role of Young Parliamentarians in Governance





30

**RESOLUTIONS
WERE ADOPTED ACROSS 6
STANDING COMMITTEES**



HANDOVER OF **AIPA PRESIDENCY TO LAO PDR**

The President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, officially assumed the AIPA Presidency 2023-2024 at the 44th AIPA General Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Adopting the theme "AIPA: the Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN" for the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the National Assembly of Lao PDR is determined to strengthen the role of AIPA in driving ASEAN's efforts towards fostering a united, inclusive, and resilient ASEAN community while also enhancing regional connectivity and integration.



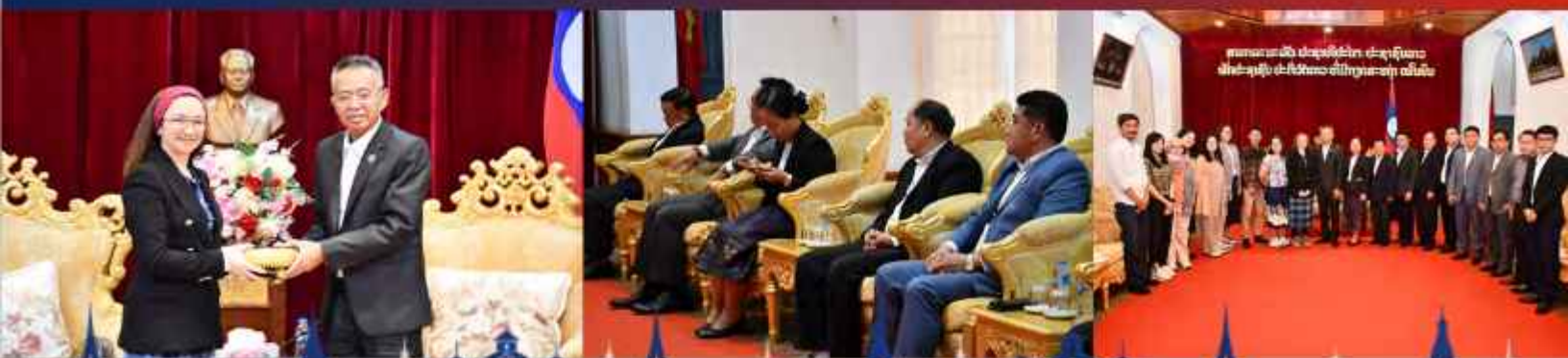
AIPA PRESIDENCY 2023-2024: **JOINT BRIEFING WITH LAO PDR**

In preparation of Lao PDR's AIPA Presidency 2023-2024, the AIPA Secretariat conducted a joint briefing with the National Assembly of Lao PDR from 17 to 21 September 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Executive Briefing was attended by 56 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of Lao PDR and the AIPA Secretariat. The briefing was chaired by Hon. Sanya Praseuth of Lao PDR and co-chaired by the AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Siti Rozalmeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman.



The purpose of the briefing is to familiarize the National Assembly of Lao PDR, as the current AIPA Presidency, with the mechanism, processes, procedures of AIPA Annual meetings and AIPA Ad-Hoc meetings.

Following the activities in Vientiane, the AIPA Secretariat visited the city of Luang Prabang and had a meeting with the President of the Luang Prabang Provincial People's Council, Hon. Vongsavanh Thepphachan. During the visit to Luang Prabang, the National Assembly of Lao PDR also invited the AIPA Secretariat to explore various cultural and historical landmarks, such as the Royal Palace, Phousi Temple, Kuang Si Waterfalls, and Heuan Chan Heritage House to introduce the culture and to support the tourism initiatives of Lao PDR.

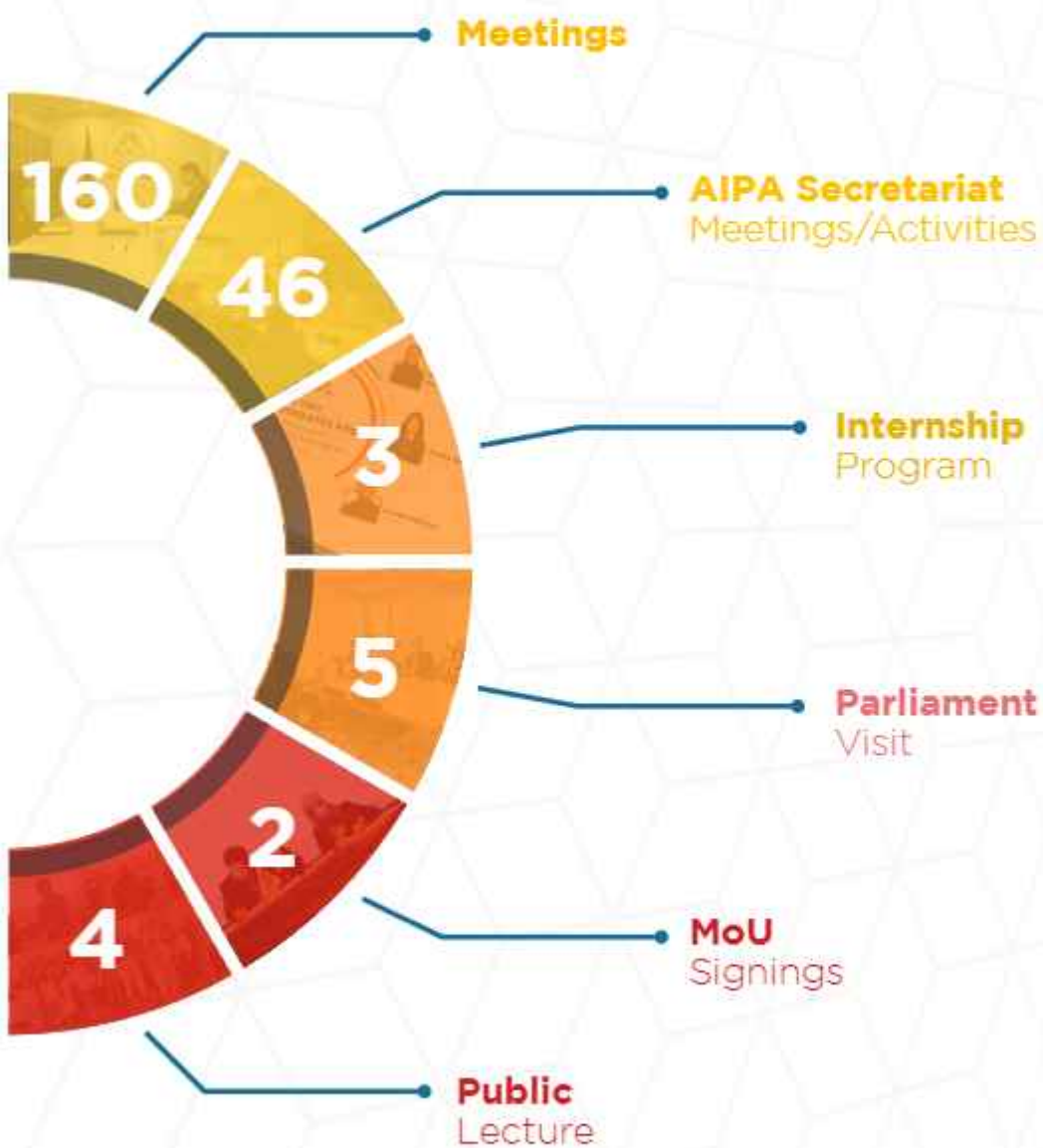


332

AIPA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

January - December 2023







ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface during
**THE 42ND ASEAN
SUMMIT**

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.





