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FOREWORD BY THE AIPA SECRETARY GENERAL



SECRETARY GENERAL OF AIPA

Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van

The AIPA Secretariat is proud that 2021 has been a dynamic year of progress. Despite the hardship and all the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have achieved remarkable successes in strengthening cooperation and close relations among member parliaments as well as observer member parliaments and other parliamentary organizations. AIPA continues to play an instrumental role in supporting the implementation of goals and priorities of the ASEAN Community building process.

AIPA's role in the regional and international community has been broadly developing than ever before. As the number of AIPA Observer Members are growing exceptionally, it also encourages close cooperation and understanding between the AIPA Member Parliaments and the AIPA Observer Parliaments to discuss issues of international & regional concerns.

From 2021 to 2022, AIPA has engaged with its MOU partners, international organizations & stakeholders in the topics of post COVID-19

economic recovery, food security, gender equality, climate change, prevention on small arms and light weapons, and sexual exploitation of children.

AIPA virtually conducted the 5th AIPACODD meeting hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on theme “Addressing Challenges Together for Drug-Free ASEAN”, focusing on the latest drugs situation in their respective countries. The 13th AIPA Caucus, hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand via videoconferencing discussed national initiatives corresponding to the topic “The Cooperation on the Digital Economy in ASEAN in the Post COVID-19” to jointly make recommendations for possible common legislation in the region. This year the theme for the 43rd AIPA General Assembly will be “Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive, and Resilient ASEAN”, which encapsulates the need of AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to intensify the regional coordination and need to form partnership with external parties and relevant stakeholders to realize ASEAN’s vision.

The ASEAN-AIPA Leaders’ Interface Meeting during the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing during the AIPA General Assembly in November 2022 are the platforms to discuss important and strategic matters and shared concerns in the region as well as to strengthen the partnership between the legislative and executive bodies of ASEAN to contribute to the promotion of a sustainable, inclusive, prosperous and resilient ASEAN Community. I am delighted to present you the Secretariat’s Annual Report 2021-2022, prepared by the AIPA Secretariat. This annual report showcases detailed activities of AIPA dated from September 2021 to September 2022 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This will also be my last year serving as the Secretary-General of AIPA. It has been my utmost pleasure to be a part of AIPA and AIPA Secretariat.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the current AIPA President, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, all AIPA Member Parliaments for their commitments and support in working towards our shared vision. I also wish to convey my high appreciation to all AIPA partners and stakeholders whose supports were dispensable for success of the AIPA Secretariat. To my colleagues at AIPA Secretariat and National Secretariats, I convey my deepest gratitude and appreciation for their cooperation and hard work to make all our endeavours for the year 2021 a success.

AIPA PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT OF AIPA

Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea
Chakrei Heng Samrin



In the 42nd AIPA General Assembly, hosted in virtual format by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia was elected as the AIPA President for 2021-2022.

A variety of military positions have been held by Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin throughout his career before he was first elected as a member of the National Assembly in 1981. He then became the Vice President for two periods and assumed the President of the National Assembly position from 21 March 2006 until the present.

He pursued Advanced Political Study and received four honorary doctors from Ubon Rachthany University, Thailand; International University Cambodia; Chamroeun University of Poly-Technology, Cambodia; and Jeonju University, Republic of Korea.

AIPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AIPA MEETINGS

THE 43RD AIPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



AIPA Secretary General led a delegation of the AIPA Secretariat to attend the 43rd AIPA General Assembly hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Phnom Penh from 20 to 25 November 2022. For the first time since the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the 43rd AIPA General Assembly was held in person under the theme “Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive, and Resilient ASEAN.”

The preparatory works of the General Assembly have been taking

place since July 2022. The AIPA Secretariat joined hand-in-hand in preparing supporting documents and a skeleton report with the National Secretariat of the Hosting Parliament. In order to facilitate smooth implementation of the General Assembly, the AIPA Secretary General and Director of Committees attended preparatory conference organized by the host parliament on 5-6 September 2022. During the two-day conference, AIPA Secretary General delivered a presentation on the general procedure for hosting the AIPA General Assembly.



Following the invitation and the announcement of the overall theme of the 43rd AIPA General Assembly in early September, the AIPA Member Parliaments and the AIPA Secretariat submitted 34 Draft Resolutions for further deliberation by the Committee on Political, Economic, Social, Organizational, WAIPA and YPA. At this year's meeting, AIPA received four Observer applications from the Parliament Azerbaijan, the Parliament of Georgia, the National Assembly of Nepal, and the United States Congress for the consideration by the General Assembly.

The National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia also hosted some momentous meetings for the first time at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, including the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA and the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing. Both meetings are intended to strengthen the role of AIPA Parliamentarians and Young Parliamentarians in accelerating the achievement of the goals of ASEAN and to offer parliamentary contributions to ASEAN integration and the implementation of the ASEAN Community 2025 and beyond.

Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van attended the 13th AIPA Caucus hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand on Wednesday, 7 June 2022, via videoconferencing. In this Caucus meeting, Secretary-General Van emphasized the importance of the involvement of various stakeholders, including the Parliamentarians of AIPA, to perform the declarations and initiatives in complementary ways. She also stressed the significance of the AIPA Caucus as a special mechanism for AIPA Member Parliaments to share best practices of national initiatives for a possible harmonization of laws on common issues as AIPA's lasting contribution and support to the building of the ASEAN Community.

Following the agenda of the meeting, the AIPA Member Parliaments presented their country reports on the implementation status of the resolutions adopted at the 42nd AIPA General Assembly. The AIPA Member Parliaments also discussed national initiatives on the topic "The Cooperation on the Digital Economy in ASEAN in the Post COVID-19" to jointly make recommendations for possible common legislation in the region.

Mr. Alexander Chandra, Assistant Director for Analysis and Monitoring on Trade, Industry, and Emerging Issues Division of the ASEAN Secretariat, was also given the floor to present the Regional Report on the actions and responses of ASEAN in connection with the Caucus topic.



The meeting was attended by 61 delegates from which includes parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of AIPA Members, and representatives from the Secretariat of AIPA and ASEAN. The Report of the 13th AIPA Caucus will be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration and subsequent adoption by the 43rd AIPA General Assembly.



5TH MEETING OF AIPA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (AIPACODD)



The 5th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) on 24 June 2022 was hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Bringing up the theme of “Addressing Challenges Together for Drug-Free ASEAN,” the participating AIPA Member Parliaments reported the latest drug situation in their respective countries as well as deliberated and approved a Draft Resolution on the aforementioned theme.

Further, the representatives from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD), and The National Authority for Combatting Drugs of the Kingdom of Cambodia (NACD) were given the floor to present their reports on the current drug trafficking situation in the region and ongoing efforts.

AIPA Secretary General also took the opportunity and shared with all delegations through her remarks that



the issue of drug trafficking is not only urgent but has also become a long-term non-traditional security problem that brings long-term consequences in health, economic and social. She emphasized that ASEAN's goal of becoming a drug-free community still poses challenges as Southeast Asia continues to identify itself as the most prominent drug market in the world. In this regard, Secretary General Van encouraged more effective regional cooperation and the role of parliamentarians in complementing the

efforts of ASEAN to tackle this issue.

The meeting was attended by seven (7) AIPA Member Parliaments, Observers from the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, Union Assembly of Myanmar, House of Representatives of the Philippines, and a representative from UNODC, ASOD, and NACD. The meeting report will be made available on the official website of the AIPA Secretariat (aipasecretariat.org) after its consideration and adoption at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly.

MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA (WAIPA)



The WAIPA Coordinating Committee conducted its first meeting virtually on Tuesday, 30 August 2022, hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and presided by Hon. Kittisanghakbindit Khuon Sudary, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Chairperson of WAIPA.

The Coordinating Committee discussed two topics "Roles of Parliaments in Promoting Gender-responsive Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic" and "Roles of Parliaments in Advancing Women, Peace and Security Agenda". The representatives from the Parliamentary Centre of Asia and Asian Vision Institute were invited to share their insights in connection to the above topics. AIPA Secretary General also took the opportunity to emphasized that WAIPA is a unique body of AIPA



with tremendous potential, and the inaugural coordinating committee meeting will be the beginning of many other realizations of potential of WAIPA.

All recommendations and inputs from the Members of the Coordinating Committee will be consolidated into Draft Resolutions to be tabled at the upcoming 43rd AIPA General Assembly this November under Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA).

ASEAN - AIPA LEADERS' INTERFACE DURING THE 40TH AND 41ST ASEAN SUMMIT



AIPA Secretary General participated in the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) during the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The interface took place on Thursday, 10 November 2022, at 14.00 hrs. In this important meeting, the AIPA President delivered a Message which highlighted

significant issues including economic recovery cooperation after Covid-19, climate crisis and natural disasters, women's empowerment and gender equality, digital transformation and development gaps, water-food-energy nexus, drugs and human trafficking, cultural heritage management and protection, and financial and economic uncertainty amid Covid-19 and international friction.

A Preparatory Meeting was convened on the same day from 09.00 to 11.00 a.m. to deliberate the draft message for more comprehensive inputs from all AIPA Member Parliaments. As a part of the AIPA's administrative and substantive support to the AIPA Member Parliaments, the AIPA Secretariat joined collectively with the Host Parliament in collecting and compiling the AIPA Message before the deliberation at the interface meeting.

ASEAN PARLIAMENTARY CIVIC PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP



On 11-12 August 2022, the Commission on Health, Social Affairs, Veteran, Youth, Rehabilitation, Labor, Vocational Training, and Women (Commission 8) of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in collaboration with the PCAsia, organized a consultative workshop on “The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Response to Health Emergencies: Case Studies on Effectiveness and Impediments in National COVID-19 Response”.

This workshop was intended to be a platform for policy makers of ASEAN Member Countries and civil societies to exchange ideas

and good practices in addressing health emergencies, promotion of transparency, accountability, and corruption prevention measures during COVID-19. This workshop was attended by the parliamentarians from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam, along with the representatives from civil society organizations (CSO) from around the region.

Crucial insights and approach were exchanged during the discussion sessions by the parliamentarians and the representatives from civil society organizations. The forum acknowledged the role of parliamentarians for public



engagement, education and information dissemination, protection of the citizen, and support the government policies and programs through a transparent and accountable mechanisms.

