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H.E. XAYSOMPHONE PHOMVIHANE

President of AIPA 2024
President of the National Assembly
of Lao PDR

FOREWORD BY AIPA PRESIDENT

Sabaidee! As we convene for the 45th AIPA General Assembly in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, it is an honour and a privilege to address you as the President of AIPA. The theme "The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN," highlights the crucial part we, as parliamentarians, play in shaping a more interconnected and inclusive ASEAN. This Annual Report is more than just a reflection of our accomplishments, it is a testament to AIPA's unwavering commitment and dedication to strengthening the bonds of connectivity, regional cooperation, and inclusiveness across ASEAN. It serves as a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to building a future where all ASEAN citizens thrive together, united by common goals and a collective vision for progress.

In today's rapidly evolving global environment, ASEAN faces both opportunities and challenges. The shifts in geopolitics, economic trends, and technological advances have profound implications for the region's stability and growth. To navigate this landscape, it is essential for our parliaments to promote legislations and policies that strengthen regional connectivity across sectors such as transportation, telecommunications, energy, and digital infrastructure. By enhancing these connections, we facilitate greater trade, investment, tourism, and people-to-people ties, driving forward economic resilience and integration.

Moreover, we must ensure that the benefits of this connectivity reach all segments of society. Inclusive growth means creating opportunities for all our citizens, bridging development gaps, and fostering equitable development across the ASEAN region. As parliamentarians, it is our responsibility to champion legislations and shape decisions that uplift the most vulnerable, ensuring that no one is left behind in our pursuit of progress.

The Lao National Assembly is proud to take on the responsibility of hosting this historic event, which coincides with Visit Laos Year 2024. Our commitment is steadfast in fostering stronger inter-parliamentary cooperation that advances the goals of ASEAN. I am confident that through the support of AIPA Member Parliaments, the AIPA Secretariat, and our partners, we will further strengthen the foundations of connectivity and inclusive growth.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly to make this year AIPA Presidency a success. Let us move forward together in unity, with a shared vision for a united, resilient, prosperous, and inclusive ASEAN community.

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FOREWORD BY AIPA SECRETARY GENERAL

H.E. AR. SITI ROZAIMERIYANTY
DATO HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN
Secretary General of AIPA

It is an honour to continue my journey as the sixth Secretary General of AIPA, especially under Lao PDR's Presidency. Over the past 47 years, AIPA has made significant strides, earning well-deserved recognition for its contributions to ASEAN and beyond.

The 45th AIPA General Assembly, themed "The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN," underscored the vital role of parliamentary cooperation in addressing regional and global challenges while fostering greater connectivity and integration. Building on this momentum, the 47th AIPA Day, with the theme "Digital InnovASEAN for a Connected Region," highlights the transformative power of digital innovation in driving deeper regional integration and enhancing connectivity across ASEAN.

AIPA's current progress builds upon the legacies of past presidencies, with key initiatives like the AIPA Digital Law Library, the development of Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on Women's Political Participation and Leadership, and the Implementation Framework on Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (RAI). New initiatives, such as the Tripartite Forum, which brings together parliamentarians, business leaders, and policymakers, further reinforce AIPA's role in addressing critical regional issues and ensuring its continued relevance as a forward-looking organization.

From August 2023 to September 2024, AIPA set a new benchmark with 332 activities aimed at reinforcing commitments among Member Parliaments. These initiatives are crucial to achieving AIPA's vision of an inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous ASEAN. The AIPA Secretariat is honored to have partnered closely with the National Assembly of Lao PDR during their Presidency, as well as with other AIPA Member Parliaments, to successfully implement these efforts and strengthen regional cooperation.

AIPA's success relies on the collaborative spirit of its Member Parliaments, National Secretariats, Observer Parliaments, Development Partners, and the dedicated AIPA Secretariat team. Together, with your unwavering support, we can continue to enhance AIPA's impact and build a stronger, more connected, and prosperous ASEAN for all.



Handover of AIPA Presidency to Lao PDR

The President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, officially assumed the AIPA Presidency 2023-2024 at the 44th AIPA General Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Adopting the theme "AIPA: the Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity

and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN" for the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the National Assembly of Lao PDR is determined to strengthen the role of AIPA in driving ASEAN's efforts towards fostering a united, inclusive, and resilient ASEAN community while also enhancing regional connectivity and integration.



Road to the 45th AIPA General Assembly

Executive Briefing with the Member of Parliaments of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the AIPA National Secretariat and Technical Team of the National Assembly of Lao PDR

18 September 2023

In preparation of Lao PDR's AIPA Presidency 2023-2024, the AIPA Secretariat conducted a joint briefing with the National Assembly of the Lao PDR from 17 to 21 September 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Executive Briefing was attended by 56 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of Lao PDR and the AIPA Secretariat. The briefing was co-chaired by Hon. Sanya Praseuth of Lao PDR and the AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman.

The purpose of the briefing was to familiarise the National Assembly of Lao PDR, as the current AIPA Presidency, with the mechanism, processes, procedures of AIPA Annual meetings and AIPA Ad-Hoc meetings.

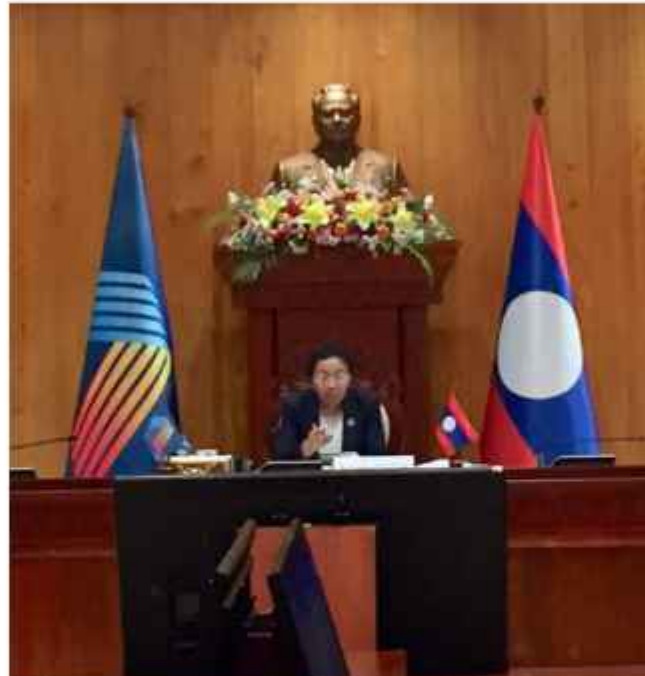
Following the official activities in Vientiane, the AIPA Secretariat visited Luang Prabang and held a meeting with the President of the Luang Prabang Provincial People's Council, Hon. Vongsavanh Thepphachan. During the visit, the National Assembly of Lao PDR informed the AIPA Secretariat that the upcoming AIPACODD Meeting will be conducted in Luang Prabang. The National Assembly also graciously invited the AIPA Secretariat to explore several cultural and historical landmarks, including the Royal Palace, Phousi Temple, Kuang Si Waterfalls, and Heuan Chan Heritage House, as part of their efforts to introduce the local culture and support Lao PDR's tourism initiatives.



Coordination Meeting with the National Assembly of Lao PDR (H.E. Sounthone Xayachack)

5 January 2024 | Virtual Meeting

The AIPA Secretariat commenced 2024 with a significant virtual Coordination Meeting with the National Assembly of Lao PDR on January 5th. This meeting marked the first step in a series of collaborative initiatives supporting Lao PDR's presidency of AIPA throughout the year. High-ranking officials, including H.E. Mme. Sounthone Xayachack, Vice President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, participated in the discussions. The meeting focused on key priorities, upcoming events, and initiatives under Lao PDR's presidency. This initial planning stage laid a strong foundation for a year of collaboration, aimed at enhancing ASEAN parliamentary cooperation and promoting regional integration.