The AIPA President also conveyed the following recommendations to the ASEAN Leaders for consideration:

- 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 a 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.



6TH AIPA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

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

Hosted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, the 6th AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) was held from 30 to 31 May 2023 at 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



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.





2nd Meeting of the
Coordinating Committee of
**WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS
OF AIPA (WAIPA)**

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 were also invited as resource persons 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 recommendations and inputs with regards to the above-mentioned topic. Following the conclusion of the meeting, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia had translated all recommendations from the AIPA Parliamentarians into a draft resolution which was discussed by the WAIPA Committee at the 44th AIPA General Assembly in Jakarta.





14TH MEETING OF THE AIPA CAUCUS

Promoting innovation, transfer,
application and development of science
and technology for sustainable growth
and development

9 - 12 July 2023, Phu Quoc - Kien Giang, Viet Nam

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.



ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
THE 14TH MEETING OF THE AIPA CAUCUS

Phu Quoc, Kien Giang, Viet Nam • 9th - 12th July, 2023

OPENING CEREMONY



AIPA Adopted Resolutions in 1977 - 2023

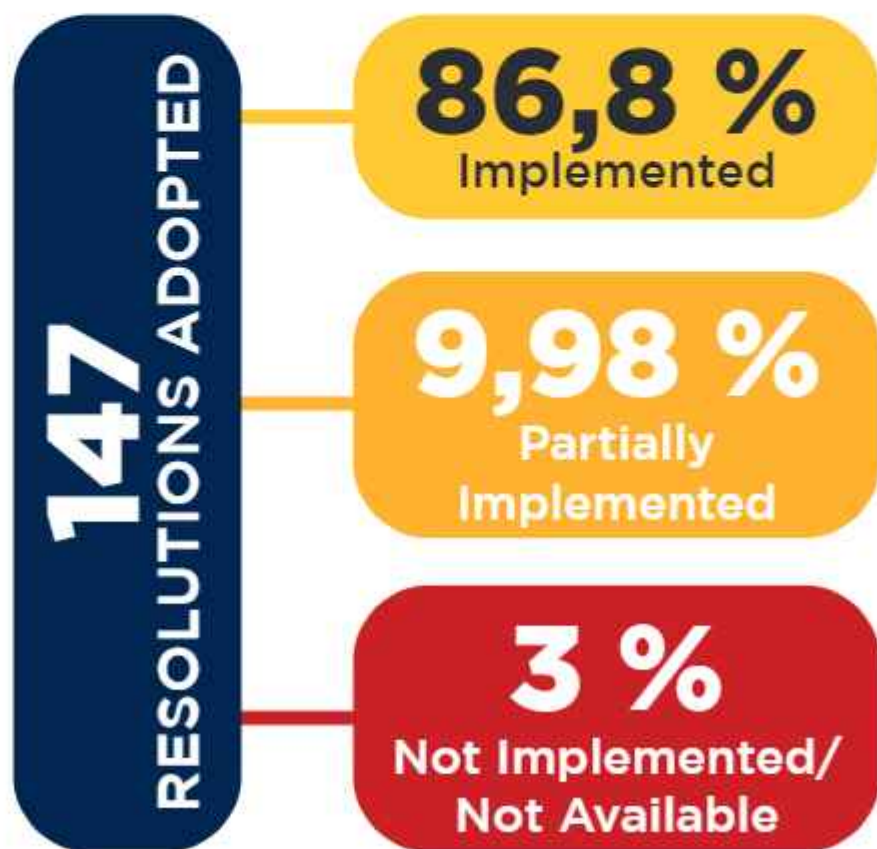
AIPA has adopted **991** resolutions since its establishment in 1977.

The organizational committee takes the largest portion with **406 resolutions**, followed by social committee with **225 resolutions**, economic committee with **179 resolutions**, political committee with **106 resolutions**, WAIPA committee with **73 resolutions**, and YPA committee with **2 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. Accumulatively, 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.





100%
Achieved

STRATEGIC THEME

1 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 staff 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.



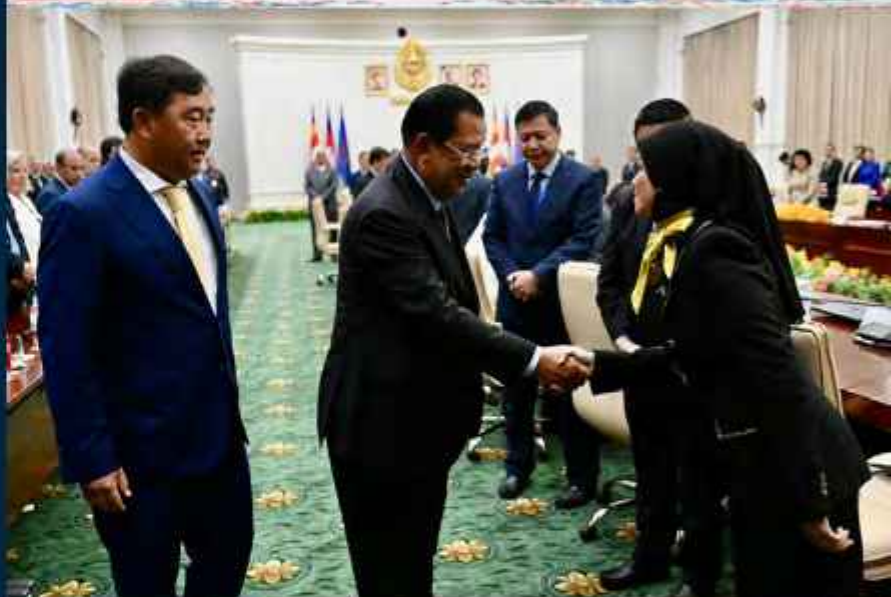
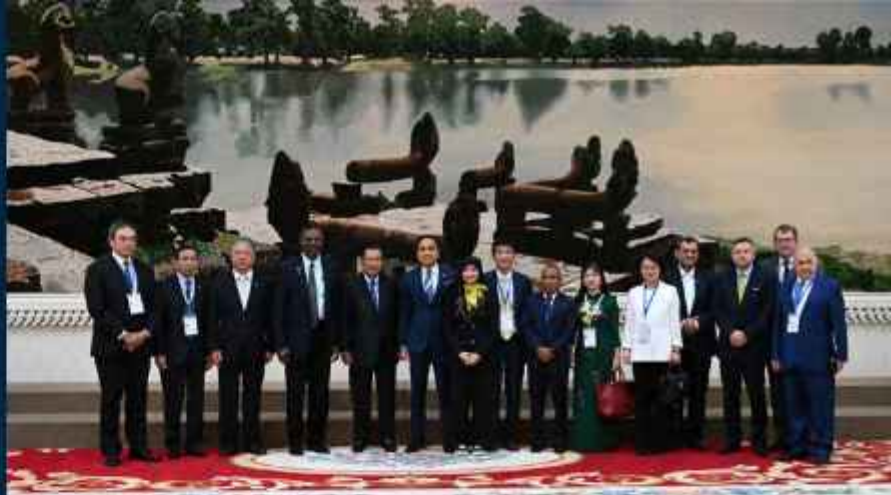
OBSERVATION OF THE 7TH MANDATE NATIONAL ELECTION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