A proposal for a consolidated health response network through a consultative workshop was put forward to strengthen the collaboration between the parliamentarians and the CSOs for health emergency preparedness and responses. A draft resolution on this matter is to be tabled and discussed at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly. Full report is attached to this annual report.



CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA (YPA)



AIPA Secretary General attended the First and Second Consultative Meetings of YPA hosted virtually by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on 17 October 2022 and 2 November 2022. The meetings discussed two important matters regarding the initiative to transform the Meeting of YPA into a Standing Committee and Draft Resolution on Fostering Engagement with Young People for a Sustainable, Resilient, and Prosperous ASEAN Community.

In principle, the participating AIPA Member Parliaments agreed to transform the Meeting of YPA into a Standing Committee of AIPA and to organize this Meeting annually during the AIPA General Assembly. Following the approval of the 43 General Assembly, the AIPA Secretariat will prepare a Draft Resolution to amend the Rules of Procedure of YPA Meeting and submit to the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA at the 44th AIPA General Assembly in 2023.

AIPA Member Parliaments also conveyed their support to the Draft Resolution on Fostering Engagement with Young People for Sustainable, Resilient, and Prosperous ASEAN Community submitted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The inputs from the AIPA Member Parliaments on this matter will be consolidated



AIPA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE OBSERVER PARLIAMENTS

AIPA AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



After the adoption of Resolution on the Establishment of AIPA-EP Inter-Regional Parliamentary Dialogue, the relationship between AIPA and EP has been strengthened. In addition, the role of EPinASEAN in strengthening relations between the two institutions is important and valuable.

The AIPA Secretariat, in this regard, has been maintaining close communication with both the office of EP Delegation for Relations with ASEAN and Southeast Asia (DASE) as well as EPinASEAN. On the initiative of EPinASEAN, there were in total five webinars have been conducted involving parliamentarians from both AIPA and EP.

The webinars cover various topics such as trade relations, gender equality, climate change, issue on Myanmar, and stability and security in the Indo-Pacific. The EP is one of the longest-standing observer members of AIPA. The relationship between AIPA and EP has been rapidly strengthened since the adoption of Resolution on the



Establishment of AIPA-EP Inter-Regional Parliamentary Dialogue.

The first inter-parliamentary dialogue between the two groups was conducted in June 2021. It is expected that the dialogue will be held regularly at least once every year, in addition to the regular meeting that occur during the AIPA General Assembly.

On another activities, the AIPA Secretary-General paid an official visit to the European Parliament in February 2021. This official visit was a part of PCAsia-AIPA joint trip to France and Belgium specifically to deepen AIPA-EP inter-regional cooperation and mutual understanding following

the new chapter in the longstanding European Union-ASEAN relationship to a Strategic Partner.

A series of meeting were conducted between the AIPA Delegation and the EEAS and European Parliament representatives, respectively with 1) Mr. Mark Gallagher, the Deputy Head of Division of the Southeast Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS), 2) MEP Daniel Caspary, Chair of the DELEGATION FOR Relation with Southeast Asia and ASEAN (DASE), 3) H. E. Heidi Hautala, Vice President of the EP, responsible for Asia, 4) Mr. Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the EP, and 5) the Unit of the Directorate General for External Policies of the EP.

AIPA VISIT

TO THE INDIAN LOK SABHA AND RAJYA SABHA



Upon the invitation from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Honorable Shri Om Birla, and former Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Delegation of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) visited India from 11- 12 August 2022. The official visit was part of the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Relations. Consisting of 11 parliamentarians and AIPA Secretary General, the AIPA Delegation was led by Honorable Kittisethabindit CHEAM YEAP, First Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on behalf of the AIPA President.

During the visit, series of meetings were held with the Leader's counterpart in India and important dignitaries of India, commenced by a meeting with Minister of External Affairs of India, H.E. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The Delegation of AIPA met with the Delegation of India headed by the Vice Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Harivansh Narayan

The Delegation of AIPA also paid a courtesy call to the newly elected Vice President of India and the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. The AIPA delegation was also invited to the briefing by Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE).

The full report is attached to this annual report.



AIPA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASEAN AND MOU PARTNERS

2ND BALI WORK PLAN

MULTI SECTORAL TASK FORCE MEETING

The AIPA Secretariat took part in the 2nd Bali Work Plan Multi Sectoral Task Force Meeting. The meeting focused on the implementation status of the Bali Work Plan to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism 2019-2025. Following the recommendation to involve AIPA in the work plan, AIPA is then included in the Bali Work Plan under Priority Area 3 "Law Enforcement and Strengthening National Legislation Related to Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism".

At the meeting, AIPA was given the opportunity to share about the contribution of AIPA in implementing the Bali Work Plan. In this regard, the representative of the AIPA Secretariat reported that an ad-hoc Working Group on "The Rise of Terrorism, Radicalization, and Extremism" met at the 10th AIPA Caucus Meeting in 2019. Summarizing the outcomes of the Working Group Meeting, the representative of AIPA Secretariat shared that country reports were presented by AIPA Members.

Suggestions including harmonizing the laws on terrorism, extremism and radicalization to address gaps in national legislations were also highlighted in the report. It was informed to the meeting that the full report of the 10th AIPA Caucus, including the report of the Working Group, can be accessed in the website of AIPA Secretariat.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITH PARLIAMENTARY CENTRE OF ASIA (PCASIA)

PCAsia is one of the longest partners of AIPA since 2016. Both parties share a common objective to train staff of the national parliaments of ASEAN Member States, including staff of AIPA Secretariat, by creating reciprocal learning opportunities and facilitating the exchange of knowledge, best practices, ideas, and experiences on capacity development among the respective parliaments.

AIPA and PCAsia have agreed to renew and extend their partnership and will table a draft resolution to the 43rd AIPA General Assembly concerning the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between both parties.



From September 2021 to September 2022, the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia, previously Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia), in coordination and cooperation with AIPA Secretariat, have organized a total of 11 trainings, seminars, and workshops to increase the capacity development of parliamentary staff and AIPA Secretariat staff. Below are the details for the activities:

2021		
NAME OF PROGRAMME	OBJECTIVE (S)	PARTICIPANTS
Programme on Parliamentary Diplomacy (5 July - 10 September 2021)	Provides participants with knowledge, skillsets, and techniques to better support parliamentarians in their increasing role in foreign affairs matters.	30 participants AIPA Secretariat: 1 Cambodia: 9, Lao PDR: 4 Malaysia: 3, Myanmar: 2 Philippines: 3, Thailand: 6 Viet Nam: 2
Workshop on Parliamentary Committee Work (6-8 September 2021)	Strengthens the knowledge of parliamentary committee staff to provide more effective administrative and technical support to Member of Parliaments	34 participants Cambodia: 20 Lao PDR: 4 Philippines: 2 Thailand: 2
Programme on Parliamentary Research (14 October - 9 December 2021)	Provides necessary research knowledge through a 'learning by doing' for the purpose to support parliamentarians with current and evidence-based information that effectively supports the representative, legislative, and oversight functions.	18 participants Brunei Darussalam: 3 Cambodia: 10 Lao PDR: 1 Indonesia: 2 Malaysia: 1 Philippines: 1
Seminar on Legislative Drafting Techniques (21-22 October 2021)	Provides participants with the knowledge on legislative theory, principles, and methods, the process of legislative drafting, and interpretation of legislation.	42 participants AIPA Secretariat: 2 Cambodia: 19, Lao PDR: 11 Malaysia: 3, Philippines: 1 Thailand: 6

Seminar on Parliamentary Autonomy (27-28 October 2021)	A platform to gain knowledge of the main elements of administrative, financial organization of parliaments, and practical implications of parliamentary autonomy especially francophone parliaments. The seminar was conducted in French.	87 participants Cambodia: 80 Indonesia: 3 Thailand: 4
Training Seminar: An Overview of Parliamentary Responsibilities: Strengthening the Institutions (24 November – 14 December 2021)	Serves as a platform to exchange good practices and opportunities among parliaments in aspect of parliamentary responsibilities, including but not limited to legislature procedure support, parliamentary oversight, parliamentary research, policy evaluation.	32 participants Cambodia: 20 Philippines: 5 Thailand: 5 KPI: 2
2022		
Training of Trainers Programme (13 December 2021 – 25 February 2022)	Promotes leadership capacity of selected former PCAAsia training participants through an exploration of the nature of professional knowledge, pedagogic strategies for training, mentoring, coaching, leadership capacity building, and the place of reflection and evaluation in professional development within AIPA Member Parliaments	13 participants AIPA Secretariat: 1 Cambodia: 7 Lao PDR: 1 Malaysia: 2 Philippines: 1 Thailand: 1
Programme on Parliamentary Diplomacy (2 May – 8 July 2022)	Provides participants with knowledge, skillsets, and techniques to better support parliamentarians in their increasing role in foreign affairs matters.	20 participants AIPA Secretariat: 1 Cambodia: 13 Indonesia: 1 Lao PDR: 2 Philippines: 2 Thailand: 1
Programme on Parliamentary Research (16 May – 10 August 2022)	Provides necessary research knowledge through a 'learning by doing' for the purpose to support parliamentarians with current and evidence-based information that effectively supports the representative, legislative, and oversight functions.	10 participants: Brunei Darussalam: 1 Cambodia: 4 Indonesia: 4 Thailand: 1

Seminar on Legislative Drafting Techniques (17-18 August 2022)	Provides participants with the knowledge on legislative theory, principles, and methods, the process of legislative drafting, and interpretation of legislation.	42 participants Cambodia: 19 Indonesia: 2 Lao PDR: 11 Malaysia: 3 Philippines: 1 Thailand: 6
Training Seminar: An Overview of Parliamentary Responsibilities: Strengthening the Institutions	Serves as a platform to exchange good practices and opportunities among parliaments in aspect of parliamentary responsibilities, including but not limited to legislature procedure support, parliamentary oversight, parliamentary research, policy evaluation.	35 participants AIPA Secretariat: 1 Cambodia: 20 Lao PDR: 4, Malaysia: 2 Philippines: 2 Thailand: 2 Viet Nam: 1 KPI: 1

On 20 October 2022 on the invitation from the Executive Director of Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia), the Secretary-General of AIPA attended and chaired the meeting of Stakeholders and Advisory Council in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This meeting gathered some Secretaries General and representatives of AIPA Member Parliaments to gain wisdom and strategic understanding for the planning and decision-making progress of the capacity development program between the AIPA and PCAsia. (SAC).