Courtesy Call with H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR and President of AIPA

5 August 2024

On the sidelines of the 1st Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA), held in a hybrid format in Vientiane, Lao PDR, the AIPA Secretary General had the honour of meeting with His Excellency Xaysomphone Phomvihane, President of AIPA and President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

The discussion centred on the significant milestones achieved under Lao PDR's AIPA Presidency for 2023-2024. Key initiatives and accomplishments were highlighted, particularly those that have enhanced parliamentary collaboration across the ASEAN region. The conversation also focused on ensuring the continuity of these initiatives and

on preparations for upcoming AIPA activities, including the 45th AIPA General Assembly, which will be hosted by the National Assembly of Lao PDR in October this year.





Meeting with the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and the Heads of Delegation of the National Assembly of Lao PDR to the 45th AIPA General Assembly

9 August 2024

On August 9, 2024, the AIPA Secretary General convened a significant meeting with the Chairpersons of the AIPA Standing Committees and the Heads of Delegation from the National Assembly of Lao PDR at the National Assembly building in Vientiane. This meeting was a crucial step in the preparations for the 45th AIPA General Assembly, providing a platform for the chairpersons and the AIPA Secretariat

to discuss key matters related to the upcoming assembly. The discussions focused on ensuring the smooth and successful execution of the General Assembly, reinforcing the collaborative spirit essential for making the 45th AIPA General Assembly a productive and meaningful event.

Meeting with the Secretary General of the National Assembly of Lao PDR and the Chairperson of the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing and Committee on Organisational Matter

5 August 2024

On 5 August 2024, the AIPA Secretary General met with Hon. Amphaivone Lombounpheng, Secretary General of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, to discuss preparations for the upcoming 45th AIPA General Assembly, as well as the two meetings she will chair: the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing and the Committee on

Organisational Matters. The discussion focused on ensuring the smooth conduct of the General Assembly and these key meetings, emphasising the agenda topics to be addressed and her vital role as chairperson in steering the discussions effectively.





Meeting with Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR

9 August 2024

Following the meeting with the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and the Heads of Delegation of the National Assembly of Lao PDR to the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Secretary General had a follow-up meeting with Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

The discussion focused on the outcomes of the 7th Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA) and the 7th Meeting of AIPACODD. This was followed by an extensive discussion on the ongoing preparations for the 13th ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface and the 45th AIPA General Assembly, ensuring all key aspects were addressed for their successful execution.



Meeting with Hon. Thoummaly Vongphachanh, Chairperson of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA)

9 August 2024

The AIPA Secretary General held a briefing with Hon. Thoummaly Vongphachanh, Chairperson of WAIPA, to discuss preparations for the upcoming WAIPA Meeting at the 45th AIPA General Assembly. Central to the discussion was the draft resolution prepared by the National Assembly of Lao PDR, which will be deliberated by the WAIPA Committee during the General Assembly. The resolution aligns with and supports the Women's Political Participation and Leadership Plan of Action and Implementation Framework 2024-2030.

The meeting also covered plans for the proposed WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum, to be held on the sidelines of the 45th AIPA General Assembly. The forum will spotlight the vital role of women in politics and leadership, and explore how the challenges they encounter can be transformed into opportunities for fostering inclusive progress.



AIPA Meetings



AIPA Meetings

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| • 13 th ASEAN-AIPA Leaders Interface | 9 October 2024 |
| • Task Force Meeting on the Establishment of Digital Law Library and Enhancement of AIPA Guidelines for Engagement with Externals | 17-18 Jan 2024 |
| • 3 rd WAIPA Coordinating Committee Meeting | 6 February 2024 |
| • 15 th AIPA Caucus Meeting | 11-12 June 2024 |
| • 1 st Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA | 5 August 2024 |
| • The 7 th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) | 6-7 August 2024 |



OPENING CEREMONY

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9 OCTOBER 2024, VIENTIANE, LAO PDR



AIPA Meetings

13th ASEAN-AIPA Leaders Interface

8 - 11 October 2024



44TH ASEAN SUMMIT (PLENARY SESSION)

9 OCTOBER 2024, VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

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AIPA Meetings

Task Force Meeting on the Establishment of Digital Law Library and Enhancement of AIPA Guidelines for Engagement with Externals

17 - 18 January 2024

Following the directive set forth by the Executive Committee of the 44th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Secretariat convened the 1st Task Force Meeting from 17-18 January 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting brought together over 25 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from across the region, focusing on the establishment of the AIPA Digital Law Library and the enhancement of AIPA's Guidelines for engagement with external parties.

Chaired by Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the meeting achieved an 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. Both documents are presented at the upcoming 45th AIPA General Assembly for adoption.





AIPA Meetings

3rd WAIPA Coordinating Committee Meeting

6 February 2024



Chaired by the Chair of WAIPA, Hon. Thoummaly Vongphachanh, the 3rd WAIPA Coordinating Committee Meeting took place on 6 February 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. During the meeting, distinguished parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments shared valuable insights, experiences, and strategies to advance women into key political roles, reinforcing a more inclusive and resilient ASEAN community, ensuring no one is left behind. The meeting

also focused on preparations for the upcoming 45th General Assembly, with members expressing collective support for the draft Plan of Action (PoA) and Implementation Framework on Promoting Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) 2024-2030.



AIPA Meetings

15th AIPA Caucus Meeting

11 – 12 June 2024



The 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting took place from June 11 to 12, 2024, in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, under the theme "Strengthening ASEAN Cyber Resilience through Parliamentary Cooperation: Towards a Future of a Safe and Vibrant Digital Economy." The meeting was chaired by Hon. Pehin Dato Haji Adanan Yusof and brought together over 70 delegates from AIPA Member Parliaments.

Delegates presented country reports on the implementation status of the adopted AIPA Resolutions since 2017, as well as insights on the focused topic of cybersecurity. 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 at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), also shared valuable insights on cybersecurity and the digital economy.

The working group discussions emphasised the critical need to strengthen cyber resilience across ASEAN through enhanced parliamentary cooperation, with a focus on creating a secure and dynamic digital future for the region.





AIPA Meetings

1st Consultative Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA

5 August 2024



Hosted by the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA) successfully held its first Consultative Meeting on August 5, 2024, via videoconference. The meeting was attended by over 20 delegates representing AIPA Member Parliaments, the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY), the ASEAN Foundation, and the Lao Youth Union.

Chaired by Hon. Phonesane Vilaymeng, the Consultative Meeting of YPA focused on

preparing the agenda for the YPA Standing Committee at the upcoming 45th AIPA General Assembly and discussing other youth-related matters. Under the theme “Empowering Youth in Building a Secure, Resilient, and Inclusive ASEAN Community,” the meeting provided a platform for young parliamentarians to engage in political dialogue, address the underrepresentation of youth in political processes, and strengthen their role in shaping a secure, resilient, and inclusive ASEAN community.





AIPA Meetings

The 7th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD)

6 - 7 August 2024



The 7th Meeting of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) was held on 7-8 August 2024, hosted by the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR.

The meeting was attended by 61 delegates from AIPA Member Parliaments, and representatives from guests of the 7th Meeting of AIPACODD. Under the theme "Strengthening the Role of Parliaments in Addressing Drug Matters for



the Realisation of a Drug-Free ASEAN," the meeting successfully generated a draft resolution, urging AIPA Member Parliaments to review the implementation of laws, resolutions, measures, and mechanisms to effectively address emerging challenges and trends in the region.