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 Rozaimerianty 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.



ASEAN COMMUNITY COUNCILS DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY AICHR

The AIPA Deputy Secretary General attended virtually the ASEAN Community Councils Dialogue on Human Rights by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) on August 24, 2023.

The Dialogue underscored the significance of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration. Adopted in November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, this declaration is a foundational document for Southeast Asia, symbolizing the region's collective commitment to human rights. On this occasion, the AIPA Deputy Secretary General shared the work of AIPA in implementing the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, including the challenges and ways forward. It was also highlighted in her presentation that the protection of human rights is listed as one of priority areas of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030 under Strategic Theme 3.



ASEAN HIGH-LEVEL FORUM (AHLF) ON **DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP BEYOND 2025**

Upon the invitation from the Directorate General of Social Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Indonesia, the AIPA Secretary General attended the AHLF on Disability-Inclusive Development and Partnership beyond 2025. Held from 10 to 12 October 2023 in Makassar, the forum is part of the ASEAN Summit series under the chairmanship of Indonesia.

The forum was set to conduct a midterm review of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan (AEM) 2025, aimed to assess the progress in promoting and integrating the rights of persons with disabilities in the region. The forum also served as a platform to discuss innovative future strategies of social inclusion in the region, including concrete partnerships in disability-inclusive development across ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN's partners, and relevant entities.

As one of the panelists in Panel Discussion III: Promoting Disability-inclusive Development Beyond 2025: ASEAN as an Epicentrum of Growth, the AIPA Secretary General shared the current challenges on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. She looked forward to AIPA's involvement in mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities, and in accelerating the implementation of the AEM 2025 by providing political and legislative support, as well as working closely with ASEAN counterparts.



STRATEGIC THEME

2

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



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.

The discussion during the conference was centered around 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

From 11 to 13 March 2023 the delegation of AIPA Secretariat participated at the 146th IPU Assembly to observe its organizational structure, observe the assembly's functioning, and discuss 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 a sideline event of the 2nd NAM-PN Conference, discussing parliamentary support to the national and international efforts on post-pandemic recovery.



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.



Upon invitation from the Federal 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.





ASEAN-KOREA LEADERS' FORUM

The AIPA Secretary-General attended the ASEAN-Korea Leaders' Forum from 1 to 2 June 2023 in Jeju, South Korea, upon the invitation from the President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the Governor of the Special-governing Province of Jeju. The forum aimed to strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and Korea, bringing together parliamentarians and business representatives from both regions. Parliaments from the AIPA Member Parliaments participating were from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam, and the AIPA Secretary-General was accompanied by the Acting Deputy Secretary General.

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, 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.



9TH IPU GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

As one of the permanent observers of IPU, AIPA received an invitation from the President of IPU and President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to participate at the 9th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians. The conference was held from 14 to 16 September 2023 in Hanoi, Viet Nam. This conference was designed as a platform for young members of parliament to gather, exchange, learn and define common and innovative strategies to advance youth empowerment.



The adoption of the Conference Statement on “The role of youth in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through digital transformation and innovation” at the 9th Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians marked as the first statement in the history of the conference series. The statement expressed deep concern that, with less than seven years left to achieve the SDGs, only 12% of the targets are on track, while 50% are lagging behind, ranging from moderately to severely off track.

To help accelerate the achievement of the SDGs through digital transformation and innovation, the IPU Young Parliamentarians propose several actions, such as enacting laws to bridge the digital divide; fostering youth and student start-ups and innovation; as well as promoting inclusivity, intercultural dialogue, and respect for cultural diversity in support of sustainable development.





3RD INTER-REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE EP-AIPA

Upon the invitation from the Chair of the European Parliament (EP) Delegation for Relations with ASEAN and Southeast Asia (DASE), Mr. Daniel Caspary MEP, the 3rd EP-AIPA Dialogue was held on 22 November 2023 in Strasbourg, France. The Dialogue was attended by delegates from three AIPA Member Parliaments: Cambodia, Indonesia, and Lao PDR. Hon. Mr. Sanya Praseuth, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR was appointed by the AIPA President as the Head of AIPA Delegation.

The dialogue embodied the two institutions' shared commitment to foster deeper ties and create dynamic exchanges that delve into the issue of global economy, green and digital transition, as well as peace and security challenges. Preceding the Dialogue, the AIPA Delegation gathered in an internal coordination meeting on 22 November 2023, chaired by the Head of Delegation. The internal coordination meeting unified the AIPA Delegation in preparing their participation.



STRATEGIC THEME

3

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

100%
Achieved

STRATEGIC
THEME 4

STRATEGIC
THEME 1

STRATEGIC
THEME 2

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



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, the 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 facilitated 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 mid-professionals, 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) and the Food and Agriculture 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 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 an intervention at Session 4 on "Strengthening coordination, cooperation, and collaboration to guarantee the Right to Adequate Food". She underscored the concern regarding

hunger and malnutrition within ASEAN, emphasizing the possibility of a global food emergency unless immediate action is taken. The Secretary-General further reaffirmed that AIPA acknowledged that 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 took place from July 5 to 7 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, with the primary objective of advancing the regional plan of action on Women, Peace, and Security (RPA on WPS) established in 2022. The summit emphasized the critical need to enhance partnerships, mobilize resources, and ensure regional accountability to promote gender equality and women's leadership in conflict resolution.