Participants discussed the priority needs of their respective institutions along with strategies that PCAsia can consider for effective engagement with each of the national parliament. Requests and recommendations of the Secretary Generals will be examined by the Board of Directors of PCAsia and included in the PCAsia Workplan 2023.

VIRTUAL BRIEFING ON “THE GROWING CHALLENGES OF CONFRONTING FISHERIES CRIME IN ASEAN” AND SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS FOUNDATION (ICCF)

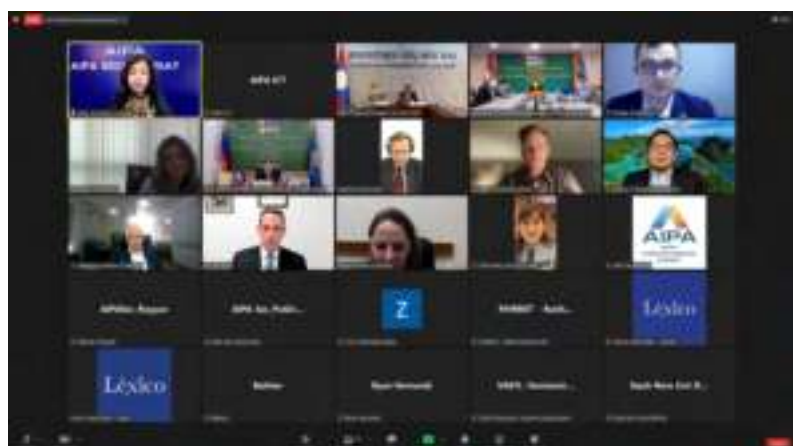
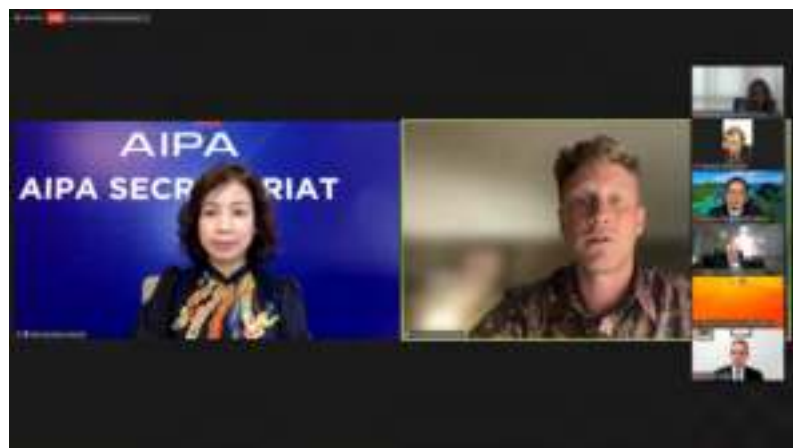
The proposal to establish joint programs between AIPA and ICCF was first mentioned on the Res41GA/2020/Org/10 on “Establishing Joint Programs Between AIPA and ICCF on Blue Economy, Economic Development, and Conservation”, adopted in 2020. Examining the challenges in environmental sustainability, it was deemed necessary to consider a long-term cooperation between AIPA and ICCF to manifest the work of parliamentary particularly between the AIPA Member Parliaments and the U.S. Congress on topics of Blue Economy, Economy Development, and Conservation.



AIPA and ICCF signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 7 February 2022. Both parties commit to leveraging each institution's advantage and network to collaborate in critical areas of natural resource governance and conservation issues at the policymaker level. This also includes the initiatives to implement joint programs on illegal wildlife trade, international waters and ocean affairs within the ASEAN region, biodiversity conservation, and additional natural resource governance issues.

For the first joint activity after the implementation of the MOU, AIPA and ICCF successfully organized a virtual briefing on "The Growing Challenges of Confronting Fisheries Crime in ASEAN" on 15 February 2022, which gathered representatives of AIPA Member Parliaments, AIPA Observer Parliaments, and members of the United States (US) Congressional Ocean Caucus.

This virtual briefing intended to be a platform for parliamentarians to discuss their unique role in tackling fisheries crime and its further impacts to human rights, rule of law on land, labor in fisheries industry, and illicit fishing. Parliamentarians, staff, and embassy



representatives from five AIPA Member Parliaments (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam) and four AIPA Observer Countries (Belarus, Canada, Timor-Leste, Ukraine) participated in the virtual briefing.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR ASEAN AND EAST ASIA (ERIA)

AIPA and ERIA have enjoyed cooperation since 2016. Both institutions agreed to cooperate in areas related ASEAN Economic Community and Economic Integration through research, policy recommendations, and reciprocal learning opportunities. Discussion between the representatives of ERIA and AIPA Secretariat resulted in an agreement to continue the partnership to support the economic integration process.

A draft resolution on Memorandum of Understanding AIPA and ERIA will be tabled at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly.

ACTIVITIES WITH FREELAND FOUNDATION

The cooperation between AIPA and Freeland has been focusing on the commitment to tackling the illegal trade of wild fauna and flora. Both institutions have also agreed to expand their area of collaboration in areas of research, policy, development, and public awareness of sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism (SECTT) matters. A draft resolution will be tabled at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly concerning extension of Memorandum of Understanding between AIPA and Freeland Foundation.

Through Freeland's partnership with the USAID, Secretary-General of AIPA was invited as one of the resource person at the Regional Counter Wildlife Trafficking Partnership Forum on 21-23 September 2022, a virtual event co-hosted by the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Thailand, the ASEAN Secretariat, and USAID Wildlife Asia in collaboration with WWF, Asian Development Bank, World Bank Global Wildlife Program, Global Environment Facility, and United Nations Development Program. The Secretary-General of AIPA shared about AIPA's effort through inter-parliamentary cooperation and collaboration to strengthen collaboration towards protecting biodiversity and ending the trade in illegal wildlife.

AIPA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AIPA SECRETARIAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON STRENGTHENING RESPONSE TO SECTT IN ASIA

On 19 April 2022, the AIPA Secretariat joined the ECPAT International and contributed to the Virtual Regional Consultation on Strengthening Responses to Sexual Exploitation of Children in Asia. The AIPA Secretary General Nguyen Tuong Van delivered her keynote speech at the plenary session and shared the experience of AIPA in strengthening the regional legal frameworks to protect children from sexual exploitation. In that context, Secretary General Van highlighted the success of AIPA in passing the legal checklist that was jointly developed with ECPAT International in 2018-2019, into a legal document that can be used by AIPA Member Parliaments in strengthening their child protection legislations. Further mentioned in her speech that AIPA is currently looking at the possibility to establish a working group to monitor the implementation of the legal checklist.

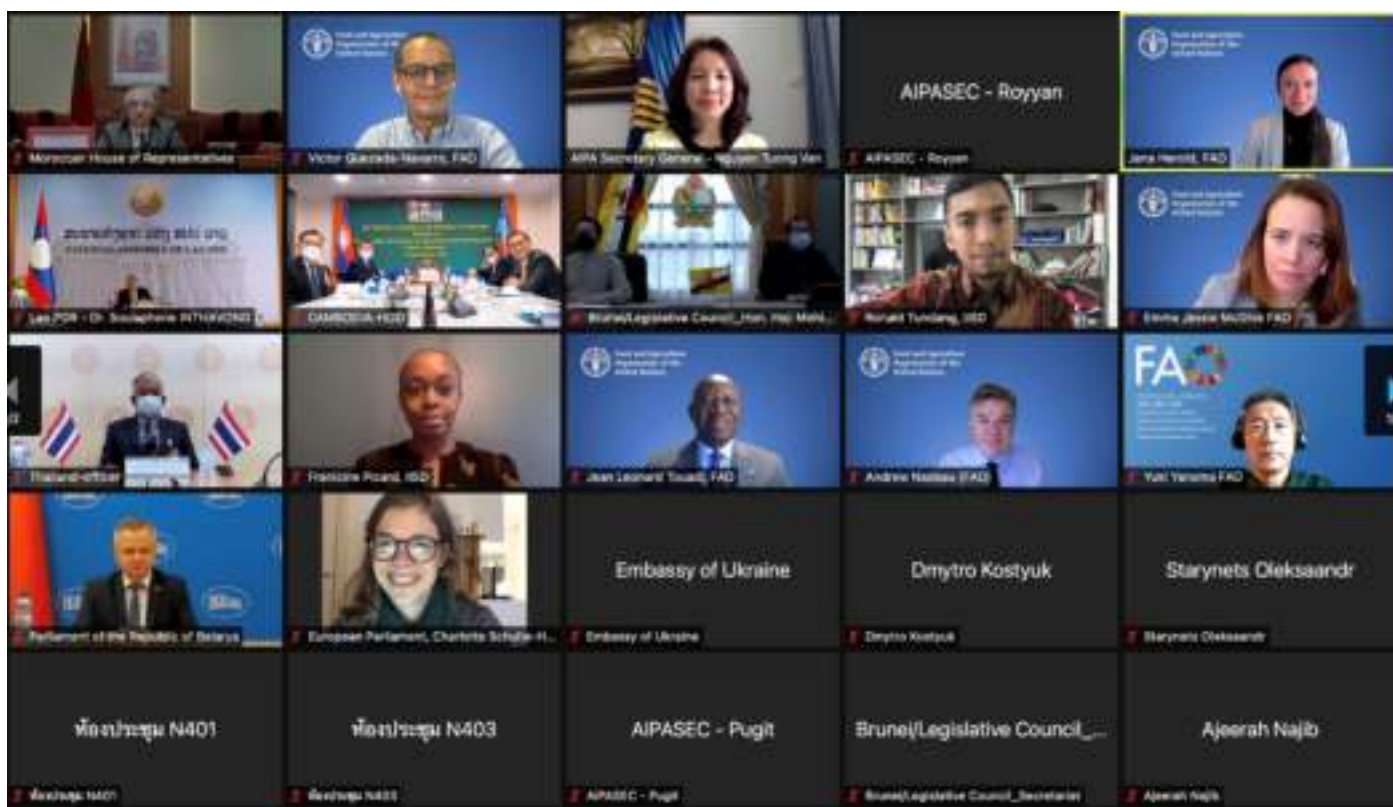
AIPA and ECPAT International has been working hand in hand to ensure the safety of children in ASEAN. The cooperation with ECPAT International was started in 2018 when AIPA initiated a project on "Strengthening Legal Frameworks to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism". The project was jointly implemented by AIPA, ECPAT International and UNICEF EAPRO from 2018-2019, successfully generated a baseline study and the legal checklist.

