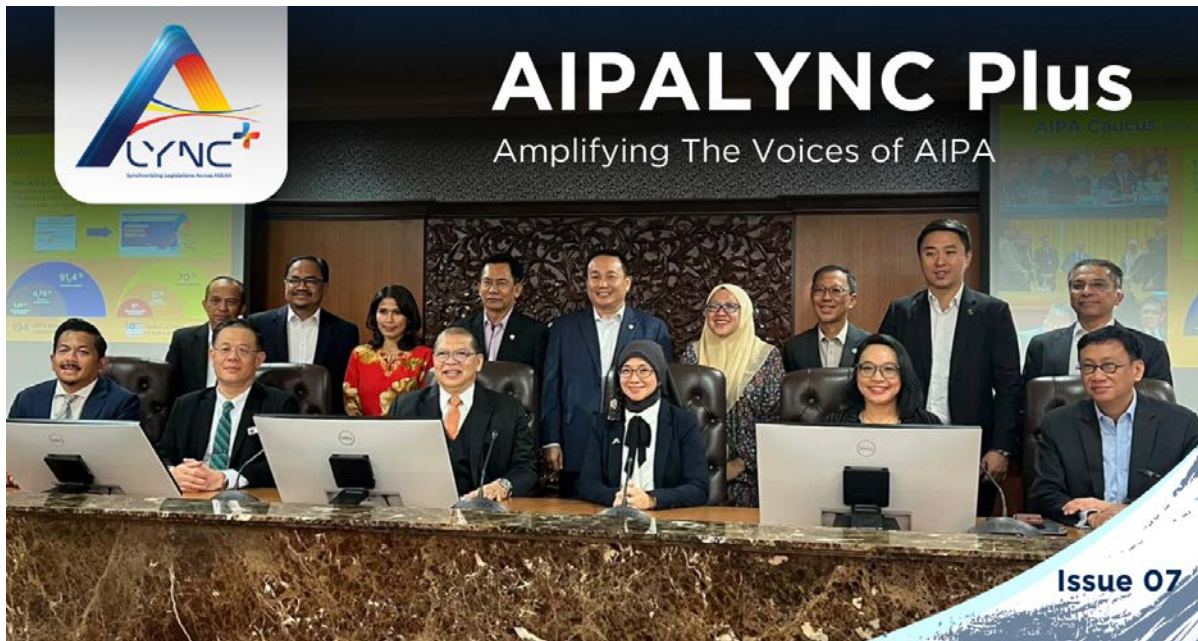


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## JULY HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Coordination Meetings Between AIPA and the National Assembly of Lao PDR Secretariats**



On July 2 and July 16, 2024, the AIPA Secretariat held virtual coordination meetings with the AIPA National Secretariat of the National Assembly of Lao PDR. These meetings were instrumental in preparing the ongoing and upcoming activities under Lao's AIPA Presidency. These virtual sessions highlighted the commitment of both the Secretariats to fostering regional cooperation, and ensuring effective collaboration and seamless preparation of AIPA meetings.

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## Executive Briefing on Malaysia's AIPA Presidency



On July 10, 2024, at the invitation of the Speaker of the Parliament of Malaysia, the AIPA Secretariat had the honor of participating in an Executive Briefing in support of Malaysia's upcoming AIPA Presidency 2024-2025. The Executive Briefing brought together esteemed parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from the Parliament of Malaysia, underscoring the country's commitment to a successful tenure.



The Executive Briefing was organized into two distinct sessions. The first was dedicated to the Members of the House of Representatives, while the second session was dedicated to the Secretariat of the Parliament. These sessions delivered essential information on the substantive and technical preparation of AIPA Meetings.

On the sidelines of these briefings, a courtesy meeting was held between H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin





Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and the AIPA Secretary General. In addition, a separate meeting was held with the Special Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives to discuss the recent developments concerning the Draft ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework.

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## 6th Intake of PCAsia Program on Parliamentary Diplomacy (PCAsia-PPD)



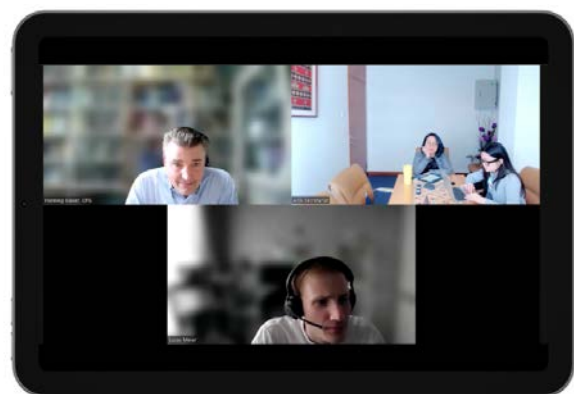
The AIPA Secretariat participated in the 6th Intake of the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) Program on Parliamentary Diplomacy 2024 (PCAsia-PPD). This hybrid event ran from 20 May to 11 July 2024, with an in-person training session in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from July 9-11, 2024. The PCAsia-PPD training aimed to bolster the capacity of parliamentary staff to better support the diplomatic initiatives of their respective parliaments.

