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Successful Convening of the First Tripartite Forum



On 10 June 2024, the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), in collaboration with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC) and the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) of Brunei Darussalam, hosted the Tripartite Forum in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The event, held under the theme “*Building a Vibrant Digital Economy in ASEAN: Strategies for Cyber Resilience and Shared Prosperity*,” was also supported by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).



The forum successfully brought together over 400 participants, including parliamentarians, business sector representatives, and government officials from across ASEAN. Throughout the day, attendees engaged in four insightful panel discussions covering topics such as ASEAN’s Digital Economy, Digital Transformation and Sustainability, the Cyber Security Landscape, and Building Public-Private Partnerships for Cyber Resilience.





The Tripartite Forum underscored the critical importance of collaboration among parliamentarians, business leaders, and government officials. It emphasized enhancing digital connectivity, facilitating cross-border trade, and fostering innovation across various sectors to drive economic growth. By leveraging the full potential of digital transformation, ASEAN aims to build a resilient and prosperous digital economy.

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On the Sidelines of the First Tripartite Forum

AIPA Secretary General's Live Interview on Rampai Pagi

On June 9, 2024, the AIPA Secretary General was featured in a live interview on Rampai Pagi, Brunei Darussalam's national morning show. This 20-minute segment, broadcast from Bandar Seri Begawan, provided a platform for the Secretary General



to share valuable insights about the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and its upcoming events to be held in Brunei from June 10 to 13, 2024.

During the interview, the Secretary General discussed the highlights of the upcoming Tripartite Forum, the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting, and the AIPA Roadshow in Brunei. Emphasizing the aims and objectives of these significant events, the Secretary General underscored the crucial importance of regional collaboration in fostering a united and progressive ASEAN community.

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AIPA Secretary General Meets Speaker of the Parliament of Malaysia

On the sidelines of the Tripartite Forum in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, the AIPA Secretary General had the distinct honor of meeting with H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari Bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia. The meeting centered on discussing potential agendas and priorities for Malaysia's upcoming AIPA Presidency for 2024-2025. The Secretary General also highlighted the AIPA Secretariat's firm commitment to supporting Malaysia during its presidency from 2024-2024.

In this regard, H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari Bin Abdul extended an invitation to the AIPA Secretary General to attend the executive briefing with the Parliament of Malaysia, as part of the preparation of Malaysia's AIPA Presidency, scheduled for July 2024.

The 15th Meeting of AIPA Caucus Focuses on Regional Cyber Resilience



Hosted by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, the 15th Meeting of the AIPA Caucus was held from June 11 to 12, 2024, in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. This year's Caucus centered on the theme *"Strengthening ASEAN Cyber Resilience through Parliamentary Cooperation: Towards a Future of a Safe and Vibrant Digital Economy."*



The event brought together delegates from 9 AIPA Member Parliaments, including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff who presented country reports on the status of the implementation of AIPA-adopted Resolutions since 2017, as well as on the focused topic. Distinguished guests, including the Deputy Secretary General for the ASEAN Economic Community, the Interim Commissioner of Cyber Security

Brunei, and the Managing Director for Policy Design and Operations of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), also provided valuable insights on cyber security and the digital economy.



The working group discussions underscored the importance of strengthening cyber resilience across ASEAN through collaborative parliamentary efforts, aiming to build a secure and dynamic digital future for the region.

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AIPA Renews MoU with ERIA



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On June 12, 2024, AIPA renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) during the second day of the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting. The agreement was signed by AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, and ERIA President, Mr. Tetsuya Watanabe, in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

This renewal, marking the third extension since the original agreement in 2016, will remain in effect for another three years. The signing ceremony was

graced by the presence of delegates from the 15th AIPA Caucus, who witnessed this significant moment. The MoU underscores the continued collaboration between AIPA and ERIA in fostering regional economic research and policy development.

AIPA Roadshow in Brunei Darussalam



Photo Credit: Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam

In collaboration with the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam and with support from Majlis Belia Brunei, the AIPA Secretariat hosted the "AIPA Roadshow goes to Brunei Darussalam" on June 13, 2024. This engaging event took place at the Legislative Council building in Bandar Seri Begawan, on the sidelines of the 15th AIPA Caucus 2024.

The roadshow was a resounding success, drawing over 150 youth participants, including students from nine higher education institutions and representatives from six civil society organizations across Brunei Darussalam. The event was graced by the presence of **Hon. Chong Chin Yee** and **Hon. Abdul Aziz Bin Haji Hamdan**, Members of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, along with **Hon. Jose Manuel F. Alba**, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals of the House of Representatives of the Philippines.