WEBINAR ON “RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS” AND AIPA CONTRIBUTES TO THE VIRTUAL PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)

In 2021, AIPA Secretariat was approached by the Food and Agriculture Organizations for a potential engagement with AIPA and its Member of Parliaments to fight against hunger, to address the issue of food and nutrition security, and contribute to achieve the Sustainable Development (SDGs). This is in line with AIPA's commitment to encourage active implementation of food security strategies through policies and regulations in the ASEAN region.

First involvement of AIPA with FAO was during the “Virtual Parliamentary Dialogues: Food Security and Nutrition in the Time of COVID-19, attended by the Secretary-General of AIPA. The statement given was pointing out on the important





role of the AIPA parliamentarians in addressing the impact of COVID-19 on socio-economic repercussion. It was also recommended for the AIPA parliamentarians to create an open, sustainable, and responsible investment policies, to ensure food security, to establish legislative framework to institutionalize national preparedness and response mechanisms against COVID-19 and future pandemics, and to promote circular economy practices and the use of renewable energy for sustainable development.

On 25 November 2021, AIPA organized a webinar on “Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems”, with the technical cooperation of the FAO and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), to introduce the concept of responsible investment in RAI and discuss fundamental role of parliamentarians in the creation of enabling environment for RAI. This webinar successfully gathered parliamentarians and representatives from AIPA Member Parliaments (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand) and the AIPA Observer Parliaments (Belarus, European Parliament, Morocco, Ukraine) and the parliamentarians reflected on their current implemented laws in RAI. It was concluded that food security along with agriculture sector remain important concerns; a measured and strategic investment in agricultural is crucial to sustain productivity, a good socio-economic impact for the people and environment.

REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR ASIA ON THE TOPIC OF PARLIAMENTARY ACTION FOR PREVENTION ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS RELATED VIOLENCE WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (PFSALW)



From 8 to 10 June 2022, AIPA in collaboration with the PFSALW held a Regional Seminar for Asia on the topic of Parliamentary Action for Prevention on Small Arms and Light Weapons related violence in Jakarta, Indonesia. This seminar consisted of two parts, part 1 was entitled “Connecting the Dots: Enhancing Implementation of the Women, Peace & Security, UN PoA and 2030 Agendas - through increased

parliamentary engagement and action in international processes” and part 2 was entitled “Reducing threats to international security: Mobilising parliamentarians from Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Middle East to strengthen global parliamentary action for enhanced universalisation and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty”



Parliamentarians from AIPA Members and AIPA Observers Parliaments, representatives from UNODC, UNDP, UNRCPD, Centre for Armed Violence Reduction, Center for Peace Education of Miriam College, Women for Peace and Democracy, and diplomatic representatives exchanged their views on the implementation of the SDG 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda, UN POA, WPS Agenda, the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), and national and legislative tools for preventing illicit SALW proliferation. During a meeting, further elaboration and identification on the 2018 regional Parliamentary Action Plan (PAP) was taken place to strengthen the response to armed violence and uncontrolled SALW.



AWARENESS RAISING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

ATTACHMENT PROGRAM

The AIPA Secretariat Attachment Program is an internship opportunity for student or fresh graduate across ASEAN Countries which was initially offered in 2014. This program is designed to give a hands-on experience in a range of AIPA activities for at least three months. The selection process is competitive and based on course-specific requirements, academic qualifications, and interviews.

Despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, the AIPA Secretariat has managed to organize the program in a virtual format. Following the positive development of the pandemic in Jakarta, starting from September this year, the health protocol regulations in the ASEAN Secretariat compound has allowed the program to be conducted in a hybrid format. For the AIPA Period 2021-2022, the AIPA Secretariat received more than hundred applications. Six interns were



M. Dwiki Mahendra
September - December 2021



Adli Hazmi
December 2021 - April 2022



Dhia Arnaz
April - July 2022

hired and assigned to the Directorate of Committees as well as the Directorate of Knowledge Management, Information and Communication Technology.

As interns, the selected candidate for the attachment program has supported the arrangement and preparation of the AIPA meetings from technical, administrative, and substantial work. For instance, at the Directorate of Committees, interns are involved in preparing briefing notes prior to AIPA meetings, country research for the prospective observer countries, reports of the AIPA meetings, as well as business letters of the AIPA Secretary General. At the Directorate of Knowledge Management, Information and Communication Technology, interns are assigned to update the AIPA Resolutions database and create content for AIPA's social media and website.



Taranidivya Seran
August 2022



Auranetya Adya Kayana
September - November 2022

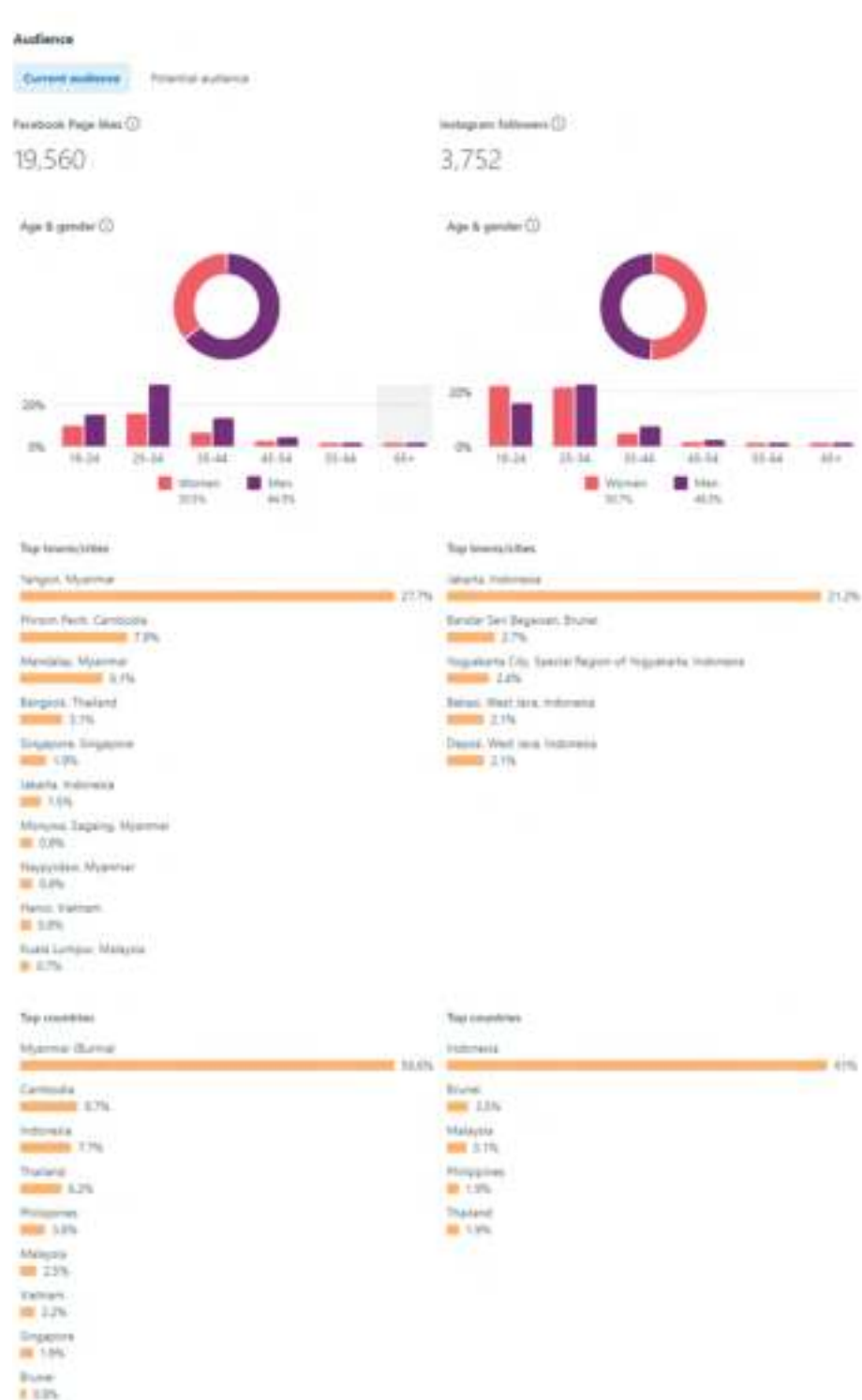


Haekal Siraj
September - January 2023

AIPA SOCIAL MEDIA

Below is the summary of AIPA social media platforms between 21 January 2022 to 18 September 2022 received from the social media analytic tools and Instagram "Insight". AIPA Social media platforms have shown increases in the past years. AIPA Secretariat decided to use organic social media marketing. Organic reach uses free tools (unpaid marketing) to promote the brand, post, and social account.

The information we share is about AIPA activities (AIPA annual meeting, workshop, webinar, virtual meeting & courtesy call), also knowledge of ASEAN countries such as National Day, Quiz, Fun facts, History, Culture, and Sport.



DEMOGRAPHIC 1.1

The number of followers of the Instagram account of AIPA has shown steady growth. By August 2022, AIPA's Instagram account followers have increased by 920 followers measured from January 2022. AIPA's Instagram followers already reached 3,752 users in August 2022. The AIPA's Instagram follower demographic shows more percentage of female users (50.7%), compared to male users (49.3%).

