



## AIPA Newsletter: AIPALYNC+

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### JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Coordination Meeting with the National Assembly of Lao PDR**

The AIPA Secretariat kicked off 2024 with a virtual coordination meeting held in collaboration with the National Assembly of Lao PDR. The meeting was honored by the participation of Hon. Sounthone Xayachack, Vice President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

Discussions centered around the AIPA agenda for the entirety of 2024, with a focus on coordinating efforts to strengthen



and complement the AIPA Presidency of Lao PDR. The aim was to align strategies and initiatives for a cohesive and effective approach throughout the year.



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## 1st Task Force Meeting

On the Establishment of Digital Law Library and Enhancement of AIPA Guidelines for Engagement with Externals



Following the directive set forth by the Executive Committee of the 44th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Secretariat hosted the 1st Task Force Meeting from 17–18 January, 2024, in Jakarta, Indonesia. Brought together by over 25 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from across the region, the deliberations of the Task Force Meeting were focused on the establishment of the AIPA Digital Law Library and the enhancement of AIPA Guidelines for engagement with

externals. Chaired by Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the meeting reached initial consensus on the final draft of the Terms of Reference for the AIPA Digital Law Library and the Enhanced Guidelines for AIPA's Engagement with Externals. The two documents will be tabled at the 45th AIPA General Assembly for adoption.

## AIPACAST: Amplifying Voices of AIPA

To foster a better understanding of AIPA's regional role from a parliamentary standpoint, the AIPA Secretariat introduced "AIPACAST: Amplifying Voices of AIPA," a podcast initiative. AIPACAST aims to provide insights into inter-parliamentary diplomacy and various activities, engaging parliamentarians and external stakeholders. The podcast has recorded two episodes. The inaugural episode features insights from Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, discussing the AIPA Presidency of Lao PDR.





The 2nd episode features Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng of the National Assembly of Cambodia, focusing on Cambodia's initiative to establish the AIPA Digital Law Library to promote regional transparency. AIPACAST offers both audio and visual content, accessible on AIPA social media and digital platforms, including Spotify, Apple Podcast, and YouTube.

## AIPA Secretariat's Engagement with Externals



The AIPA Secretariat initiated 2024 with proactive and dynamic engagements with AIPA's external stakeholders. Several significant meetings transpired in January, involving WFD, CFLI, ERIA, the Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea to ASEAN, and FAO. These discussions with our valued partners were focused on both the potential and ongoing collaborations, with the overarching goal of strengthening partnerships and achieving common objectives.

The topics covered ranged from women's political participation, climate change, cybersecurity, responsible investment in agriculture, food security, to parliamentary diplomacy. Additionally, the AIPA Secretariat held a coordination meeting with representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, preparing for the Interface between the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration and AIPA Member Parliaments.

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### Courtesy Call on Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam

On the 25th of January 2024, the AIPA Secretary General had a courtesy call with the newly appointed Clerk of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam; H.E. Dr. Hajah Huraini Binti Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Jaya Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hurairah and Hon. Pehin Dato Adanan Yussof, Member of Legislative Council, as the Chair of the 15th AIPA Caucus 2024.

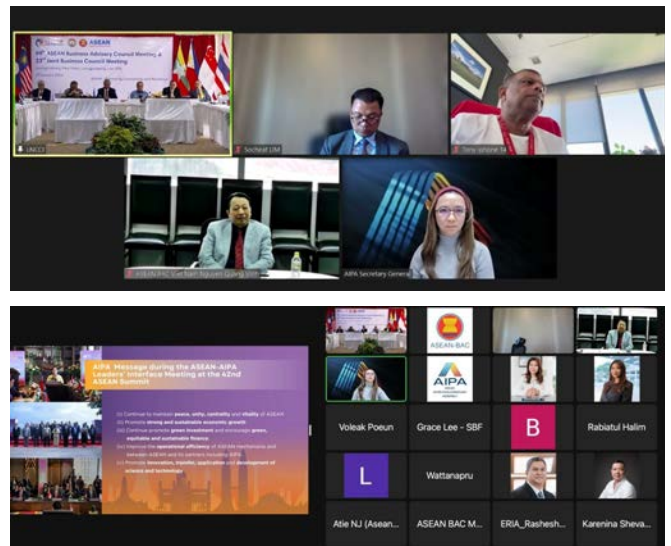




During this meeting, the AIPA Secretary General provided an executive briefing on the AIPA agenda, with a focus on the preparations for the upcoming 15th AIPA Caucus to be hosted by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam. On the 31st of January 2024, The Secretary General also had the opportunity to have a courtesy meeting with H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam.

## AIPA Secretary General at the 99th ASEAN-BAC Meeting

Upon the invitation from the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC), the AIPA Secretary General virtually attended the 99th ASEAN-BAC Meeting on 29 January 2024. The meeting witnessed the official handover of the ASEAN-BAC Chairmanship from Indonesia to Lao PDR.



During this gathering, the AIPA Secretary General seized the opportunity to discuss potential collaborations geared towards fostering synergy between parliamentarians and business leaders across the ASEAN region, particularly in promoting cyber resilience for a secure and vibrant digital economy.

# Annual Report AIPA Secretariat January- December 2023



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Celebrating a year of accomplishments, the AIPA Secretariat is delighted to present the Annual Report covering activities throughout the year 2023. This report serves as a testament to the collective vision, commitment, and resilience of our Member of Parliaments. It meticulously outlines 332 activities undertaken by the AIPA and AIPA Secretariat, encompassing annual meetings, public lectures, capacity-building and attachment programs, and various other initiatives.

Furthermore, the report offers insights into both ongoing and completed projects and events, including Women Political Participation and Leadership Project (WPPL Project), AIPA Day celebrations, the AIPA Roadshow, and the AIPA Attachment Program. The annual report also highlights the successful realization of our communication masterplan and strategic plan, with the achievement of 100% of the set objectives.

# Calendar Highlights: February 2024



5 - 6 February 2024

Vientiane, Lao PDR

## WAIPA Events 2024

Women Political Leaders Forum

Workshop 2.0 on the Development of  
Plan of Action on Promoting Women  
Political Participation and Leadership

3rd WAIPA Coordinating  
Committee Meeting



20 February 2024

Vang Vieng, Lao PDR

**High-Level Task Force  
on ASEAN Economic  
Integration (HLTF-EI)  
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