AIPA's participation in the ASEAN WPS Summit aimed to deepen understanding of the RPA on WPS and its implementation while aligning AIPA's efforts with ASEAN. 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.





Additionally, the Plenary and breakout sessions discussed challenges and opportunities in implementing the RPA on WPS, focusing on cross-border issues, non-traditional 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 explored possibilities for multi-stakeholder 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 has also re-tabled the Draft Resolution on countering terrorism and was adopted at the 44th General Assembly with Malaysia as proponent country and the Chair of SOMTC Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Violent Extremism.

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.



AIPA - PFSALW REGIONAL SEMINAR "CONNECTING THE DOTS: ADVANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WPS BY ENHANCING PARLIAMENTARY CAPACITY AND ACTION IN ASIA

In collaboration with the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW), the AIPA Secretariat organized a two-day regional seminar on 4-5 October 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Under the theme "Connecting the Dots: Advancing the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda by Enhancing Parliamentary Capacity and Action in Asia", aims to strengthen the role of parliamentarians in peace and security processes, leveraging the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, and other frameworks for peace and security.

H. E. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of AIPA, delivered an opening remarks which she underscored ASEAN's commitment to advancing the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda as a regional priority and recognizing the vital role women play as agents of change in sustaining peace. Furthermore, she emphasized that women have the right to participate in all political decision-making processes, including peace-related matters.



THE 4TH COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION MEETING OF **PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLIES & 2ND PARLIAMENTARY POLICY DIALOGUE**

Upon the invitation from the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the AIPA Deputy Secretary General and Committees Officer virtually attended the 4th Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies and the 2nd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue from 4 to 5 October 2023.

During this meeting, the AIPA Secretariat shared good practice of regional strategies in preventing and countering violent extremism from the perspective of ASEAN. It was also presented how AIPA, as the sole parliamentary organization associated with ASEAN, contributed to the development and implementation of the regional strategies.





CFS 51 SIDE EVENT | UPTAKE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CFS POLICY PRODUCTS THROUGH LEGISLATION: **THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS AND PARLIAMENTARY NETWORKS**

As part of its efforts to ensure follow-up and support towards the implementation of the Global Parliamentary Pact against Hunger and Malnutrition 2023, the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO) organized a side-event to the 51st session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on October 24, 2023. The side event aimed to ensure a stronger and more systemic involvement of parliaments and parliamentary institutions in CFS work.

The AIPA Secretary-General outlined efforts that have been undertaken by AIPA in addressing the issue of hunger and malnutrition, including the recently adopted Resolution on Encouraging the Application of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Sectors (ASEAN RAI) and the newly launched Practical Handbook for ASEAN Parliamentarians in promoting the application of the ASEAN RAI. She also highlighted that food security is about ensuring adequate food and economic, health, social, and environmental sustainability. Thus, parliamentarians are responsible for transforming these into tangible actions through legislation, oversight, and budget allocation.

ANNUAL SEA YOUTH SUMMIT 2023

Upon receiving an invitation from the Regional Coordinator of the ASEAN Youth Forum, the Deputy Secretary-General of AIPA participated in the SEA Youth Summit 2023 as one of the panelists. The forum was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on October 26, 2023 under the theme of "Youth's Perspective on Welfare" which brought together youth from diverse backgrounds.

At the forum, the Deputy Secretary-General of AIPA conveyed insights, representing AIPA's regional standpoint, regarding the significance of fostering collaboration between parliamentarians and various stakeholders in preserving democracy, all while respecting cultural and political diversity. She also discussed AIPA's efforts in actively involving youth at the regional level, exemplified by the newly formed Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA). In her concluding remarks, she emphasized on the involvement of youth in politics to ensure their voices are not only heard but also translated into action, both at the national and regional levels.



WFD'S ASEAN DEMOCRACY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (DAP)

The ASEAN Democracy Action Partnership (DAP) is a one-day generative workshop facilitated by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD). The workshop was held from 29 to 30 November 2023 as an official side event to the annual Bali Civil Society and Media Forum (BCSMF) and biennial Bali Democracy Forum. The workshop was also held in recognition of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

Adopting the theme of "Taking Collective Action on Violence, Online and Offline, Against Women in Politics (VAWP) and Elections", the workshop recognized VAWP as a major deterrent to women's political participation. Aligning closely with the WAIPA project on the development of a Regional Plan of Action (PoA) on Women's Political Participation, the first pillar focused on enabling an environment and safe space for women to participate and lead in their political system.



INTERVIEW WITH AIPA SEC-GEN:

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV (CANADA MISSION TO ASEAN)

To commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence 2023, the Government of Canada launched an online campaign under the theme of "Listen. Learn. Act". The AIPA Secretary-General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty participated by sharing the challenges often faced by women parliamentarians.

She highlighted that this year the AIPA Secretariat initiated a project on the development of a Regional Plan of Action (PoA) on Women's Political Participation which one of the strategic partners is Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

In support of this action, strong regional collaborations are reflected through various initiatives signifying a collective commitment to create a world where women's political participation leads to meaningful and lasting change.

H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty
Dato Haji Abdul Rahman

AIPA Secretary General



100%
Achieved

STRATEGIC THEME

4

To Strengthen
the Capacities
and Harmonize
the Systems
of Secretariat
Organizations
Supporting
AIPA

SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 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. In 2022 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.

The platform enables the AIPA Secretariat and other ASEAN entities to exchange information regarding their endeavors and publications. Additionally, the e-training has offered the AIPA Secretariat an opportunity to acquire skills in maximizing the utilization 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 PCAAsia 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 training commenced in March 2023 and concluded in November 2023. Overall, a total of 12 parliamentary staff from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, and Thailand

participated with women constituting more than 40% of the participants. It has provided a comprehensive understanding of national budget systems, applied statistics, and policy costing concerning health emergency responses in ASEAN Member States. Furthermore, it also covered the preparation of a briefing note or a country case study, incorporating budget processes and modeling for health emergency responses, program costing analysis, corruption assessment, as well as budget legislation and policies.





SEMINAR ON NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION: 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.



TRAINING ON PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

Training in parliamentary diplomacy has consistently been a fundamental undertaking within the collaboration between AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia), as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding for the "Capacity Development Program and Research Assistance for AIPA." The 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 aimed to provide knowledge to the participants about parliamentary institutions, inter-parliamentary organizations, geopolitics, international law, international relations, resolutions generated at inter-parliamentary meetings, and distinctions between parliamentary diplomacy and non-parliamentary diplomacy. The training also sought to enhance the capacity of parliamentary staff, enabling them to assist parliamentarians by creating research/information products, including memos that articulate the country's position, for utilization in parliamentary diplomacy.