The 7th Meeting of AIPACODD also considered a proposal regarding the transformation of AIPACODD into the AIPA Advisory Council on Transnational Crime (AIPA-ACT). The meeting expressed support for expanding the focus beyond illicit drug trafficking to include transnational

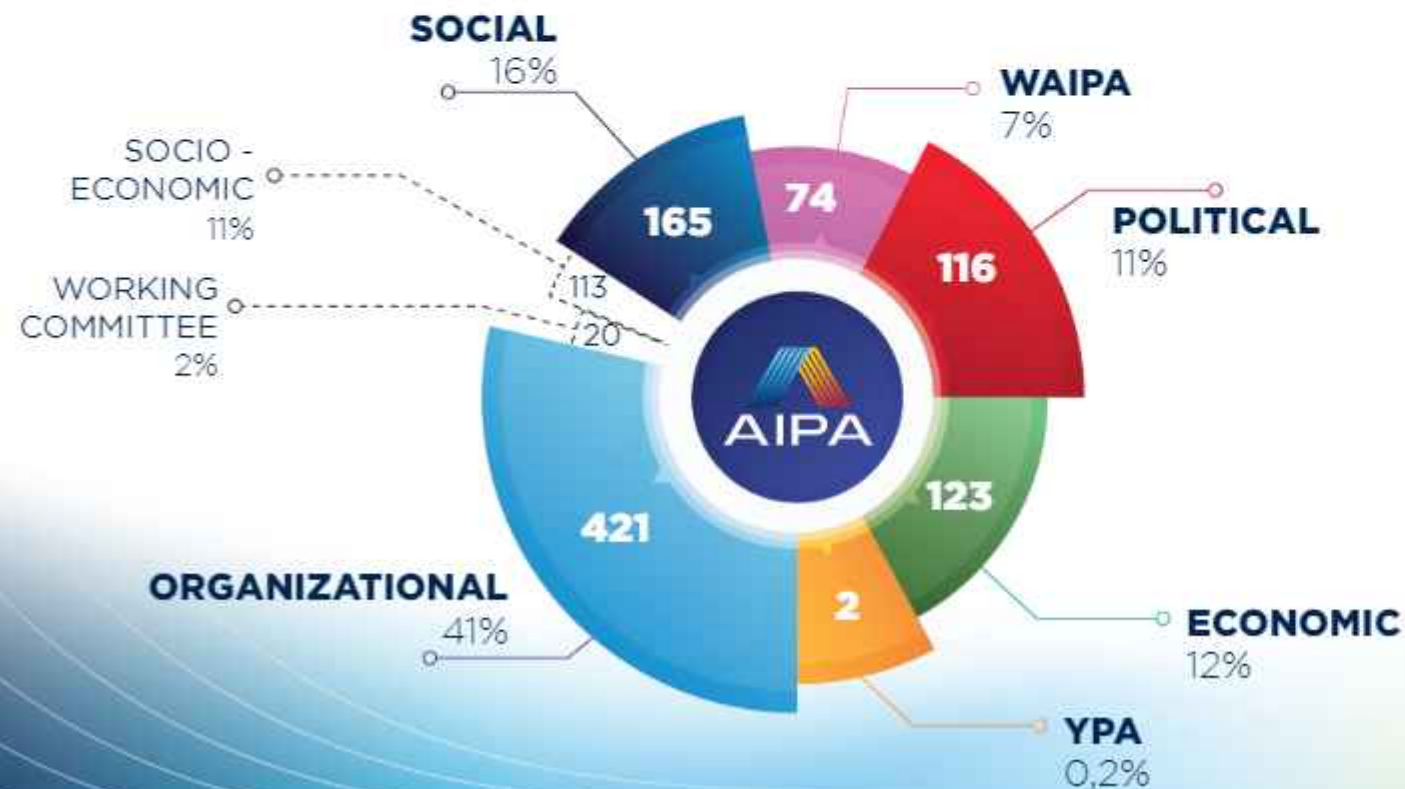
crime. The 7th Meeting of AIPACODD requested the AIPA Secretariat to consult with AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN to develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) for AIPA-ACT and to present the proposal for further discussion and consideration by the Executive Committees of the 45th AIPA General Assembly.

AIPA ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

AIPA Adopted Resolutions

Until 2023, AIPA has adopted 1034 resolutions since its establishment in 1977.

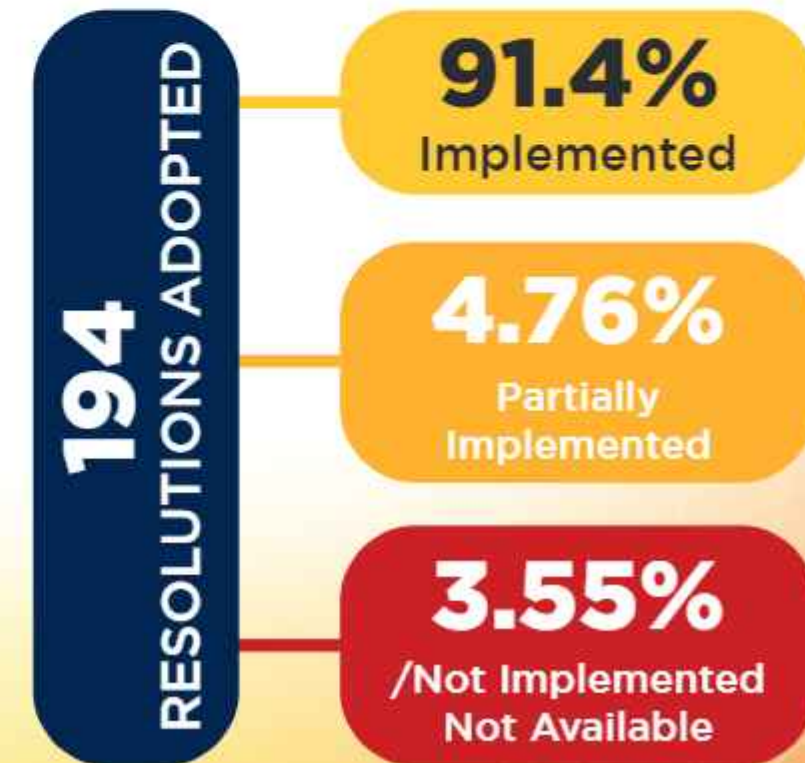
The organisational committee accounted for the highest number of resolutions, with a total of **421 resolutions**. It is followed by the social committee with **165 resolutions**, economic committee with **123 resolutions**, political committee with **116 resolutions**, WAIPA committee with **74 resolutions**, and YPA committee with **2 resolutions**.



Status of Implementation

As of 2017 - 2023

Following the 15th AIPA Caucus held from 11 to 12 June 2024 in Brunei Darussalam, the AIPA Secretariat has made substantial progress in the implementation of resolutions from 2017 to 2024. In total, there are 194 resolutions adopted across all of the committees, a significant increase from last year with 147 resolutions. Overall, the average implementation rate for all resolutions stands at 91.4%, with 4.76% partially implemented, and 3.55% not implemented or lacking available data.



Total Activities and AIPA Parliamentarians

AIPA Parliamentarians

AIPA currently has in total 2,923 parliamentarians:

- 21.6% are women parliamentarians;
- 21.2% are young parliamentarians;
- 2 parliamentarians with disabilities are based on the data we received from only four parliaments (Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and Singapore) as of June 2024.



Total Activities

August 2023 - October 2024



Strategic Plan 2018 – 2025

Total Activities

Strategic Theme 1	94
Strategic Theme 2	103
Strategic Theme 3	148
Strategic Theme 4	132

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2024 WORLD
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1 Strategic Theme

To formulate Enabling Parliamentary Measures Supporting ASEAN Intergration

Total Activities **94**
100% Achieved

ASEAN Community Councils Dialogue on Human Rights by AICHR

24 August 2023

The AIPA Deputy Secretary General participated virtually in the ASEAN Community Councils Dialogue on Human Rights, organised by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) on August 24, 2023.