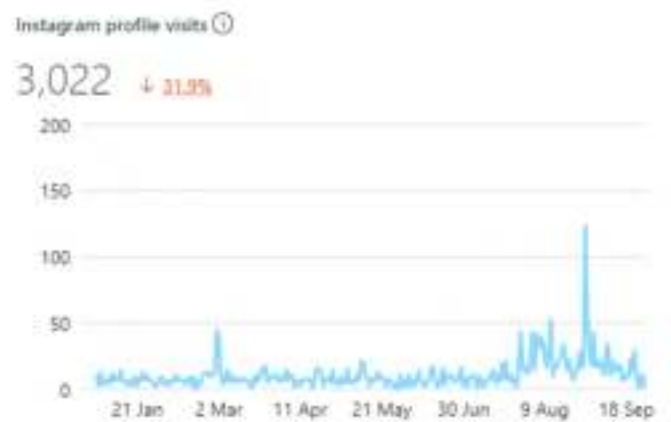
The age group demographic states that 80,1% of AIPA's followers are between the ages of 18 and 34 years,

followed by the age group of 35-54 years old (11,3%), 55+ years old (2.6%), and age group of 13-17 years old has the smallest percentage (1.7%).

Most of the followers come from Indonesia (60.9%), followed by Brunei (3.6%), Malaysia (3.1%), the Philippines (1.9%), and Thailand (1.9%). While AIPA's Instagram followers most of the top cities' followers come from Jakarta - Indonesia (21.2%), Bandar Seri Begawan - Brunei Darussalam (2.7%), Yogyakarta City - Central Java (2.4%), Singapore (2.1%), Bekasi - West Java (2.1%), and Depok - West Java (2.1%).



DEMOGRAPHIC 2.1



DEMOGRAPHIC 2.2



DEMOGRAPHIC 2.3

As of September 2022, the number of followers of the AIPA Facebook page likes reached 19,560 user accounts. The Insight shows that the third quarter of the audiences of the AIPA Facebook Page (people reached and total of followers) are dominantly male with 64.5%. Meanwhile, the female audience percentage is 35.5%. The Facebook Insight also shows what countries the AIPA Facebook page followers come from.

The statistic shows that Myanmar has the biggest percentage of the audience followed by Myanmar (56.6%), Cambodia (8.7%), Indonesia (7.7%), Thailand (6.2%), Philippines (3.8%), Malaysia (2.5%), Vietnam (2.2%), Singapore (1.9%), Brunei (0.9%), and United States (0.9%). For the audiences' age group, it was categorized into three age brackets; 18-24 years old, 25-34 years old, 35-44 years old, and 45 years old or over. Concluding from the data, the most active age followers are from age 18-24 years old.

New likes and follows

Facebook Page new likes ①

244 + 97.8%



DEMOGRAPHIC 3.1

Page and profile visits

Facebook Page visits ①

1,905 + 97.9%



DEMOGRAPHIC 3.2

Facebook Page reach ①

24,076 + 99.4%

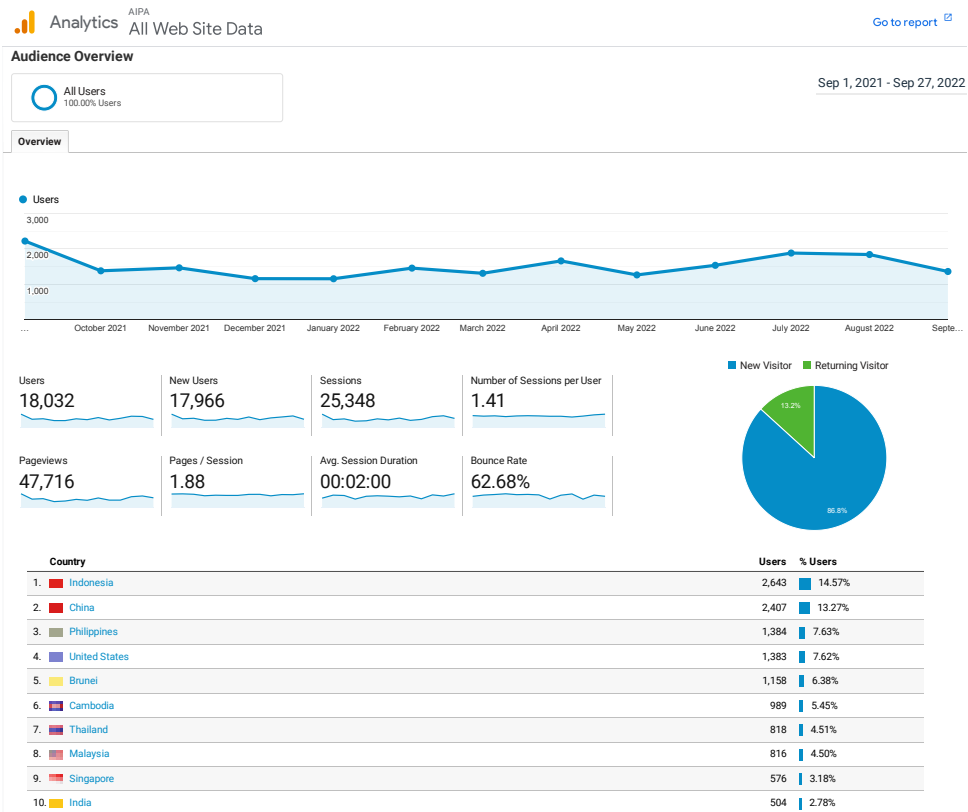


DEMOGRAPHIC 3.3

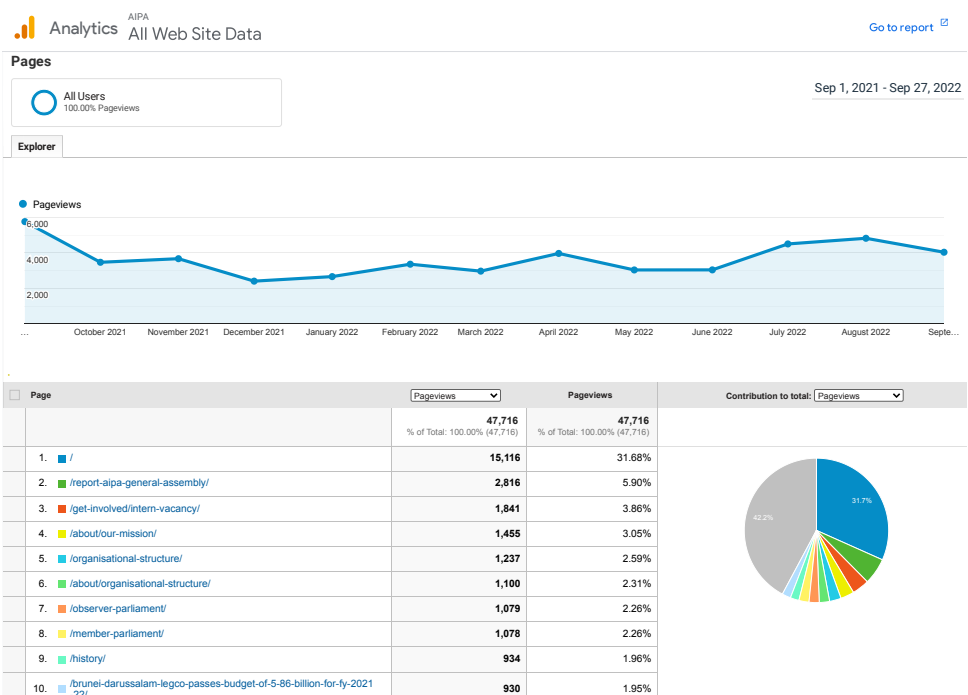
AIPA Secretariat has add new feature for the AIPA Website by adding a calendar activities and video YouTube AIPA on the home page and updated regularly AIPA Activities and ASEAN Parliamentarian News features. These improvements were made for easy access to the updated information about AIPA, and to give a new enhanced experience on the website page for the visitors.

Based on the monitoring website dated from 1 September 2021 to 27 September 2022, the approximate number of audiences was 18,032 person per year. In 2022, AIPA Website has gained new audiences 86.8%. The top countries come from Indonesia (14,57%), followed by China (13,27%), the Philippines (7,63%), United States (7,62%), Brunei Darussalam (6,38%), Cambodia (5,45%), Thailand (4,51%), Malaysia (4,50), Singapore (3,18%) and India (2,78%).

As for the page views, most visitors came to the website to look for: 1) Homepage, 2) REPORT, REPORT-AIPA-GENERAL-ASSEMBLY, 3) GET INVOLVED, INTERN-VACANCY, and 4) ABOUT US, OUR-MISSION.



DEMOGRAPHIC 4.1



DEMOGRAPHIC 4.2

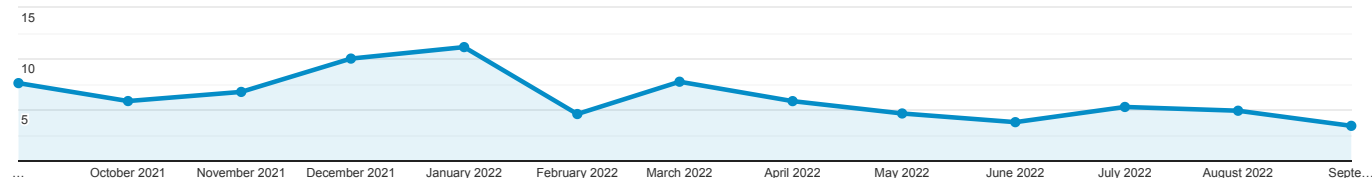
Site Speed Overview

Sep 1, 2021 - Sep 27, 2022

All Users
100.00% Pageviews

Overview

Avg. Page Load Time (sec)



423 of pageviews sent page load sample

Avg. Page Load Time (sec)

5.50

Avg. Redirection Time (sec)

0.09

Avg. Domain Lookup Time (sec)

0.06

Avg. Server Connection Time (sec)

0.20

Avg. Server Response Time (sec)

1.60

Avg. Page Download Time (sec)

0.09

Country	Avg. Page Load Time (sec)
1. Sweden	2.56
2. Austria	2.58
3. Netherlands	3.10
4. Poland	3.11
5. Vietnam	3.16
6. Cambodia	3.46
7. Malaysia	3.53
8. Thailand	3.77
9. Singapore	3.81
10. Russia	3.91

DEMOGRAPHIC 4.3

In 2022, the analytic recorded a noticeable decreased page load time compared to last year. Hence, the Directorate of ICT update a system of the website to build a lighter system for easiness of the visitors to access updated information about AIPA and ASEAN Parliamentarians. The top ten countries average page load time (sec) came from Sweden (2.56), followed by Austria (2.58), Netherlands (3.10), Poland (3.11), Vietnam (3.16), Cambodia (3.46), Malaysia (3.53), Thailand (3.77), Singapore (3.81), Russia (3.91).