Credit: PCAsia

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

The Training Seminar on "An Overview of Parliamentary Responsibilities: Strengthening the Institutions" was jointly hosted under the Memorandum of Understanding between PCAsia and both Secretariats of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Kingdom of Thailand from 26 to 30 June in Bangkok, Thailand. The activity conforms with the partnership between AIPA and PCAsia to facilitate the platform and enhance capacity development for the parliamentary staff of AIPA Member Parliaments.



The training seminar aimed to enhance the theoretical and practical understanding of parliamentary staff and, ultimately, parliamentarians regarding various political systems and aspects of parliamentary responsibilities. Its goal was to contribute to the development of a comprehensive knowledge base in parliamentary affairs and practices across AIPA Member Parliaments.

Additionally, the seminar aimed to facilitate the acquisition of skills and knowledge related to good parliamentary practices, fostering effective exchanges between parliaments. A total of 71 participants attended the training seminar, including parliamentary staff from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and the King Prajadhipok's Institute. Resource persons from Canada, India, France, and the European Parliament also contributed to the seminar.







CELEBRATION OF AIPA DAY

In commemoration of the 46th AIPA Anniversary, the AIPA Secretariat organized the AIPA Day Celebration as a culmination of the commemorative activities and serves as a means of celebrating AIPA's journey and accomplishment over nearly five decades. The celebration was held on September 29, 2023 at the ASEAN Hall and brought together family and partners of AIPA.

Marking a significant milestone and to celebrate the transformation of the Meeting of the Young Parliamentarians

of AIPA as a part of AIPA Standing Committee Meeting, this year's AIPA Day was held under the theme of "ASEAN Youth Matters: Voice to Empower and Inspire".

This theme recognizes the critical role of ASEAN youth voices in shaping the future of the Southeast Asia Region. During the celebration, a visual journey of AIPA's history as well as congratulatory messages from the speakers and presidents of the AIPA Member Parliaments was also exhibited.



STUDY MISSION TO FRENCH PARLIAMENT

The Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) invited representatives of parliament institutions in Southeast Asia who have a formal cooperation with the PCAsia, which includes the Secretariat of National Assembly and Senate of Cambodia, National Assembly of Lao PDR, Senate and House of Representatives of Thailand, and AIPA Secretariat, to participate in the study mission to the National Assembly and Senate of the French Republic, from 6 to 10 November 2023.

This study mission is conducted and organized by PCAsia as part of PCAsia's core mission to enhance the capacity of parliamentary staff in their parliamentary work through exchange of views and best practices between delegates and the heads of departments of the French National Assembly and Senate on the operational development of the parliamentary administration.







AIPA UNIVERSITY **ENGAGEMENT**

UNIVERSITY VISIT

GENERAL LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA

DEPOK, INDONESIA

Upon the invitation from the University of Indonesia, the AIPA Secretary General delivered a general lecture to the university students on the role, function, and activities of AIPA, as well as the opportunities and challenges faced by the organization.



INDONESIAN FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW 2023

DEPOK, INDONESIA

The Indonesian Foreign Policy Review (IFPR) is the biggest annual event organized by the students of the International Relations Department, University of Indonesia. Held on 3 November 2023, the AIPA Secretary General attended the 2023 IFPR to deliver a keynote speech, sharing the role of ASEAN parliaments in realizing the Southeast Asia region as the epicentrum of growth. She also reaffirmed that AIPA recognizes the importance of youth and is committed to collaborate closely to advance the region's prosperity. The event was attended by more than 70 university students across Indonesia.





AIPA ROADSHOW

BINUS UNIVERSITY

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

AIPA Secretariat's visit to Binus University on December 6, 2023 marked the kick-off of the AIPA Roadshow. In partnership with the International Relations Department of Binus University, this initiative is designed to familiarize students with AIPA's activities and role in addressing regional issues, highlighting Indonesia's AIPA Presidency this year. Over 80 students from Binus University actively participated in the roadshow.

AIPA SHOW

PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY

CIKARANG, INDONESIA

On December 7, 2023, the AIPA Secretariat continued the AIPA Roadshow to President University. Showcasing the energy of youth, over 70 students from 3 classes participated in the roadshow. This time, the presentation focused on the role and activities of AIPA.





AIPA AWARENESS **ATTACHMENT** **PROGRAM**

AIPA SECRETARIAT ATTACHMENT PROGRAM

The AIPA Secretariat Attachment program provides an internship opportunity for students or recent graduates from ASEAN countries. Launched in 2014, the program is designed to offer hands-on experience by working at the AIPA Secretariat for a minimum of four months. In 2023, the AIPA Secretariat initiated three sessions of the Attachment Program, covering the periods March-June 2023 and July-November 2023.



6

Applicants



423

Applicants



3

Applicants



2

Applicants



5

Applicants



2

Applicants



8

Applicants



1

Applicants



1

Applicants

In 2023, the AIPA Secretariat received numerous applications from both within the region and beyond, resulting in a highly competitive selection process.

A total of three interns from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Myanmar were accepted in the first session. Meanwhile, in the second batch, the AIPA Secretariat welcomed a total of three interns from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and United Kingdom. The last batch of the Attachment Program consisted of two interns from Indonesia.

**NUR FATIN FARHANAH
BINTI ABDULLAH**

Brunei Darussalam



**RAINA
SAERANG**

Indonesia



**KYAW
ZAW LIN**

Myanmar



**YASSRIANI
ALMATTUSHYVA**

Indonesia





KARENINA SHEVAYARRA
Indonesia



WAFIY TALIB
Brunei Darussalam



**RYAN RAHMAN
PAUL FRIIS**
United Kingdom



**NORMAN GORO
DWIPUTRA**
Indonesia

LAUNCHING NEW AIPA WEBSITE



www.aipasecretariat.org



NEW LOOK

Progressive & Informative



RESPONSIVE



FORWARD LOOKING



ACCESSIBLE TO ALL



USER - FRIENDLY



VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE



DATA DRIVEN INSIGHTS



INTEGRATED RESOLUTION DATABASE



UNITED IN DIVERSITY



AIPA AWARENESS **SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL PLATFORM**

SOCIAL MEDIA DIGITAL PLATFORM

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 (@AIPASecretariat) AIPA's official website (aipasecretariat.org) and AIPA's Resolution Database (aipasecretariat-dms.org).