The Dialogue emphasised the importance of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, which was adopted in November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as a foundational document symbolising Southeast Asia's collective commitment to human rights. During the session, the AIPA Deputy Secretary General shared insights on AIPA's efforts to implement the Declaration, highlighting relevant AIPA Resolutions that have been adopted, along with the challenges faced and potential ways forward. Her presentation also underscored that human rights protection is a key focus of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030, listed under Strategic Theme 3.





ASEAN High-Level Forum (AHLF) on Disability-Inclusive Development and Partnership beyond 2025

11 October 2023

At the invitation of the Directorate General of Social Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Indonesia, the AIPA Secretary General attended the ASEAN High-Level Forum (AHLF) on Disability-Inclusive Development and Partnership Beyond 2025. Held from October 10 to 12, 2023, in Makassar, this forum was part of the ASEAN Summit series under Indonesia's chairmanship.

The forum aimed to conduct a midterm review of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan (AEM) 2025, assessing progress in promoting and integrating the rights of persons with disabilities across the region. It also provided a platform for discussing innovative future strategies for social inclusion, fostering concrete partnerships in disability-inclusive development among ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN's partners, and relevant entities.

As a panellist in Panel Discussion III: Promoting Disability-Inclusive Development Beyond 2025: ASEAN as an Epicentrum of Growth, the AIPA Secretary General addressed the current challenges in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities. She emphasised AIPA's commitment to mainstreaming disability rights and accelerating the implementation of the AEM 2025 by offering political and legislative support and collaborating closely with ASEAN counterparts.



Indonesia General Election Visit Program

13-14 February 2024

At the invitation of the Secretary General of the House of Representatives of Indonesia, AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, participated in the Election Visit Program to observe Indonesia's 2024 General Election. The program included representatives from 16 countries and three international organisations, with AIPA Member Parliaments from Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Malaysia also participating.

The official observation activities took place from 13 to 14 February 2024. Delegates were introduced to the election observer program and the electoral system in Indonesia. The voting process proceeded peacefully, with active involvement from both Election Management Bodies and the community to ensure the integrity of the election.



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

20 February 2024

As the sole parliamentary entity associated with ASEAN, AIPA was invited by the Chair of the HLTF-EI to participate in the Direct Interface on 20 February 2024. Led by Hon. Khammouane Xomsinapanya of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, parliamentarians of AIPA, and the AIPA Secretary General attended the direct interface, which was conducted in a hybrid format with in-person participation in Vang Vieng, Lao PDR, and parallel virtual participation through Zoom video conference.

The Direct Interface aimed to provide a platform for the HLTF-EI to discuss the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and exchange views with AIPA on the development of the economic component of ASEAN Community Vision 2045. The direct interface was attended by HLTF-EI Leads, parliamentarians of AIPA, the AIPA Secretary General, and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.



16th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)

9 May 2024

On 9 May 2024, the AIPA Secretariat participated in the 16th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) in ASEAN Headquarters, Jakarta. The conference was chaired by H.E. Dato' Astanah Abdul Aziz, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) and brought together representatives of ASEAN SOM Leaders, Chair of ASEAN SEOM, Chair of ASEAN SOCA, representative of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, and relevant ASEAN entities.

On behalf of the AIPA Secretary General, the Senior Officer of AIPA Secretariat shared AIPA's contributions towards the implementation of the APSC Blueprint 2025 and provided insights related to the development of the APSC Strategic Plan under the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.



The 8th Forum of Entities Associated with ASEAN

14 May 2024

The AIPA Secretariat participated in the 8th Forum of Entities Associated with ASEAN on 14 May 2024 at the ASEAN Headquarters, Jakarta. Hosted by the ASEAN Secretariat, the annual event serves as a platform for all associated entities listed under Annex 2 of the ASEAN Charter, along with other ASEAN centres/bodies, external partners and stakeholders, to foster collaboration and partnership. The event involved interactive interface sessions with the newly appointed Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) of ASEAN for Political-Security Community, H.E. Dato' Astanah Abdul Aziz, and DSG for Community and Corporate Affairs, H.E. Nararya S. Soeprapto.

During the forum, the AIPA Secretariat, along with the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) and ASEAN Foundation, had the opportunity to deliver a joint presentation to share experiences of collaboration between ASEAN institutions, as well as the modalities for cooperation with other entities. The forum concluded with a speed networking session, allowing participants to connect directly and explore avenues for collaboration.



Stakeholder Consultation with ASEAN Centres and Entities on the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan

28 May 2024

The AIPA Secretary General participated in the Stakeholder Consultation with ASEAN Centres and Entities on the Development of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Post-2025 Strategic Plan in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 28 May 2024. This Consultation served as a platform for the ASEAN Ad-Hoc Working Group to engage with ASEAN Centres and Entities in discussions about the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan. The consultation aimed to facilitate a collaborative exchange of views, perspectives, and recommendations on emerging trends and opportunities, enhance synergy with the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic

Plan, and share best practices for fostering partnerships, engagement, and resource mobilisation.

During the consultation, the AIPA Secretary General highlighted key issues and priorities within AIPA, offering recommendations from a parliamentary perspective. This involvement allowed AIPA to contribute meaningfully to the development of the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan, demonstrating a commitment to integrating parliamentary insights into the formulation of future socio-cultural policies.



15th High Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (HLTF-ACV)

15 June 2024

During the 15th Meeting of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (HLTF-ACV) held on June 15, 2024, at the ASEAN Secretariat, the AIPA Secretary General participated in an Interface Session co-chaired by HLTF-ACV representatives from Lao PDR and Malaysia. The session focused on discussing the way forward in developing the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan to implement the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. The Secretary General actively contributed to the discussions, sharing AIPA's views and recommendations for the development of the Political-Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Throughout the discussions, the Secretary General emphasised the importance of integrating a parliamentary perspective

into the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. By advocating for robust inclusion of parliamentary views, AIPA seeks to ensure that the policies and frameworks developed reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of the populations across the region. Furthermore, AIPA underscored the necessity of addressing cross-cutting issues that span beyond traditional sectoral boundaries, by enhancing cross-pillar collaboration. Lastly, the Secretary General advocated for an inclusive approach in the development and implementation of the strategic plan, urging the active involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including ASEAN-associated entities, parliamentary bodies, and the private sector, for an effective implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.



57th ASEAN Day

8 August 2024

On 8 August 2024, the AIPA Secretariat took part in the celebration of the 57th ASEAN Day, organised by the ASEAN Secretariat at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta. The event featured a series of activities, including an opening ceremony and an open house, which attracted over 400 attendees, including VIPs, partners, stakeholders, and invited members of the public.

As part of the celebration, the AIPA Secretariat set up an engaging booth that provided a unique opportunity to connect with visitors. The booth offered insights into the role of AIPA in promoting regional cooperation and parliamentary diplomacy through interactive presentations, games, and quizzes. The event not only celebrated ASEAN's achievements but also strengthened the bond between ASEAN and its entities, partners, and stakeholders.





The 3rd ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme

August 2024

As a part of the ASEAN entities, AIPA actively supports and engages in various ASEAN initiatives, including the ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme (AJFP). This year marks the 3rd ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme, which was established during Brunei Darussalam's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2021 to provide young diplomats from the region with valuable practical experience in a multilateral setting, especially within ASEAN. The AIPA Secretariat attended the opening ceremony of the AJFP on 2 August 2024, highlighting its dedication to fostering the next generation of diplomatic leaders. Following the opening ceremony, the ASEAN Secretariat organised several significant events as part of this year's programme.

- **High-Level Talk with H.E. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II of Brunei Darussalam**

The first of these events was the First High-Level Talk on 14 August 2024. During this distinguished event, H.E. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II of Brunei Darussalam, shared his extensive insights on "Navigating

Geopolitical Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN." His reflections on Brunei's 40 years of ASEAN membership emphasised the critical importance of trust and friendship in overcoming regional challenges. This session offered junior fellows valuable perspectives on how emerging diplomats can contribute to ASEAN's objectives of development, stability, and prosperity.