The 6th Intake of the PCAsia-PPD featured the participation of parliamentary staff from seven AIPA Member Parliaments: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand, along with a representative from the AIPA Secretariat.

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## AIPA Secretariat's Engagement with Externals

This month, the AIPA Secretariat actively engaged with external stakeholders to foster collaboration. Highlights included attending the Canada Day Reception in Jakarta on July 3 2024; meeting with Parahyangan Catholic University and a virtual meeting with German-Southeast Asia Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) on 19 July 2024, exploring potential cooperation. Additionally, the secretariat maintained momentum in fostering parliamentary action and collaboration for ASEAN-RAI by holding a virtual briefing on the Parliamentary Implementation Framework with the national secretariats and organizing the





## AIPA-FAO-IISD 2nd Joint Event from 24-25 July 2024.



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## Virtual Briefing on the ASEAN-RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework with AIPA National Secretariats



On July 16, 2024, the AIPA Secretariat hosted a virtual briefing with AIPA National Secretariats to brief them on the ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework. The session was organized to update the

National Secretariats of AIPA Member Parliaments on the latest developments and progress as we approached the finalization of the strategic document for the upcoming workshop. It also provided an opportunity for National Secretariats to share their feedback and insights, contributing to the ongoing development of the Framework.

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## AIPA-FAO-IISD 2nd Joint Event

*“Fostering Parliamentary Action and Collaboration for Implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (ASEAN RAI)”*



Building on the success of the first AIPA-FAO-IISD Joint Workshop on the Implementation of ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting ASEAN RAI, held last April in Vientiane, Lao PDR, AIPA once again partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the



International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) organized to host a second joint event. This event took place from 24 to 25 July 2024 in Bali, Indonesia, with support from the House of Representatives of Indonesia, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and the Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The two-day event set a precedent in facilitating stakeholders' engagement

by fostering understanding, gathering insights and advancing the promotion of the ASEAN RAI through the inclusion of academia, local communities, civil societies, and private sector entities. On the second day, a closed meeting among participating parliamentarians focused on further deliberating the draft ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Framework, which will be finalized for presentation at the 45th AIPA General Assembly in October 2024.

## Networking Tea





As a complement to the main event, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia hosted a networking tea at the Rudana Museum and Fine Art Gallery. This gathering offered a valuable opportunity for parliamentarians, strategic development partners, and external stakeholders to connect and collaborate ahead of the main event. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the museum's local artworks, followed by a dinner featuring Balinese cultural performances and traditional music.

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## **Internal Workshop on the Implementation of AIPA Strategic Plan 2023 - 2030**



The AIPA Secretariat conducted an internal workshop focused on the implementation of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030. The workshop aimed to enhance the awareness and capacity of AIPA Secretariat staff regarding the Strategic Plan, fostering a deeper understanding of the strategic document.

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## Dinner hosted by the Ambassador of Australian Mission to ASEAN

On July 29, 2024, the AIPA Secretariat attended a dinner hosted by H.E. Tiffany McDonald, Ambassador of the Australian Mission to ASEAN, in Jakarta, Indonesia. During the event, the AIPA Secretary-General discussed AIPA's ongoing initiatives and upcoming activities, including Women's Political Participation and Leadership, Sustainable Food and Agriculture, and AIPALync: Digital Law Library. The dinner also provided an opportunity to explore potential collaborations between AIPA and





Australia.

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## AIPACAST Episode 5 - Insight From Private Sector: Tripartite Forum for a Vibrant Digital Economy in ASEAN



Exciting update from AIPACAST this month!

We're thrilled to announce the release of our fifth episode, featuring Mr. Pengiran Aki Ismasufian Pengiran Haji Ibrahim, Chair of the APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Brunei, and Ms. Haslina Taib, Chair of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei and CEO of Dynamik Technologies. This episode delves into the digital economic landscape of ASEAN and cybersecurity preparedness from a business perspective, with a special emphasis on the collaborative initiatives discussed at the Tripartite Forum. Don't miss out—check out the full episode via the link below!



## **Deputy Secretary General of AIPA participated in the ASEAN Law and Policy Academy, organized by Center for International Law of the National University of Singapore, in Singapore**



From July 29 to September 2, 2024, the Deputy Secretary General of AIPA participated in the ASEAN Law and Policy Academy held in Singapore. This prestigious annual program, organized by the Center for International Law at the National University of Singapore, with support from the Ministry of Law and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, offered specialization in three key areas: ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN and Foreign Relations, and ASEAN Investment Law. The Academy provided a comprehensive exploration of ASEAN law and policy, featuring insights from both academics and practitioners, and equipped participants with a multifaceted understanding of regional legal and policy frameworks.

## Calendar Highlights: August 2024

<b>1st Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA</b> <b>Videoconference</b> 5 August 2024	<b>7th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs</b> <b>Luang Prabang, Lao PDR</b> 6-9 August 2024
<b>ASEAN Day</b> <b>ASEAN Headquarters, Indonesia</b> 8 August 2024	<b>Training for the National Assembly of Lao PDR on Preparing to Host the 45th AIPA General Assembly</b> <b>Vientiane, Lao PDR</b> 19 - 28 August 2024



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