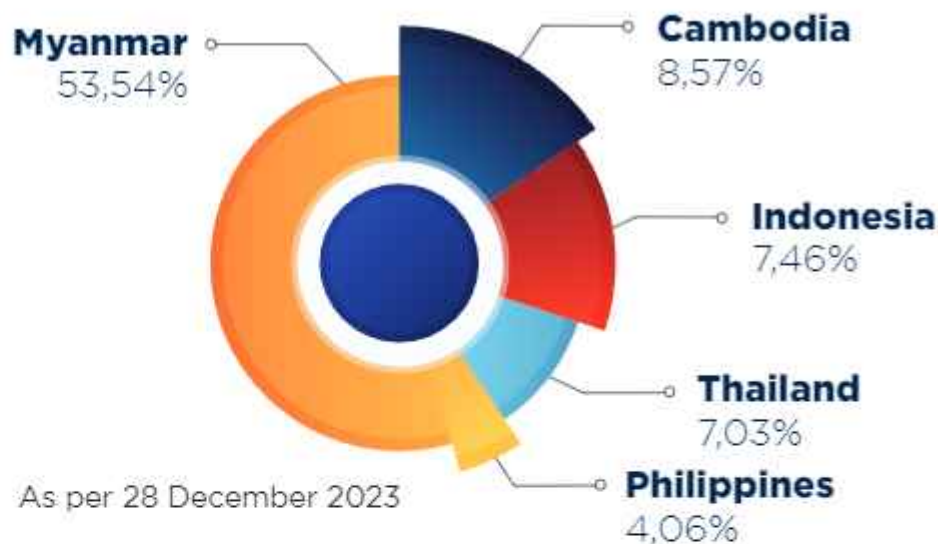
This year, the AIPA Secretariat continues its efforts to deliver its overarching message of "Our AIPA, Our ASEAN" and raise the awareness and understanding of the AIPA Secretariat through AIPA's official social media and digital platforms.



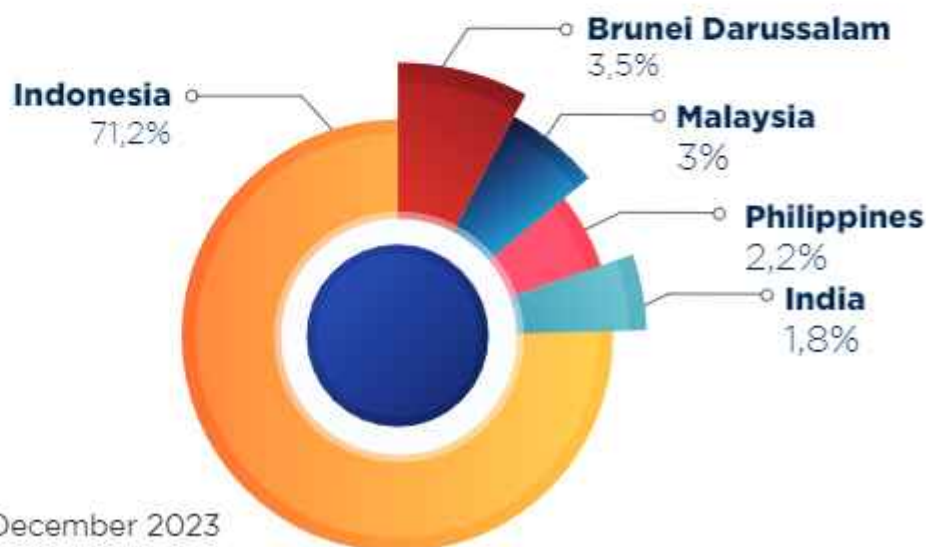
The AIPA Secretariat unveiled the redesigned AIPA website, which now includes integration with the Resolution Database, on July 11, 2023, during the AIPA Caucus meeting in Phu Quoc City, Vietnam.

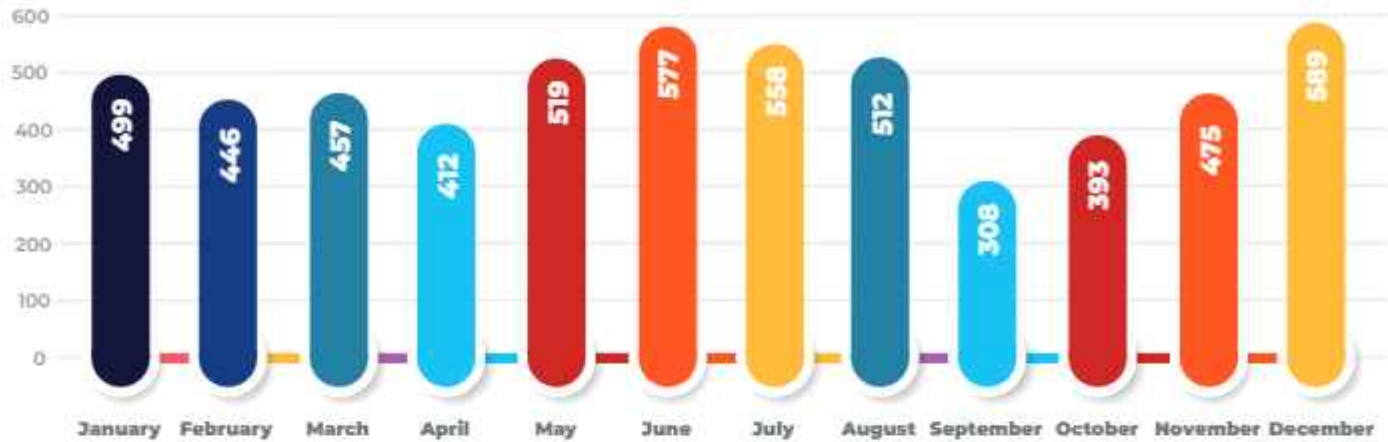
These enhancements are intended to improve user experience and facilitate easier access to the latest information about AIPA. According to Google Analytics, the AIPA Secretariat recorded 14,216 visitors, both from within and outside the region.