- **High-Level Talk with H.E. Delia Domingo Albert, Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Republic of the Philippines**

The Second High-Level Talk, held on 19 August 2024, featured H.E. Delia Domingo Albert, Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines. In her insightful presentation, titled "Empowering Women in Diplomacy: Strengthening ASEAN Relations through 50 Years of Global Experience," she reflected on ASEAN's inception in 1967, highlighting its core values of cooperation, charter, community, centrality, and connectivity. Drawing on her extensive career, H.E. Delia Domingo Albert emphasised the importance of pursuing one's aspirations with desire, direction, determination, and dedication. She also discussed how decisions on various areas were made on promoting the role of women in society, with a particular focus



on women, peace, and security, as well as the establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity.

- **AIPA Secretariat's Engagement with the 3rd ASEAN Junior Fellows**

As part of the 3rd ASEAN Junior Fellowship Program, the AIPA Secretariat also hosted a dynamic engagement session designed to deepen participants' understanding of AIPA's role in advancing regional cooperation through parliamentary diplomacy. The session featured a variety of activities, including informative presentations, an engaging question-and-answer segment, and a lively interactive quiz.

To further enrich the experience, the AIPA Secretariat set up interactive booths, offering the aspiring young leaders a hands-on opportunity to explore AIPA's operations and key projects. Held at the ASEAN Headquarters on 21 August 2024, the program successfully engaged over 20 ASEAN Junior Fellows, providing them with invaluable insights into regional collaboration and the pivotal role of parliamentarians in shaping ASEAN's future. Lastly, To mark the successful conclusion of the AJFP, the AIPA Secretariat participated in the closing ceremony on 30 August 2024.



ASCC Council High-Level Interface with Parliamentarians

12 August 2024

On August 12, 2024, AIPA Member Parliaments from Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, and Viet Nam convened in Vientiane, Lao PDR to discuss the development of the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan at the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council High-Level Interface with Parliamentarians. The AIPA Secretary General also attended the meeting as the official representative appointed by the AIPA President.

The High-Level Interface served as an essential platform for incorporating legislative perspectives, contributing to a more comprehensive and outward-looking ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan while maintaining ASEAN centrality. The discussions further reinforced ASEAN's commitment to addressing common and emerging challenges. Additionally, the Interface aimed to strengthen the collaboration between the ASCC and the AIPA Secretariat, advancing the shared goal of improving the lives of ASEAN citizens.



ASEAN Disability Rights Workshop: Advancing Public-Private-People Sector Engagement

16-17 September 2024

The AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman had the honour of participating in the ASEAN Disability Rights Workshop: Advancing Public-Private-People Sector Engagement, held from 16-17 September 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. In line with the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025, the Workshop brought together stakeholders from the public, private, and civil society sectors to discuss challenges and share best practices related to reasonable accommodation, legislative measures, and incentivising employment opportunities for persons with disabilities across ASEAN Member States.

In Session 5, the AIPA Secretary General presented legislative approaches to mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities and advocating for their economic upliftment from AIPA's regional perspective. The presentation emphasised parliamentarians' crucial role in enacting disability-inclusive laws and aligning national legislation with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). The Secretary General reaffirmed AIPA's commitment to fostering an inclusive society by promoting economic

policies that ensure equal opportunities for all.

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants formulated key recommendations aimed at strengthening engagement between the public, private, and people sectors on disability rights. One of the key recommendations highlighted the importance of improving oversight and accountability. This includes conducting a midterm review of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan and leveraging AIPA's position to monitor the implementation of related regulations.



4th Bali Work Plan Multi-Sectoral Task Force (MTF) Meeting and the 4th ASEAN Partners Meeting for the Implementation of the Bali Work Plan (2019-2025)

25-26 September 2024

At the invitation of SOMTC Indonesia and in collaboration with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through the ASEAN-USAID Partnership Program, the AIPA Secretariat participated in the 4th Bali Work Plan Multi-Sectoral Task Force Meeting and the 4th ASEAN Partners Meeting on 25-26 September 2024 in Bali, Indonesia.

In Session II, the AIPA Secretariat delivered an intervention, representing ASEAN entities' collective efforts to advance the Bali Work

Plan. The intervention highlighted the adoption of the resolution on "The Threat of Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Radicalization" at the 44th AIPA General Assembly, aligning with Pillar 3 of the Work Plan. Additionally, the Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) 2024-2030 also contributes to Pillar 1 of the Bali Work Plan.



The First ASEAN-UK Regional Workshop Series on Counter Terrorism and Violent Extremism (CTVE)

27 September 2024

On the sidelines of the 4th Bali Work Plan MTF Meeting and the 4th ASEAN Partners Meeting, SOMTC Indonesia, with support from the United Kingdom through the Government Communication Service International (GCSI) and the UK Mission to ASEAN, co-hosted the First ASEAN-UK Regional Workshop Series on Counter-Terrorism and Violent Extremism. The workshop focused on two key themes: 1) Gender mainstreaming in counter-terrorism (CT) and preventing violent extremism (PVE) policies and operations, and 2) Strategic communications.

In line with the activities outlined under Priority Area 1.5 of the Bali Work Plan, the AIPA Secretariat participated in the workshop on Gender Mainstreaming within CTVE Policy and Operations. The session covered the fundamentals of gender analysis and explored the relationship between gender, violent extremism, and terrorism. Participants engaged in group exercises to design and implement gender-sensitive responses that can be applied to the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Women Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) 2024-2030.



2024 ASEAN ICT Forum on Child Online Protection & Review of the Regional Plan of Action on the Protection of Children from All Forms of OCEA in ASEAN and Prioritization for the next Five Years

25-27 September 2024

The AIPA Secretariat participated in the 2024 ASEAN ICT Forum on Child Online Protection and the Workshop on the Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on the Protection of Children from All Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse, held from 25-27 September 2024 in Bali, Indonesia. The Forum was organised by the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (MoWECP) of Indonesia, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of Indonesia (MCI), in collaboration with ACWC Representatives from Indonesia and Thailand, and supported by UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office.

The Forum and Workshop brought together key stakeholders, including government representatives, industry leaders, and experts. Over the course of the event, discussions centred on emerging technologies, policy interventions, and comprehensive strategies to ensure children's digital rights and safety in an increasingly connected world. The workshop that followed focused on evaluating the progress of the Regional Plan of Action (2021-2025) and deliberating priorities for the next phase (2026-2030) to reinforce regional efforts and effective measures to safeguard children against online exploitation and abuse.



Strategic Theme

To Foster Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation
Based on Multilateralism Within and Outside
ASEAN

Total Activities **103**
100% Achieved

9th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

14-15 September 2023

As a permanent observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), AIPA was invited by the President of IPU and the President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to participate in the 9th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians. The conference, held from September 14 to 16, 2023, in Hanoi, Viet Nam, provided a platform for young parliamentarians to come together, exchange ideas, and develop innovative strategies to advance youth empowerment.

A key highlight of the conference was the adoption of the Conference Statement on "The Role of Youth in Accelerating the Achievement of the SDGs through Digital Transformation and Innovation." This marked the first-ever

statement in the history of the conference series. The statement expressed deep concern that, with less than seven years remaining to achieve the SDGs, only 12% of the goals are on track, with the rest lagging behind, from moderately to severely off track.

To help accelerate SDGs' progress through digital transformation and innovation, IPU Young Parliamentarians proposed several actions, including enacting laws to bridge the digital divide, fostering youth and student startups and innovation, and promoting inclusivity, intercultural dialogue, and respect for cultural diversity in support of sustainable development.