RESOLUTION DATABASE (UPDATE)

ICT directorate has made improvements to the resolution database system that has been completed and working properly. In this system, visitors can search for all AIPA resolution that has been approved by the General Assembly. They can search based on Keyword, Subject Category, Year, Proponent of Resolution and Resolution number. Approximately the total of AIPA resolution has been approved is around 800 resolutions from 1978 to 2021. The upload process is still running until now, ICT has been uploaded it to the system from 2021 - 2000 (20 years). Now, the system can be access by the public trough AIPA website.

Resolutions Database - AIPA - ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (aipasecretariat-dms.org).

1. System Type

- Website, A system that used to search documents. This system is open to the public and can be accessed using a browser and mobile phone.
- Content Management System, A system that is used to help admins to upload, manage, monitoring and delete documents.

2. System Component

Website

- Language: HTML, CSS, jQuery, PHP
 - Framework: Bootstrap & Laravel
- #### Content Management System
- Language: HTML, CSS, jQuery, PHP
 - Framework: Bootstrap & Laravel
- #### Others

- Database: MySQL/MariaDB



The screenshot shows the 'AIPA RESOLUTIONS DATABASE' search page. It features a blue header with the AIPA logo and the title. Below the header is a search section with the following fields:

- Keyword:** A text input field with placeholder text 'type keyword here'.
- Subject Category:** A dropdown menu with placeholder text 'choose subject category here'.
- Year:** A dropdown menu with placeholder text 'choose year adoption here'.
- Proponent of the Resolution:** A dropdown menu with placeholder text 'choose proponent of the resolution here'.
- Resolution Number:** A text input field with placeholder text 'type resolution number here: Res. XXXX/YYYY Subject Category /XX'.

At the bottom of the search section, there are two buttons: 'X Close' and 'Q Search'.

SECRETARIAT'S CORNER

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FY 2021-2022 (AS OF 31 JULY 2022)

- a. Annual contribution from Member Countries
Total of USD. 300,864 was received by AIPA Secretariat as annual contribution from AIPA Member Parliaments for fiscal year 2021/2022 and total of USD. 286,604 was spent for operational expenditures for AIPA Secretariat such as Manpower, earmarked expenditure and other operating expenditure. A surplus of USD. 18,278 is kept in saving account.
- b. Special Fund Contribution from Member Countries
Total of USD. 49,724 was received by AIPA Secretariat as Special Fund contribution from AIPA Member Parliaments for fiscal year 2021/2022 and total of USD. 45,232 was spent for earmarked expenditures. A surplus of USD. 4,623 is kept in saving account.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and followed by work from home policy, many of the AIPA scheduled events were cancelled. Such events replaced with the teleconference/webinar facility. These resulted to savings to AIPA Secretariat.

POSITION OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS IN BANK MANDIRI

Balance of AIPA current account in Bank Mandiri as of 31 July 2022:

1. Account 1020000055183 - USD. 84,534
2. Account 1220006293289 - USD. 49,403
3. Account 1220011483776 - USD. 200

DONATION OF NON-MEDICAL RESPIRATOR MASK FROM ASEAN SECRETARIAT

In March 2022, AIPA Secretariat received 20,000 pieces of Non-Medical Respirator Mask from ASEAN Secretariat. This donation certainly helps AIPA Secretariat activities during this pandemic situation as wearing a mask is mandatory during office hour in the ASEAN Secretariat premises.

DONATION OF NON-MEDICAL RESPIRATOR MASK FROM ASEAN SECRETARIAT

Total of fourteen staff were employed at AIPA Secretariat as Locally Recruited Staff. As of 31st July 2022, eight staff are on 3-year contract and six staff are on permanent status (more than 6 year of service). They are as follows:

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE



**Hon. Nguyen
Tuong Van**

AIPA Secretary General



**Mr. Mario Pandu
Dewono**

*Deputy
Secretary General*



Ms. Putri Gita Lubis

*Secretary to
Secretary General*

DIRECTORATE OF COMMITTEES

The Directorate of Committees is in charge of providing administrative and substantive support to the AIPA Member Parliaments in organizing the AIPA meetings. The Directorate is also responsible for ensuring that the conduct of the AIPA meetings and the works of the Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees of AIPA are in line with the AIPA Statutes and other official instruments of AIPA.



Ms. Putri Maha Lima

Director of Committees



Mr. Sandi Nursahamdani

Committees Officer

DIRECTORATE OF STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The Directorate of Stakeholders' Engagement and Resource Mobilization is responsible in maintaining and creating new engagements with external parties such as ASEAN Secretariat, partners, guests of AIPA, regional, and international communities or organizations through collaborative activities to achieve common goals. This directorate is also designed with fund-raising capability in mind and build donor constituency to ensure that AIPA Secretariat may gradually provide not only administrative support, but also knowledge and research assistance on substantive matters for the AIPA Member Parliaments, AIPA National Secretariat, and the AIPA Secretariat staff.



Ms. Royyan Hadela Isnanda

External Stakeholders' Engagement Officer

DIRECTORATE OF KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The Directorate of Knowledge Management, Information & Communication Technology manages all computer and technology services in the ALPA Secretariat. It is responsible for advising users on the use and limitation of ICT, and propose changes in the present operational procedures, where applicable, and to streamline work processes for better efficiency and effectiveness. It is also responsible for the provision of computer and information services either directly by its internal resources or through service providers. This includes the operation of appropriate network, hardware, and software systems.



**Mr. Resky
Wiwoho A. W.**
Director



Mr. Efran Arieza
Officer

DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Directorate of Finance and Administration provides and facilitates the smooth operation of other Directorates through the provision of financial and administrative support services.

The Directorate maintains cash books including control and ensures that all disbursements are in accordance with the Rules and Regulation of the AIPA Secretariat. It is also responsible to perform personnel administration tasks and maintenance of various personnel records and files as well as prepare, update, maintain and control supplies, material, and office equipment.



Mr. Adi Witjaksono
Director of Finance and Administration



Ms. Dwi Supiana
Corporate Support Officer



Ms. Nyoman Astini Sari
Corporate Finance Officer



Mr. Wahyu Samodra
Specialist Officer



Mr. Tumiran
Driver to Secretary General



Ms. Neni Triana
Domestic Help



Mr. Suheri
Office Support Staff

LIST OF ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

BY AIPA SECRETARIAT

Below are the activities attended by the AIPA Secretary-General and/or AIPA Deputy Secretary-General:

1. Online meeting with the Mr. Peter Collier, Chief of Party, USAID Wildlife ASIA on 17 August 2021.
2. Online meeting with the Brunei Darussalam National Secretariat regarding the coordination of 42nd AIPA GA on 18 August 2021.
3. Participated in the Asia-Pacific Virtual Parliamentary Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition in the Time of COVID-19 organized by FAO on 6 September 2021.
4. Online meeting with the US Mission to ASEAN on 10 September 2021.
5. Attended as a speaker for The Global Event of "Virtual Parliamentary Dialogues: Food Security and Nutrition in the Time of Covid-19" organized by FAO on 22 September 2021.
6. Virtual courtesy call from H. E. Muhammad Hassan, Ambassador of Pakistan to Indonesia and ASEAN on 27 October 2021.
7. Virtual courtesy call from H. E. Vasyl Hamiamin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Indonesia on 3 November 2021.
8. Virtual courtesy call from H. E. Igor Driesmans, EU Ambassador to ASEAN on 4 November 2021.
9. Presenter at the opening session of PCAAsia's Training Seminar on "An Overview of Parliamentary Responsibilities: Strengthening the Institution" on 24 November 2021.
10. Attended the webinar on Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food System organized by AIPA, FAO and IISD via videoconference on 25 November 2021.
11. Online meeting with H.E. Mr. Jayant N. Khobragade, the Indian Ambassador to ASEAN, on 15 December 2021.
12. Representing AIPA for the MOU signing with ICCF (represented by Mr. James Ward, ICCF's Indonesia Country Director) on 7 February 2022.
13. Attended the virtual briefing on the Growing Challenge of Confronting Fisheries Crime, a joint event by AIPA and ICCF on 15 February 2022.

14. Joined the PCAAsia & AIPA Joint Mission Trip to France and Belgium, started with the 1st meeting with Mr. Eric Tavenier, Secretary-General of the Senate of France, on 24 February 2022 in France.
15. Meeting with Mr. Damien Cesselin, Administrative Secretary General of APF (Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie) on 25 February 2022 in France.
16. Meeting with Prof. Dr. Felix UHLMANN, Director of the Centre for Legislative Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland on 25 February in France.
17. Meeting with Ms. Marie VIGOROUX, Head of the Interparliamentary Cooperation Unit for the National Assembly of France on 25 February in France.
18. Meeting with Mrs. Rachel TRITT, Vice President of the East West Management Institute (EWMI) on 26 February in France.
19. Meeting with Mark GALLAGHER, Deputy Head of Division, Southeast Asia (ASIAPAC.3), European External Action Service on 28 February 2022 in Belgium.
20. Meeting with MEP Daniel Caspary, Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Southeast Asia and ASEAN (DASE) on 1 March 2022 in Belgium.
21. Meeting with the Units of the Directorate General for External Policies (DG EXPO) on 1 March 2022 in Belgium.
22. Meeting with H. E. Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of EP, Responsible for Asia on 1 March 2022 in Belgium.
23. Attended a briefing session with the Brunei Darussalam's National Secretariat in relation with the upcoming leadership of Brunei Darussalam who will assume the position of the next Secretary General of AIPA on 29 March 2022 via online.
24. Received a courtesy call from the Ambassador of the Korean Mission to ASEAN, H. E. Kwon Hee-Seog, on 7 April 2022 in AIPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta.
25. Delivered a keynote speech via online at the Virtual Regional consultation on Strengthening Responses to Sexual Exploitation of Children in Asia, an event organized by ECPAT International on 19 April 2022.
26. Attended the 13th AIPA Caucus hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand via online on 7 June 2022.