AIPA FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS BY COUNTRIES



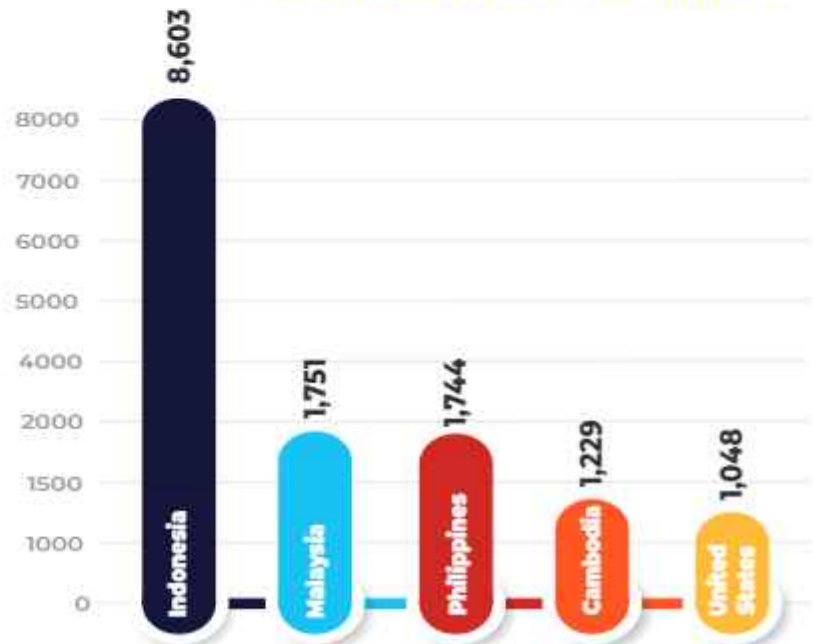
AIPA INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS BY COUNTRIES





A new virtual gallery feature is in the redesigned AIPA website showcasing gifts received by the AIPA Secretary-General since the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of AIPA. Overall, the AIPA Secretariat is responsible for managing the AIPA resolution database system, ensuring its ongoing updates, and making it accessible to the public.