3rd EP-AIPA Inter-Regional Parliamentary Dialogue

21-22 November 2023

At the invitation of Mr. Daniel Caspary, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament (EP) Delegation for Relations with ASEAN and Southeast Asia (DASE), a delegation from AIPA participated in the 3rd EP-AIPA Dialogue. Hosted by the European Parliament, the Dialogue took place on November 22, 2023, in Strasbourg, France. The AIPA delegation included representatives from three AIPA Member Parliaments—Cambodia, Indonesia, and Lao PDR—supported by the AIPA Secretariat. Hon. Mr. Sanya Praseuth, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao

PDR, was appointed by the AIPA President as Head of the AIPA Delegation.

The Dialogue reaffirmed both institutions' commitment to strengthening ties and fostering dynamic exchanges on key global issues, including the economy, green and digital transitions, and peace and security challenges. Prior to the Dialogue, the AIPA Delegation convened for an internal coordination meeting, chaired by the Head of Delegation, to align their positions and prepare for the discussions.

148th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly

22 - 26 March 2024

As a permanent observer of the IPU, AIPA Secretariat participated in the 148th IPU Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, from 22 to 26 March 2024. The AIPA Secretary General, along with the Deputy Secretary General, attended to observe the IPU's structure, organisation, and key issues. They participated in forums such as the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, where discussions focused on the modest advancements in women's political representation, and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians, which centred on youth engagement. The delegation also attended a workshop on climate change legislation, identifying opportunities for collaboration, particularly with the AIPA Digital Law Library.

During the General Debate, the AIPA Secretary General addressed global challenges such as conflict, discrimination, and exclusion, stressing the importance of inclusive policies for marginalised groups, particularly young women and people with disabilities. She also reaffirmed AIPA's dedication to advancing women and youth political participation through initiatives like WAIPA and YPA. In the Parity Debate, the Secretary General highlighted AIPA's work in removing barriers to women's economic empowerment, sharing WAIPA's achievements, including resolutions to promote gender-responsive parliaments.





Furthermore, the AIPA Secretariat held bilateral meetings with AIPA Member Parliaments and several organisations, including Malaysia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Viet Nam, the Shura Council of Bahrain, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UNCTAD. Key topics discussed enhancing cooperation on economic integration, investment, cyber resilience, digital economy, gender equality, and youth participation. Discussions also covered the

ASEAN 2045 Economic Agenda, preparations for upcoming AIPA General Assembly, the Plan of Action on Women Political Participation and Leadership, and potential joint events, such as the AIPA Tripartite Forum and workshops on responsible investment. Collaboration on addressing global challenges like violence against women and climate change was also emphasised.

6th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue 1-2 May 2024

Upon the invitation from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the AIPA Secretariat attended the 6th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue from 1-2 May 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Under the theme of "Dialogue for Peace and Global Security: Cooperation and Interconnectivity," the forum aimed to foster intercultural dialogue and cooperation to address global challenges. On the margins of this forum, an inter-parliamentary conference on the Role and Best Practices of the Legislature in the Protection of Cultural Heritage was organised by the Milli Majelis of Azerbaijan. The conference underscored the critical importance of the legislative processes in safeguarding cultural heritage and served

as a platform for exchanging valuable ideas on parliamentary cooperation.

On the sidelines of the events in Baku, the AIPA Secretary General had courtesy meetings with high-ranking officials of Azerbaijan. The AIPA Secretary General had the opportunity to engage with H.E. Sahiba Gafarova, the Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Hon. Hijran Kamran Ghizi Huseynova, Chair of Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, H.E. Bahar Muradova, the Chair of State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs.



Parliamentary Meeting on the Occasion of the 10th World Water Forum

20-21 May 2024

The AIPA Secretary General accompanied by the Committees Officer, attended the Parliamentary Meeting during the 10th World Water Forum held in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, from 20-21 May 2024. Organised by the Indonesian House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the meeting focused on "Mobilising parliamentary action on water for shared prosperity." The event aimed to address global water scarcity, encourage legislation, and enhance parliamentary collaboration. Representatives from 43 countries, including parliamentarians, government officials, and civil society leaders, participated. The delegation also held bilateral talks with the Indonesian House of Representatives.



UNOCT Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians

26-27 June 2024

The Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) actively participated in the Global Conference on Women Parliamentarians held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 26-27 June 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 the equal and meaningful participation of women parliamentarians at all stages of developing national laws and policies related to CT/PCVE. The event brought together prominent global leaders, including the Chair of WAIPA and the AIPA Secretary General, alongside women parliamentarians from Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines,

to discuss the critical role of women in these areas.

The AIPA Secretary General delivered key insights in two sessions, emphasising the pivotal role that parliamentarians play in shaping effective CT/PCVE policies. Furthermore, the AIPA Secretary General advocated for the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in the CT/PCVE areas. The discussions also highlighted AIPA's Plan of Action to promote Women's Political Participation and Leadership, underscoring the organisation's commitment to strengthening women's voices and roles in political arenas across the region.



Strategic Theme

To promote Rules-Based Policies on Good Governance, Human Rights, Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development

Total Activities **148**
100% Achieved

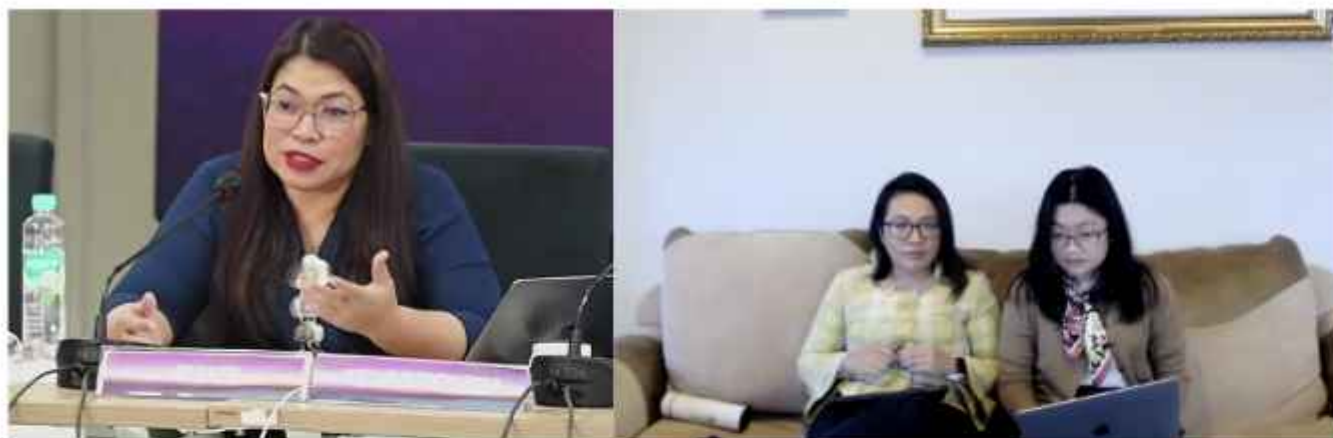
AIPA-PFSALW Regional Seminar “Connecting the Dots: Advancing the implementation of the WPS by enhancing parliamentary capacity and action in Asia”

4-5 October 2023

In collaboration with the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW), the AIPA Secretariat organised a two-day regional seminar on October 4-5, 2023, in Jakarta, Indonesia. Held under the theme “Connecting the Dots: Advancing the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda by Enhancing Parliamentary Capacity and Action in Asia,” the seminar aimed to strengthen the role of parliamentarians in peace and security processes, with a focus on leveraging the WPS Agenda and other relevant frameworks.

H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of AIPA, delivered the opening remarks, underscoring ASEAN’s commitment to advancing the WPS Agenda as a regional priority. She highlighted the essential role women play as agents of change in sustaining peace and emphasised that women have the right to participate in all political decision-making processes, including those related to peace and security.