27. Attended a three-day regional seminar on “Parliamentary Action for Prevention of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)-related Violence”, a joint event by ALPA Secretariat and PFSALW on 8-10 June 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
28. Meeting with Mr. Aldo Dell’Ariccia, the Team Leader and Key Expert ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) of E-READI on 22 June 2022 in ALPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia.
29. Attended the 5th Meeting of AIPACODD hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia via online on 24 June 2022.
30. Attended the 55th ASEAN Day celebration on 8 August 2022 in ASEAN Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia.
31. Joined the ALPA Delegation official visit to India on 10 - 14 August 2022.
32. Meeting with Chargé d’Affaires Kate Rebholz from the US Mission to ASEAN on 19 August 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
33. Received an unofficial courtesy visit from the next ALPA Secretary General, Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy DSLJ Haji Abdul Rahman, on 22 August 2022 in ALPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia.
34. Received visit from the delegation of the ASEAN Junior Fellowship on 2nd September 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
35. Attended WAIPA’s first Coordinating Meeting that was hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on 30 August 2022 via online.
36. Delivered presentation on the general procedure of the ALPA General Assembly to the National Assembly of Cambodia on 5 September 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
37. Courtesy call on the First Vice President of the National Assembly of Cambodia, Hon. Prof. Dr. Kittisethabindit Chaem Yeap on 5 September 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
38. Courtesy call on Hon. Kittisangahakbindit Khuon Sudary, the Second Vice President of the National Assembly of Cambodia, on 5 September in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
39. Meeting with the Committee for Parliamentary Cooperation of the House of Regional Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia on 15 September 2022 in ALPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia,

40. Meeting with the Polish Parliament Delegation on 21 September 2022 in ALPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia.
41. Attended the Polish Contemporary Textile and Batik Art Exhibition on 3 October 2022, in Jakarta, Indonesia.
42. Attended the ASEAN- Associated Entities and USAID Roundtable Discussion on 4 October 2022 on the occasion of a visit to JKT by Dr. Steve Olive, Mission Director, USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia.
43. Meeting with The President of the National Assembly, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand, H. E. Chuan Leekpai on 7 October 2022 in ASEAN Secretariat's building, Jakarta, Indonesia.
44. Attended the Inauguration of ASEAN - India Diwali Bazaar and Painting as invited by the Ambassador of India to ASEAN, H. E. Jayant N. Khobragade, on 9 October 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
45. Meeting with H. E. U Aung Myo Myint, the Ambassador of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 17 October 2022 in ALPA Secretariat Office, Jakarta, Indonesia.
46. Attended the Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of ALPA (part 1), chaired by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, via online on 17 October 2022.
47. Chaired the Meeting of Stakeholder and Advisory Council (invited by the Executive Director of PCAsia) on 20 October 2022 in Siam Reap, Cambodia.
48. Attended the 30th APPF meeting (invited by H. E. Chuan Leekpai, President of the 30th APPF) on 23 - 30 October 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand.
49. Attended the APPF Women Parliamentarians Meeting on 26 2022 October in Bangkok, Thailand.
50. Attended the Roundtable for Young Parliaments of 30th APPF Annual Meeting on 27 October 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand.
51. Attended the Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of ALPA (part 2), chaired by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, via online on 2 November 2022.
52. Meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to ASEAN, H. E. Kjell Tormod Pettersen, on 3 November 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
53. Meeting with PFSALW via online on 3 November 2022.

10 - 14 August 2022

Executive Summary



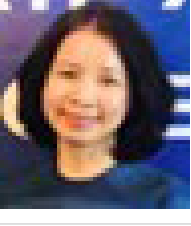
Upon the invitation from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Honorable Shri Om Birla, and former Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Delegation of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) visited India from 11- 12 August 2022. The official visit was part of the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Relations. Consists of 11 parliamentarians and accompanied by AIPA Secretary General, the AIPA Delegation was led by Honorable Kittisethabindit CHEAMYEAP, First Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on behalf of the AIPA President.

During the visit, series of meetings were held with the Leader's counterpart in India and important dignitaries of India, commenced by a meeting with Minister of External Affairs of India, H.E. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The Delegation of AIPA later met with the Delegation of India headed by the Vice Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh for a bilateral dialogue. The Delegation of AIPA also paid a courtesy call to the newly elected Vice President of India and the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. The AIPA delegation was also invited to the briefing by Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE).

List of AIPA Delegation

There were in total 11 parliamentarians from six AIPA Member Parliaments joined the AIPA Delegation trip to India, accompanied by AIPA Secretary General. The list of Delegates is as follows:

No	Name of Delegation	Gender F/M	Country / Organization	Designation	Photo
1	Hon. Kittisethabindit CHEAM YEAP	M	National Assembly of Cambodia	First Vice President of the National Assembly / Head of Delegation	
2	H.E. Chheang Vun	M	National Assembly of Cambodia	Member of National Assembly - Chairman of the Commission, Finance, Banking, and Audit	
3	H.E. Suos Yara	M	National Assembly of Cambodia	Member of National Assembly - Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Media, and Information	
4	H.E. Chhit Kim Yeat	M	National Assembly of Cambodia	Member of National Assembly - Acting Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Media, and Information	
5	Hon. Dr. Fadli Zon	M	House of Representatives of Indonesia	Member of Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation	
6	Hon. Sanya Praseuth	M	National Assembly of Lao PDR	Member of National Assembly, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee	
7	Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan bin Md. Yusof	M	Parliament of Malaysia	Member of the House of Representatives	
8	Hon. Karupaiya Mutusami	M	Parliament of Malaysia	Member of the House of Representatives	

9	Hon. Vikram Nair	M	Parliament of Singapore	Member of Parliament	
10	Hon. Nguyen Thi Le Thuy	F	National Assembly of Viet Nam	Vice-Chairwoman of Science, Technology and Environment Committee, Member of Parliament	
11	Hon. Pham Phu Binh	M	National Assembly of Viet Nam	Standing member of the Foreign Affairs Committee	
	Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van	F	AIPA Secretariat	Secretary General	

Official Meetings and Outcomes

I. Internal Meeting of AIPA Delegation

Upon initiative of the National Assembly of Cambodia, an internal meeting of AIPA Delegation preceded the visit program. Chaired by the Head of Delegation, Hon. Kittisethabindit CHEAM YEAP, the meeting was intended to inform all delegates regarding the updated program of activities and the arrangement of each meeting. During the meeting, the Head of Delegation also tasked the AIPA Secretariat to prepare the report of the visit to be tabled at the upcoming 43rd AIPA General Assembly.

II. Series of Official Meetings with Important Dignitaries of India

A. Courtesy Call on Minister of External Affairs of India

The AIPA Delegation met the Minister of External Affairs of India, Honorable Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The meeting with Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar was

fruitful and interactive. focused on the development of ASEAN-India relations in various areas including socio-economic and cultural and political security.

Minister Dr. Jaishankar emphasized the importance of ASEAN, for the fact that it is a region that is politically and economically stable. He also conveyed that becoming an observer member of AIPA is not only an important step for the parliamentary relationship between AIPA and the Parliament of India but also in ASEAN-India relations in a larger perspective. Minister Dr. Jaishankar also encouraged all ASEAN Member States to promote the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) to achieve a free flow of goods in the region that results in fewer barriers to trade and deeper economic ties. The Head of the AIPA Delegation, in his response, encouraged the organization of the ASEAN-India Cultural Corridor Festival, including the celebration of Ramayan Connectivity Festival to strengthen people-to-people connectivity between ASEAN and India.

B. Bilateral Dialogue between Delegation of AIPA and India

The Delegation of AIPA met bilaterally with the Delegation of India which headed by the Vice Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh. The bilateral dialogue highlighted that the relationships of ASEAN and India are based on similar linkages and mutual commitment to the Indo-pacific region, ASEAN Centrality, openness, transparency, inclusivity, good governance, respect solidarity, and non-intervention.

It was also emphasized that the ASEAN-India partnership is comprehensive in nature and engaged in various strategic areas. The fact that the trade value of India with ASEAN nearly reached 100 billion USD reflects the solid economic relations of India with the Southeast Asian region. As importantly, the meeting stressed the significance of the legislative element in complementing the effort toward the comprehensive strategic partnership of ASEAN and India.

C. Courtesy Call on the Newly Elected Vice President of India and the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha

The interaction during the courtesy call on the newly elected Vice President of India and the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was productive and mutual, overlaying common concerns of both sides including the current geopolitical situation, promotion of democracy and parliamentary diplomacy, as well as the intention to further deepen the

relationship with frequent parliamentary exchanges and dialogue. In his opening statement, Honorable Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar affirmed that the engagement of ASEAN and India is comprehensive covering all the three pillars of ASEAN. It was also affirmed during the courtesy call that the relationship between AIPA and the Parliament of India contributes to the long-lasting and strong partnership of ASEAN and India.

D. Briefing by the Parliamentary Research Institute for Democracy (PRIDE)

The AIPA delegation was also invited to the briefing by Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE). During the briefing, it was encouraged that both sides explore possibilities of cooperation in capacity development for both parliamentarians and the parliamentary staff. Both AIPA and the Parliament of India are consistent with the desire to establish concrete cooperation in strengthening human resources through capacity building.

Cultural Programs

A guided tour of the Parliament House, the Parliament Museum and the Parliament Library was organized by the host Parliament to provide the members of the Delegation an insight about the Indian parliamentary history, procedures and practices. During the show-round of the Parliament Library, it was explained by the librarian in charge that the Indian Parliament Library is one of the most comprehensive and diverse parliamentary libraries, leading the way with its digital publications. In this regard, there was an idea to establish an AIPA Digital Law Library, and explore the possibility of cooperation with the Parliament Library of India.

Further, to present the vivid cultural dimensions of India, the visits of Delegation to the Qutub Minar, the Lotus Temple, and the Taj Mahal of Agra were undertaken.

Cultural Programs

Concluding the official delegation visit, the Leader and the Members of AIPA Delegation had an exclusive interview with the SANSAD TV, and shared their considered intent to strengthen and deepen the India-ASEAN friendship. Summarizing the visit, a joint press release was also published in the website and social media of AIPA Secretariat and the Parliament of India. The joint press release is attached to this report for readers' reference.

Picture Gallery







Joint Press Release Visit to India

Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Relations, the Delegation of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) visited India from 11- 12 August 2022.

The Delegation visited India on the invitation of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Honorable Shri Om Birla, and former Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. The AIPA Delegation was led by Honorable Kittisethabindit CHEAM YEAP, First Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on behalf of the 43rd AIPA President, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG SAMRIN, and consisted of 11 parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments.