Visitor
AIPA WEBSITE BY COUNTRIES



AIPA SECRETARIAT TEAM



**H.E. Ar. Siti
Rozalmerlyanty Dato
Haji Abdul Rahman**
*Secretary General
of AIPA*



Ms. Putri Maha Lima
*Deputy
Secretary General*



**Mr. Resky
Wiwoho A. W.**
*Director Knowledge
Management,
Information &
Communication
Technology*

**Mr. Sandi
Nursahamdani**
*Senior Officer
Committees*



**Ms. Royyan Hadela
Isnanda**
*Senior Officer External
Stakeholders
Engagement*



Ms. Raina Saorang
*Committees
Officer*



**Ms. Pugli
Chandra Lubis**
*Secretary to
Secretary General*



Ms. Nurul Amirah
PA Secretary General



Mr. Efran Arloza
ICT Officer

Mr. Wahyu Samodra
Specialist Officer



**Ms. Nyoman
Astini Sari**
*Corporate Finance
Officer*



Ms. Dwi Suplana
*Corporate Support
Officer*



Mr. Tumiran
*Driver to Secretary
General*

**Ms. Karenina
Shevayarra**
*External Stakeholders'
Engagement Officer*



**Ms. Gratya
E. A. Adang**
*Finance and
Administration Officer*

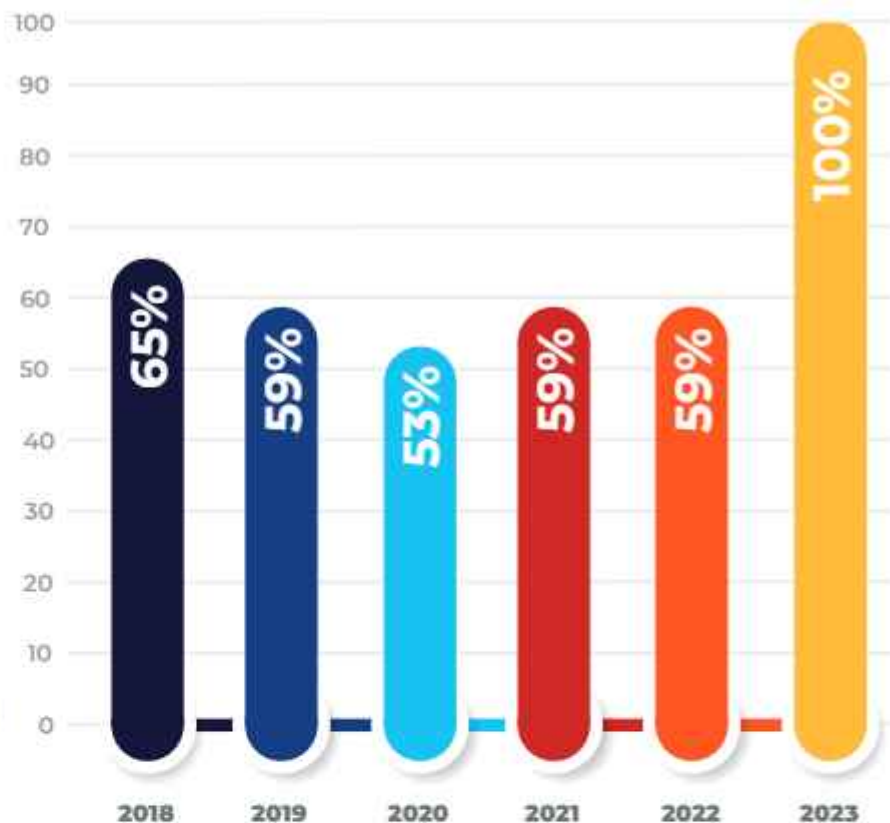


Mr. Suheri
Office Support Staff



Ms. Neni Triana
Domestic Help

THE PROGRESS OF AIPA COMMUNICATION MASTER PLAN 2018 - 2025



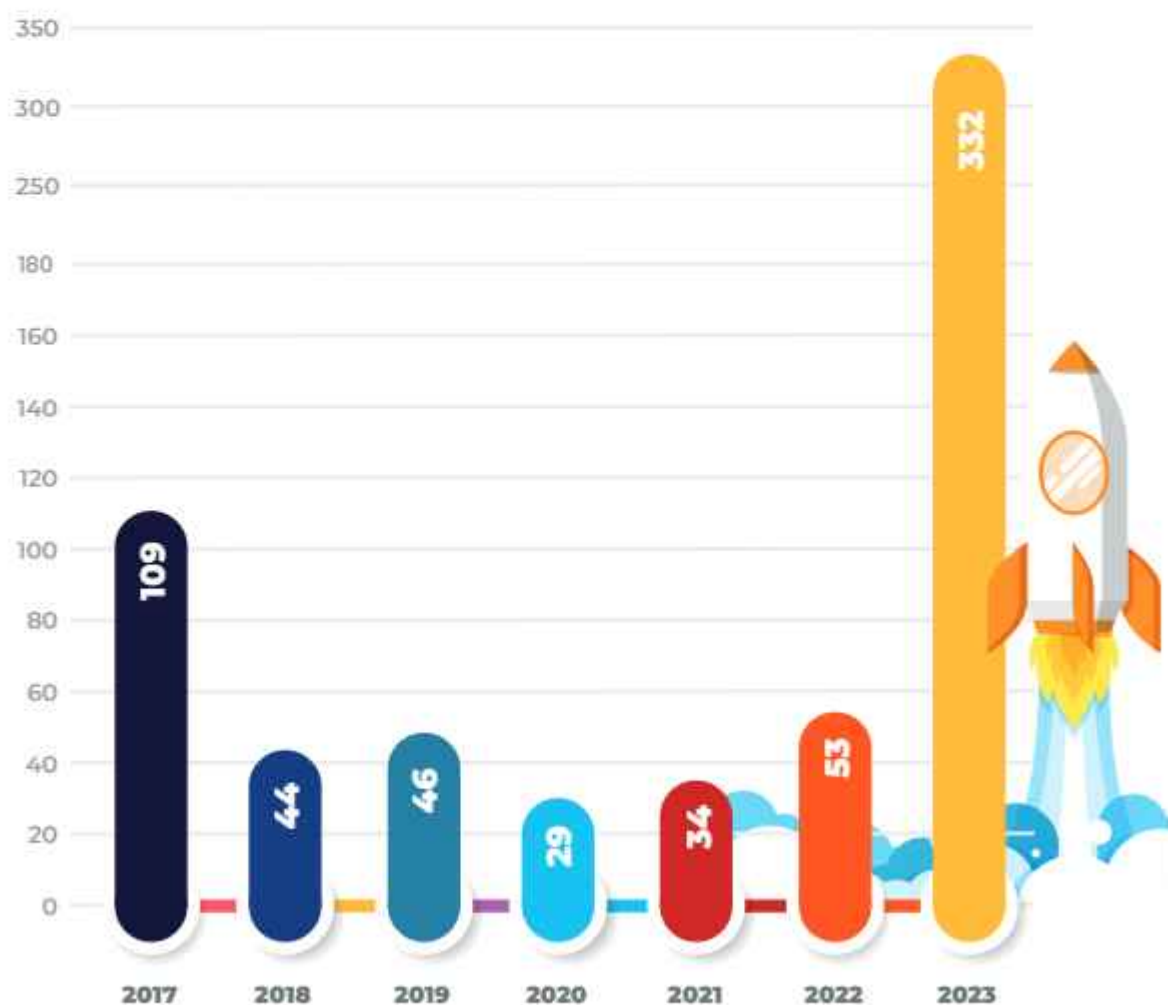
Adopted at the 38th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Communications Master Plan 2018-2025 serves as the strategic document to provide a clear and effective framework for communications efforts and activities of AIPA from 2018 to 2025. This year, the progress of the AIPA Communication Master Plan marked a high surge as the AIPA Secretariat has successfully accomplished 17 out of 17 indicators. The numbers made a 41% increase compared to last year (59%) and the total average from 2018 to 2022 (59%).

To highlight some of the key activities and initiatives, from January to December 2023, the AIPA Secretariat conducted a joint press release, campaign, and interviews that were published on AIPA social media and digital platforms. Active involvement of the AIPA Secretariat with the ASEAN and other ASEAN entities events has also contributed to this achievement.

AIPA SECRETARIAT

ACTIVITIES IN 2017 - 2023

The AIPA Secretariat has achieved a remarkable year, setting a new record with an astounding 332 activities in 2023. 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.





2023 PROJECTS

Strategic Development
Partners Grant Funds
& Support



Nearly
USD 260K
Secured This Year

Canada



CFLI/FCIL

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives
Fonds canadien d'initiatives locales



Ministry of Gender Equality
and Family



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



UN WOMEN



**UK International
Development**

Partnership | Progress | Prosperity



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy to survive

Thank you for your valuable and continuous support

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.



LAUNCHING OF FAO HANDBOOK

During the 14th AIPA Caucus in Phu Quoc, Vietnam, the publication "Promoting the application of the Association for Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Guidelines for Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry" was officially launched. The handbook was developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) with the technical support of AIPA. It aims to promote responsible investment in areas related to agriculture and food systems and provide concrete actions for parliamentarians to promote integration of ASEAN RAI into legal frameworks at the national level.

Additionally, the handbook also supports achieving one of AIPA's strategic objectives under strategic theme 3 in the strategic plan 2023-2030, which is to encourage the implementation of parliamentary measures for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, which in this context is the achievement of SDG 2 on Zero Hunger.

Phu Quoc, Kien Giang, Viet Nam • 9th - 12th July, 2023

SESSION 3



SESSION 3



WAIPA Project

First Workshop to Develop the Plan of Action on Promoting Women's Political Participation

The kick-off workshop, held from 10 to 11 October 2023, was part of the project on "Strengthening Women's Resilience and Leadership in ASEAN Through the Development of Plan of Action on Promoting Women's Political Participation 2024-2028". The project was initiated by the AIPA Secretariat following the adoption of resolution on "Enhancing ASEAN Resilience Through Women Leadership and Gender-Responsive Parliaments" at the 44th AIPA General Assembly.



The first workshop was set to foster consensus among AIPA Member Parliaments on the necessity of increasing and strengthening women's participation in politics. Importantly, it aims to identify pathways for key stakeholders in promoting women's political participation and to drive greater engagement of parliamentarians in advancing gender-responsive policies in regional and national priority areas.

The workshop was organized by the AIPA Secretariat with the support of the Government of Canada through Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Governments of UK and the Republic of Korea through the Regional Project "Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace: Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion in ASEAN" implemented by UN Women. The workshop brought together 29 parliamentarians and legislative experts from seven ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam. Representatives from ASEAN Commission on Women (ACW) Cambodia, ASEAN Secretariat, UN Women, National Parliament of Timor-Leste, and Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) also participated in the first workshop as panelists.



The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was first established as ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) by the virtue of the signing of the Statutes of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization on 2 September 1977.

Acknowledging the need to transform AIPO into a more effective and closely integrated institution, the name was subsequently changed from AIPO to ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

Editors: Putri Maha Lima, Amirah, Karenina, Raina, Sandi, Royyan, Putri Gita

Design and Layout: Efran, Resky

Publisher: AIPA Secretariat

Photos: AIPA Member Parliament, AIPA Secretariat, ASEAN Secretariat, PCS Asia, IPU, European Parliament, WFD, and AIPA Secretariat Partners

For inquiries, contact:

AIPA Secretariat

ASEAN Secretariat Heritage Building, 5th floor

Jl. Sisingamangaraja No.70A, Jakarta, 12110 INDONESIA, Indonesia

Phone: (+62 21) 27099107

E-mail: aipa@aipasecretariat.org

General information on AIPA appears online at the AIPA Website: www.aipasecretariat.org

First published: 2023

The text of this publication may be freely quoted or reprinted, provided proper acknowledgement is given and a copy containing the reprinted material is sent to AIPA Secretariat, Jakarta.

Copyright ©ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) 2023.



OUR AIPA OUR ASEAN

ouraipaourasean



@aipasecretariat



aipa.secretariat



aipasecretariat



aipa@aipasecretariat.org