The CFS 51 side-event “Uptake and implementation of CFS Policy products through legislation: the role of parliaments and parliamentary networks

24 October 2023

As part of its ongoing efforts to support the implementation of the Global Parliamentary Pact against Hunger and Malnutrition 2023, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO) organised a side event during the 51st session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on October 24, 2023. The event aimed to strengthen the involvement of parliaments and parliamentary institutions in CFS initiatives.

At the invitation of the UN FAO, the AIPA Secretary General delivered a pre-recorded video message, highlighting AIPA's efforts in addressing hunger and malnutrition. She referenced the recently adopted Resolution

on Encouraging the Application of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Sectors (ASEAN RAI), as well as the newly launched Practical Handbook for ASEAN Parliamentarians, which promotes the application of the ASEAN RAI. She emphasised that food security extends beyond adequate food access to include economic, health, social, and environmental sustainability. The AIPA Secretary General underscored that parliamentarians play a pivotal role in transforming these priorities into concrete actions through legislation, oversight, and budget allocation.



Annual SEA Youth Summit “Youth’s Perspective on Welfare

26 October 2023

At the invitation of the Regional Coordinator of the ASEAN Youth Forum, the AIPA Deputy Secretary General participated as a panellist in the SEA Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on October 26, 2023. The forum, themed “Youth’s Perspective on Welfare,” brought together young people from across the region to exchange ideas and perspectives.

During the discussion, the AIPA Deputy Secretary General shared insights from AIPA's regional perspective on the importance of fostering collaboration between parliamentarians and stakeholders to strengthen democratic processes while respecting the region's diverse cultural and political landscapes. She also highlighted AIPA's ongoing efforts to engage youth at the regional level, including the establishment of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA). In her closing remarks, she emphasised the vital role of youth participation in politics, ensuring that their voices are not only heard but also translated into meaningful action at both national and regional levels.



Inaugural Democracy Action Partnership (DAP)

29-30 November 2023

The AIPA Secretariat participated in the Inaugural Democracy Action Partnership (DAP) workshop from November 29 to 30, 2023, in Bali, Indonesia. Hosted by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), this workshop coincided with the annual Bali Civil Society and Media Forum (BCSMF) and the biennial Bali Democracy Forum. The event also marked a significant observance of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Building on the WFD's ongoing initiatives on Women's Political Leadership in ASEAN, the 2023 DAP focused on addressing the pervasive challenges of Violence, Online and Offline, Against Women in Politics (VAWP) and in electoral contexts. This year's theme, "Taking Collective Action on VAWP," encouraged a proactive and collaborative approach among stakeholders, fostering a regional dialogue aimed at creating collective vision and recommendations for tackling this pervasive issue.

During the workshop, participants engaged in in-depth discussions across four main sub-thematic action dialogues. These included addressing accountability for violent and harmful narratives that affect young women's political engagement, enhancing the collection and monitoring of data on VAWP during elections, ensuring institutional safety and gender sensitivity in formal political arenas, and tackling online gendered disinformation as an early warning system for peace and security. The AIPA Secretariat's participation in these discussions highlights its steadfast commitment to advancing Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL). This workshop aligns closely with the WPPL project, particularly emphasising the first pillar of the Plan of Action and Implementation Framework, which aims to create an enabling environment and safe space for women to participate and lead in their political system.

Interview with AIPA Sec-Gen: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2023 (Canada Mission to ASEAN)

6 December 2023

In commemoration of the 2023 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the Government of Canada launched an online campaign under the theme "Listen, Learn, Act." The AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty, contributed to this initiative by sharing the challenges often encountered by women parliamentarians.

She emphasised that this year, the AIPA Secretariat embarked on a significant project to develop a Regional Plan of Action (PoA) on Women's Political Participation, with Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) as one of its strategic partners.

This initiative, in conjunction with the 16 Days of Activism, underscores the importance of strong regional collaborations, demonstrating a collective dedication to fostering a world where women's political participation drives meaningful and lasting change.



H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty
Dato Haji Abdul Rahman

AIPA Secretary General



ASEAN Speed-Mentoring Roundtables on the occasion of International Women's Day (by Canada Mission to ASEAN)

7 March 2024

The event brought together over 100 women from various sectors, including diplomacy, business, academia, and civil society, providing a platform for women leaders to share their insights, experiences, and advice with the next generation of aspiring women professionals. The active engagement of the AIPA Secretariat in the event reinforced its commitment to empowering women's participation and leadership across the ASEAN region.



International Seminar on The Future of Climate Governance and Policies

7 May 2024

The AIPA Secretariat attended The International Seminar on the Future of Climate Governance and Policies, on 7 May 2024. The seminar was jointly organised by the Center of Expertise of the Indonesian House of Representatives and Westminster Foundation for Democracy, with support from the European Union. Held at the JS Luwansa Hotel and Convention Center Jakarta, the event featured discussions on initiatives, programmes, and insights from distinguished guests, including the local government representatives, parliaments, ministries, academia, NGOs, international organisations.

The seminar continued with two thematic sessions which included various delegates sharing insights and perspectives on identifying challenges related to the green economy transition, strategies for institutional coordination on climate action, climate financing and climate justice. During the thematic sessions on Transitions Towards Green Economy and Cross-sectoral Governance of Climate Change, facilitators explored delegates' perspectives on opportunities, challenges, best practices and experiences related to climate change action.

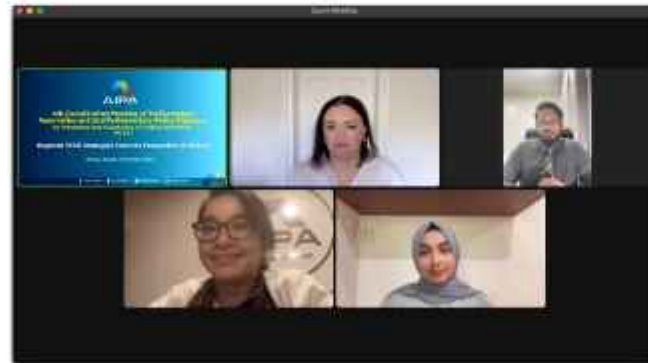


The 4th Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies & 2nd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue

4-5 October 2023

At the invitation of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the AIPA Deputy Secretary General and Committees Officer participated virtually in the 4th Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies and the 2nd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue, held from October 4 to 5, 2023.

During the meeting, the Delegates of AIPA Secretariat shared best practices on regional strategies for preventing and countering violent extremism from the ASEAN perspective. The presentation highlighted AIPA's unique role as the sole parliamentary organisation associated with ASEAN, detailing its contributions to the development and implementation of these regional strategies.



5th Counter Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies & 3rd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue

8-9 May 2024

At the invitation of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the AIPA Secretary General, accompanied by the Deputy Secretary General, attended the 5th Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies and the 3rd Policy Dialogue on the Protection of Religious Sites, Symbols, and Objects, held from May 8-9, 2024, in Istanbul, Türkiye.

While the coordination meeting focused on discussing regional terrorism trends and reviewing Counter-Terrorism/Preventing Violent Extremism (CT/PVE) initiatives

addressing associated challenges, the parliamentary policy dialogue focused on enhancing defences against increasing terrorist threats to religious locations and symbols. In this regard, the AIPA Secretary General took the opportunity to share AIPA's collective endeavour in countering terrorism and violent extremism, including its contribution to the implementation of Ball Work Plan 2019-2025. During the meeting, the Parliamentary Handbook on a UN Security Council resolution was officially launched to strengthen legislative support for these activities.



The 4th Eurasian Women's Forum

20 September 2024

At the invitation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, AIPA Secretary General H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman provided a pre-recorded intervention for the 4th Eurasian Women's Forum, held from September 18-20, 2024. The Eurasian Women's Forum serves as a prominent international platform, facilitating dialogue among women leaders from across the globe and fostering collaborative decision-making on key global issues.

