



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

International Women’s Day: “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress”



On the International Women's Day, 8 March 2024, the call to action is clear: Invest in Women to Accelerate Progress. As the world faces multiple crises, placing immense pressure on communities, it is evident that addressing these challenges requires solutions that empower women.

AIPA believes that by investing in women, we can collectively transform a resilient and inclusive ASEAN community, leaving no one behind. Throughout the month of International Women's Day, the AIPA and AIPA Secretariat engaged in various events to celebrate women in the region and globally.

Speed-mentoring Roundtables by the Canada Mission to ASEAN:



In celebration of the International Women's Day 2024, the AIPA Secretariat actively engaged in the annual Speed-mentoring Roundtables organized by the Canada Mission to ASEAN. The event brought together over 100 female participants, consisting of women leaders in diplomacy, business, academics and civil society, to share their insights, experiences and advice with young aspiring women.

AIPACAST: Amplifying Voices of AIPA - Special International Women's Day Episodes



This month, AIPACAST released its 2nd and 3rd episodes. To celebrate International Women's Day, the second episode features an insightful discussion with H.E. Sounthone Xayachack, Vice President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, exploring the remarkable journey of women in breaking barriers and reshaping the political landscape. Our third episode showcases esteemed guests Hon. Mrs. Kheng Samvada of the National Assembly of Cambodia and Mr. Jamshed Kazi of UN Women as they explore the collaborative initiatives of ASEAN and AIPA in advancing the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and promoting inclusivity within the ASEAN Community. Check the full episodes via the link below!

Click to watch the 2nd episode!

Click to watch the 3rd episode!

148th IPU Assembly, Geneva

The Secretary-General of AIPA participated in the 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland from 23 to 27 March 2024. Under the theme "Parliamentary Diplomacy: Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding", parliamentarians from all around the world gathered at this assembly to further foster dialogue and inspire parliamentary action.





8 AIPA Member Parliaments also participated in this assembly; Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The AIPA Secretary General also had the opportunity to address the General Debate and deliver intervention at the Parity Debate, highlighting global challenges such as conflict, discrimination, and exclusion while promoting women's and youth's political participation.

Development of AIPALync - Digital Law Library



The AIPA Secretariat organized a Coordination and Briefing meeting with the AIPA National Secretariats to provide updates on the development of the AIPA Digital Law Library, named 'AIPALync.' 'AIPALync' aims to promote harmonization of laws and legislative transparency within ASEAN, consisting of three tiers of legal documents: ASEAN agreements, AIPA Resolutions, and National Legislations.

This endeavor encompasses a structured development approach involving the creation of a web-based framework, data collection, and integration with a mobile application.

AIPA Roadshow Bandung



Continuing our initiative to raise awareness among the youth, the AIPA Secretariat held the first AIPA Roadshow in 2024 at two esteemed universities in Bandung, West Java: the Padjadjaran University and the Parahyangan Catholic University. On 7 March 2024, the AIPA Secretariat collaborated with the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of Padjadjaran University to kick-off the AIPA Roadshow Bandung.



Adopting the theme "Advancing Regional Cooperation through Parliamentary Diplomacy: The Role of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly," the Roadshow drew over 140 active student participants. The momentum continued on March 8, 2024, as the AIPA Roadshow made its way to Parahyangan Catholic University, collaborating with its International Office. Embracing the theme of "The Role of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Addressing Regional Challenges for a Sustainable Future," the representatives from AIPA Secretariat engaged in a fruitful discussions with the university students.

AIPA Secretariat's Engagement with Externals



This month, the AIPA Secretariat engaged with various stakeholders to explore potential future partnerships. The AIPA Secretary-General held discussions with key figures such as the newly appointed Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for Corporate and Community Affairs, H.E. Nararya S. Soeprapto, Ambassador of Australia Mission to ASEAN, and H.E. Tiffany McDonald. The discussions with the two figures centered around enhancing the partnership, exploring future collaborations.

Calendar Highlights: April 2024

The Final Review of Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) Implementation Framework

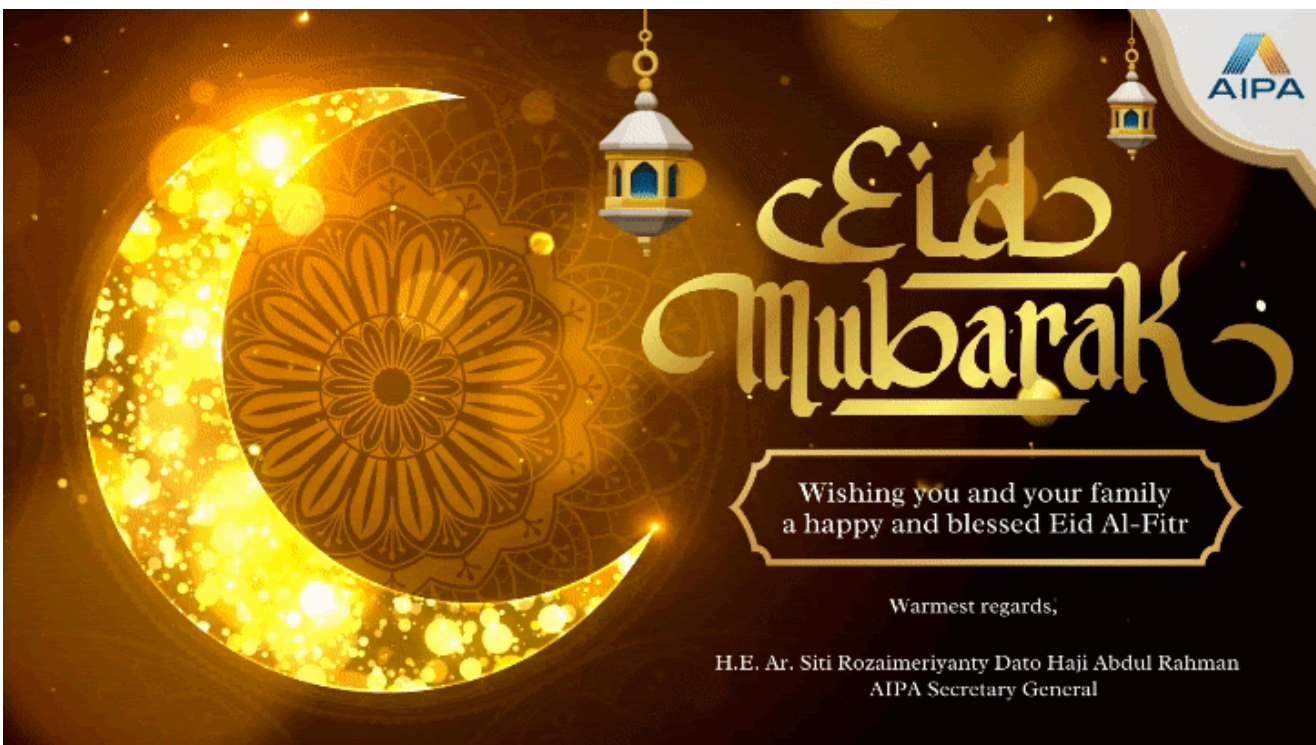
Virtual Meeting

5 April 2024

AIPA-FAO-IISD 1ST JOINT WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN GUIDELINES ON PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND FORESTRY SECTORS

Vientiane, Lao PDR

23 - 26 April 2024



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