During the visit, a series of meetings were held with the Leader's counterpart in India and important dignitaries of India. The official visit of the AIPA Delegation commenced with paying homage to the Father of the Nation

‘Mahatma Gandhi’ at Rajghat. Thereafter, the Delegation met the Minister of External Affairs of India, Honorable Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The discussion with Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar was focused on the development of ASEAN-India relations in various areas including socio-economic and cultural and political security. In his interaction, Minister Dr. Jaishankar emphasized the importance of ASEAN, for the fact that ASEAN is a region that is politically and economically stable. He also conveyed that becoming an observer member of AIPA is not only an important step for the parliamentary relationship between AIPA and the Parliament of India but also in ASEAN-India relations in a larger perspective. Further in his statement, Minister Dr. Jaishankar encouraged all ASEAN Member States to promote the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) to achieve a free flow of goods in the region that results in fewer barriers to trade and deeper economic ties. Being specific in his response, the Head of the AIPA Delegation encouraged the organization of the ASEAN-India Cultural Corridor Festival, including the celebration of Ramayan Connectivity Festival.

Headed by the Vice Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh the Delegation of India met the Delegation of AIPA for bilateral dialogue. The dialogue took note that the relationships of ASEAN and India are based on similar linkages and mutual commitment to the Indo-Pacific region, ASEAN Centrality, openness, transparency, inclusivity, good governance, respect solidarity, and non-intervention. The ASEAN-India partnership is comprehensive in nature and engaged in various strategic areas. The fact that the trade value of India with ASEAN nearly reached 100 billion USD reflects the solid economic relations of India with the Southeast Asian region. As importantly, the meeting stressed the significance of the legislative element in complementing the effort toward the comprehensive strategic partnership of ASEAN and India.

A guided show-round of the Parliament House, the Parliament Museum and the Parliament Library was organized by the host Parliament to provide the members of the Delegation an insight about the Indian parliamentary history, procedures and practices.

The Delegation of AIPA also paid a courtesy call to the newly elected Vice President of India and the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Honorable Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. It was affirmed in his opening statement, that the engagement of ASEAN and India is comprehensive covering all the three pillars of ASEAN. The interaction during the courtesy call was productive and mutual, overlaying

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AIPA and the Indian Parliament have been in a formal relationship for 11 years since the Indian Parliament was granted AIPA observer status at the 31st AIPA General Assembly in 2011. The close relationship between the two emphasizes the importance of the parliamentary dimension in strengthening relations between India and ASEAN. On behalf of the President of the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, the Head of the AIPA Delegation extended an invitation to the Parliament of India to attend the upcoming 43rd AIPA General Assembly to be held in Phnom Penh in November 2022.

While concluding the visit, the Leader and the Members in their exclusive interview with the SANSAD TV shared their considered intent to strengthen and deepen the India-ASEAN friendship.

REPORT OBSERVATION OF COMMUNAL ELECTION IN THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

3 - 6 June 2022

Executive Summary

At the invitation of the Secretary General of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the AIPA Secretariat sent a representative to join the Delegation of AIPA to observe the country's Communal Election. There were in total three AIPA Members who sent delegates; Lao PDR, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Also joined in the AIPA Delegation throughout the observation activities was a Member of Parliament from the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The observation activities were officially started on Friday, 4 June 2022 and ended on the election day; Sunday, 5 June 2022. Prior to the election day, the Delegation of AIPA was invited to pay courtesy call to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, as well as to attend the briefing hosted by the National Election Committee. Aside from performing its own independent observation, the presence of the AIPA Secretariat during the observation visit was also to provide support to the delegates of AIPA.

Purpose

This report is prepared by the AIPA Secretariat based on the views of staff sent to the field, to provide overview of the observation visit. This report is intended for AIPA's internal use.

Observation Activities

The AIPA Delegation consists of representatives from four AIPA Members; Lao PDR, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Cambodia. AIPA Delegation participated in all observation activities prepared by the organizing committees including:

1. Welcoming Dinner hosted by Hon. Suos Yara, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
2. Briefing by Representatives from National Election Committee of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
3. Dinner hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
4. Observation of voting process in several polls of three different provinces: Phnom Penh, Kandal, and Takeo;
5. Dinner hosted by Hon. Ty Sokhun, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

AIPA Delegation arrived in Phnom Penh on Friday, 3 June 2022, during the “white day” of the election. On Saturday, 4 June 2022, the National Election Committee (NEC) of the Kingdom of Cambodia invited all international observers to join the briefing session. During the briefing session, representatives from NEC delivered presentation on the Commune/Sangkat Council Election. The presentation was structured as follows:

- Brief Background of the establishment of the NEC Cambodia and the Communal Election;
- Steps in organizing the elections;
- Communal Election of 5th Mandate;
- Electoral Reforms;
- Code of Conduct.

During the session, international observers were introduced to NEC as the responsible body for organizing election in Cambodia. The representatives of NEC also explained about the process of the communal election, from voter’s registration, political parties’ registration, election campaign, voting process, until the announcement of the election result. It was explained during the session that there were 17 political parties running for the communal election with 86.092 candidates,

27.813 of which are females, standing for the election at 1.652 communes nationwide and 23.602 polling stations. Hand out of the presentation is attached to this report for readers' reference.

The voting day of the communal election took place on Sunday, 5 June 2022. The observation of the voting process started in one of the polling stations in Kandal Province. AIPA Delegation arrived at 6:30 am and observed the preparation and opening process of the polling station. Along with other international observers, the AIPA Delegation was also given the opportunity to observe the voting process carried out by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, the first voter of that particular polling station. The representative of AIPA Secretariat used the opportunity to ask questions about inclusivity of the voting process. It was then explained that voters with disabilities will get assistance from the election organizing committee.

The AIPA Delegation was then brought to bigger polling station in Phnom Penh, in which several polling stations are located. Here, the representative of NEC who accompanied the AIPA Delegation, explained about the voter list. The NEC representative informed the AIPA Delegation that the voter list consists not only the name, birthdate, and ID numbers, but also furnished with the updated photos of the voters. It was also informed that the voter list is updated regularly by the NEC to ensure that all eligible voters are registered.

The last polling station visited by the AIPA Delegation was located in Takeo Province. The AIPA Delegation arrived just before the polls closed. Here, the Delegation got the opportunity to observe the vote counting process. The process was done manually and witnessed by representatives from NEC and from the contesting political parties. As part of international observers, the observations made by the AIPA Delegation on the vote counting process were bound by the law (code of conduct). As is the case in the observation position which was allowed to be carried out at certain distance from the ballot papers, both those that are still closed or those that are being read out. The voting process was observed to run smoothly and peacefully. However, it is important to note that the AIPA Delegation was not present throughout the vote counting process, and left the polling station before the counting process completed.

Publication

Following the request from the National Assembly of Cambodia, a Statement of the Delegation of AIPA on the Election of the Commune-Sangkat Councils in Cambodia was drafted and read at the press conference on Monday, 6 June 2022. The full text of the statement is attached to this report.

Conclusion

The Delegation observed that the election went smoothly and peacefully. The Delegation also did not encounter any practices of intimidation, coercion or violence during the observation process at the visited polling stations. The voting process of the 2022 Commune Election in Cambodia proceeded peacefully and smoothly in a free, fair and transparent manner, in which competing political parties were freely participating in the entire voting process without disruptions. Every party had equal opportunity and rights before law, which indicates decent democratic process in Cambodia. A transparent system was in place to ensure observers from political parties, national and international non-government organizations to closely watch the whole process of the voting. Vote counting was done efficiently, using an effective mechanism with participation from attending observers.

STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY ON THE ELECTION OF THE COMMUNE-SANGKAT COUNCILS IN CAMBODIA

6 June 2022

At the invitation of the Cambodian National Election Committee (NEC) through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Secretary General Office of the National Assembly of Cambodia, Delegation of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) which consists of four AIPA Members and a representative from AIPA Secretariat, attended as observers of the 2022 Commune Election in Cambodia. The Delegation was given opportunity to observe the pre-election White Day, which is a day before voting, as well as all the proceedings during the election day. Information on the Cambodian electoral system and procedure was also provided to the Delegation prior to the election day through a briefing session by the National Election Committee. The legal environment in which the commune election was conducted is essentially unchanged from previous commune elections in 2017 that has been governed by the Law on Election of Commune-Sangkat Councils of Cambodia adopted in 2015.

The Delegation's conclusion was drawn on the basis of direct involvement to cross-check the information provided at the briefing session before the election day and the reality reflected on the ground. Observations were made through the entire voting process, including the opening and closing of polling stations, followed by the vote counting process.

On the election day, the delegation visited several polling stations in Phnom Penh, Kandal and TAKEO provinces, witnessing all phases of the voting process, from the opening to the closing. Upon the closing of the polling stations, the Delegation - along with parties' agents present, representatives from NGO and local observers - took part in observing the vote counting and tabulation process, which was assessed to be conducted in an open and transparent manner.

The Delegation observed that the election went smoothly and peacefully. The Delegation also did not encounter any practices of intimidation, coercion or violence during the observation process at the visited polling stations.

The voting process, taking into consideration the understanding of each delegate on the information provided before and during the voting process, was carried out in accordance with national laws and in a technically efficient manner. The Commune election ended successfully in a peaceful and participatory atmosphere, demonstrating integrity and courteous voters' behavior.

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Participating Delegates observed that the polling stations visited were attended by capable staff who stood ready to assist voters. All polling stations were well equipped with all necessary materials, including voter lists, ballot papers, stamps, indelible ink, and blank ballot boxes confirmed by the first voter of each polling station. Further, the Cambodian authorities were also on full duty to guarantee the safety and security of all participants during the voting process, including the numerous international observers registered that were on site.

The observing Delegation of AIPA supports the conduct of multiparty, free, fair and regularly-scheduled elections as a democratic means to compete for public offices at the local and national levels. The Delegation wishes to conclude that the 2022 commune voting process was held successfully, allowing the people of Cambodia to exercise their civic and political rights through the universal direct suffrage by secret ballot governed by prevailing national and international laws.

With the peaceful, effective, and transparent election process, as well as the deemed high-rate of voter turnout of approximately 78%, the AIPA Delegation congratulates the Cambodian people on this success.



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