This collaborative initiative aimed to



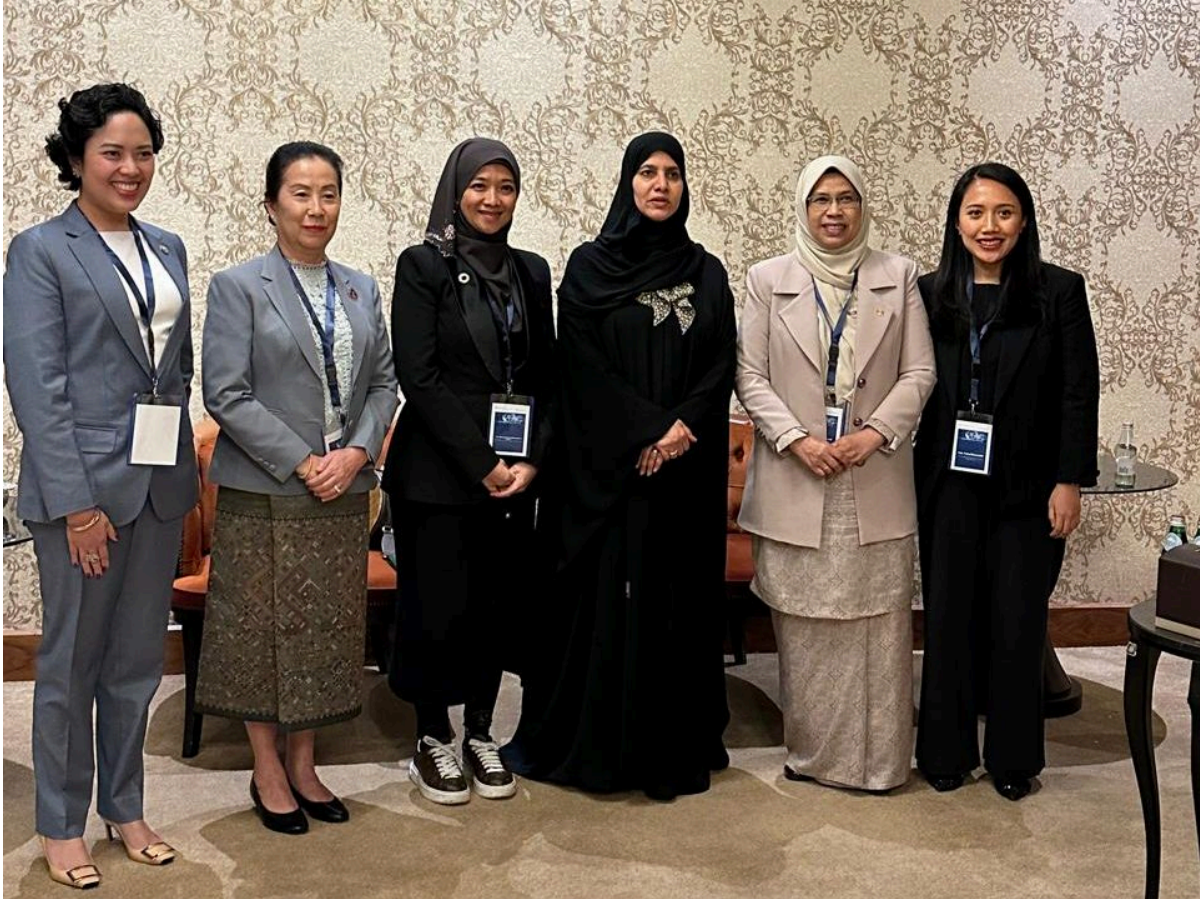
provide a comprehensive understanding of AIPA's role in advancing regional cooperation and to offer fresh insights into the functions and objectives of the Legislative Council. The roadshow also facilitated a dynamic dialogue session between AIPA representatives and ASEAN youth, promoting active dialogue and exchange of ideas.



AIPA looks forward to fostering more engagement with youth across ASEAN and beyond through the AIPA Roadshow initiative, enriching their understanding of ASEAN and its regional dynamics, and enhancing their comprehension of AIPA's role in addressing regional challenges.

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WAIPA Participates in the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians in Doha



The Women Parliamentarians of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (WAIPA) participated in the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians in Doha, State of Qatar, from June 26-27, 2024. Themed "The Role of Women Parliamentarians in the Development, Implementation, and Oversight of Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism (CT/PCVE) Legislation, Policies, and Strategies," the conference aimed to promote equal and meaningful participation of women parliamentarians at all stages of developing national laws and policies related to CT/PCVE.



The event was attended by significant global leaders, including the current Chair of WAIPA and AIPA Secretary General, along with women parliamentarians from Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. The AIPA Secretary General delivered important insights in two sessions: one focusing on the critical roles of parliamentarians in counter-terrorism and prevention of



violent extremism, and another on advocating for full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in these areas.

The conference also underscored AIPA's initiatives, such as the Plan of Action to promote Women's Political Participation and Leadership within ASEAN, highlighting the organization's commitment to empowering women in political arenas across the region.



New Episode of AIPACAST Now Available!



AIPACAST has just released its fourth episode, featuring an insightful discussion with Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng, Vice-Chairman of the 9th Commission of

the National Assembly of Cambodia. This latest installment delves into the transformative potential of the AIPA Digital Law Library to promote transparency and harmonization of laws across ASEAN.

AIPACAST Eps. 4 - Promoting Harmonization of Laws and
Parliamentary Transparency in ASEAN



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July 2024

**Executive Briefing with
the Parliament of Malaysia**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9 - 10 July 2024

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)"

Bali, Indonesia
24 - 25 July 2024



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