The AIPA Secretary General delivered an intervention during one of the sessions,

Session II, "Women Shaping a New Agenda for Peace and Trust," which focused on the Inter-parliamentary Dialogue: Women's Mission in Shaping a New Agenda for Peace and Trust". The AIPA Secretary General highlighted that AIPA has taken significant steps to ensure that women's voices not only resonate but lead in promoting peace and security, as reflected in the AIPA Resolution and the initiative to advance the role of women parliamentarians in these areas. Her Excellency further reiterated that AIPA remains dedicated to this cause, fostering collaboration among member parliaments, observer parliaments, and partners.



Southeast Asia Regional Political Finance Workshop and Anti-Corruption Multi-Stakeholder Meeting

24-25 September 2024

The AIPA Deputy Secretary General participated in the Southeast Asia Regional Political Finance Workshop and the Anti-Corruption Multi-Stakeholder Meeting, held from 24 to 25 September 2024, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event consisted of two key components: a secretariat-level coordination meeting and a workshop. The meeting brought together representatives from AIPA, SEAPAC, ASEAN-PAC, and ASEANSAL, facilitating discussions on potential collaborative projects among regional institutions, stakeholders, and civil society in the realms of political finance and anti-corruption. The workshop concentrated on Southeast Asia's legal and regulatory framework for political finance and emphasised the importance of parliamentary oversight in managing such finances.

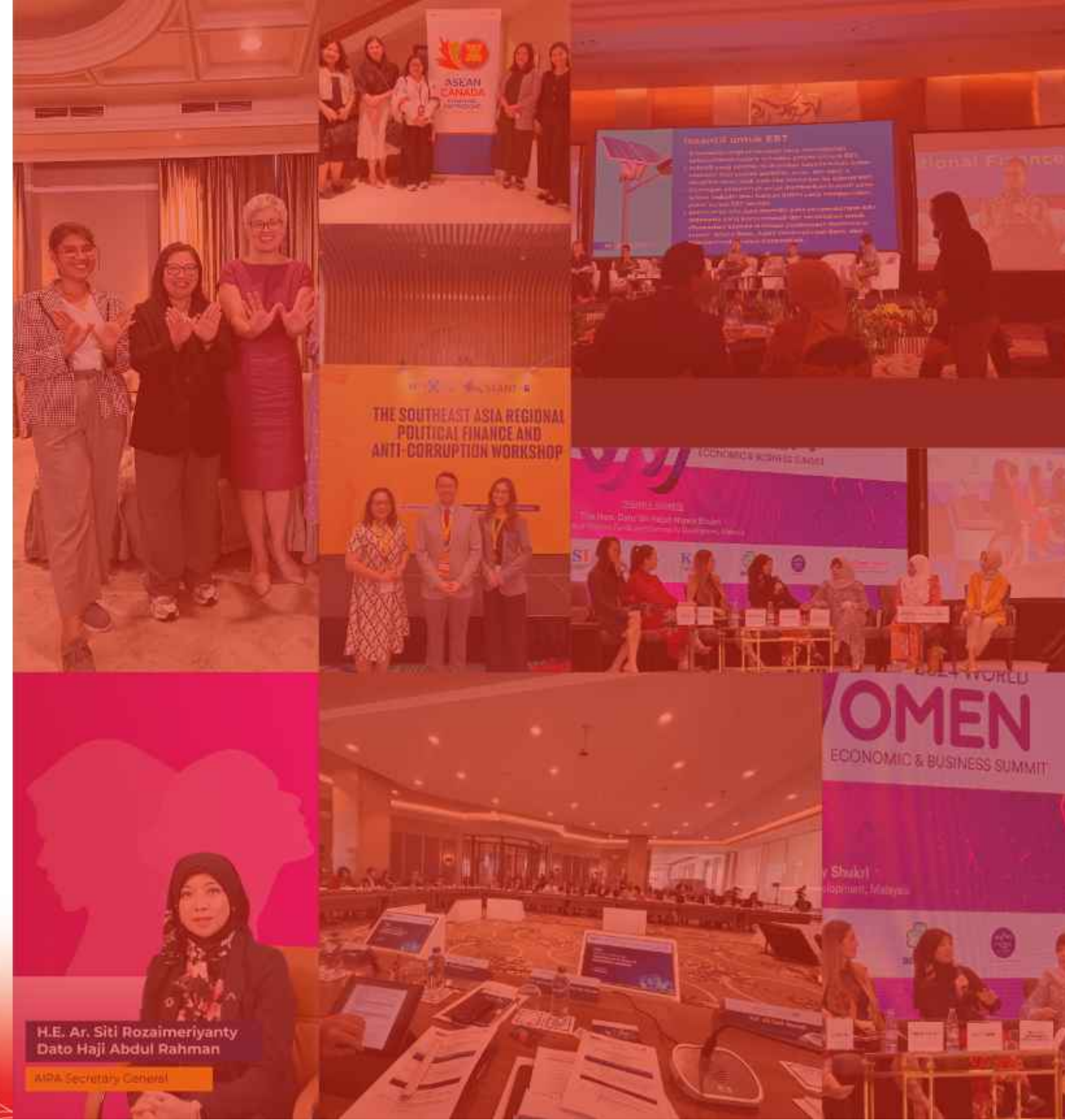


2024 World Women Economic & Business Summit

26 September 2024

The AIPA Secretary General participated in the 2024 World Women Economic & Business Summit (WWEBS) on 26 September 2024, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Under the theme "Champion Women, Ignite Progress," the summit focused on enhancing the role of women in all aspects of society. Key discussions centred on promoting gender equality, expanding access to educational and professional opportunities for women, and amplifying women's voices in decision-making processes. The summit was highlighted by several key speeches, including a Special Royal Address by Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, and an opening address by Hon. Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development of Malaysia.

During the summit, the AIPA Secretary General actively participated as a panel speaker in the session titled "Women in Social Impact: Creating Change and Making a Difference." This panel provided a platform for exploring and discussing the panellists' experiences in fostering social change, addressing both the challenges encountered and strategies for overcoming them. Through her participation, the Secretary General conveyed her vision and hopes for a resilient, inclusive, and prosperous ASEAN Community for all, while emphasising the crucial role of legislative efforts in achieving this goal.



H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty
Dato Haji Abdul Rahman

AIPA Secretary General

Strategic Theme

To Strengthen the Capacities and Harmonize the Systems of Secretariat Organizations Supporting AIPA

Total Activities **132**
100% Achieved



Celebration of AIPA Day 29 September 2023

In commemoration of AIPA's 46th Anniversary, the AIPA Secretariat organized the AIPA Day Celebration, a culmination of commemorative activities that highlighted AIPA's journey and achievements over nearly five decades. Held on September 29, 2023, at the ASEAN Hall, the event brought together AIPA's family and partners to honour this significant milestone.

This year's celebration, under the theme "ASEAN Youth Matters: Voice to Empower and Inspire," marked the transformation of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA into an integral part of the AIPA Standing Committee. The theme underscored the vital role of ASEAN youth voices in shaping the future of the Southeast Asia region.

The celebration also featured a visual journey through AIPA's history and included congratulatory messages from speakers and presidents of AIPA Member Parliaments, further celebrating the organisation's legacy and its commitment to empowering the region's youth.



Study Mission to French Parliament

6-10 November 2023

The Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) extended invitations to representatives from parliamentary institutions in Southeast Asia, with formal cooperation agreements with PCAsia, to participate in a study mission to the National Assembly and Senate of the French Republic from November 6 to 10, 2023. Participants included representatives from the Secretariat of the National Assembly and Senate of Cambodia, the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the Senate and House of Representatives of Thailand, and the AIPA Secretariat.

This study mission, organised by PCAsia, was part of its core mission to enhance the capacity of parliamentary staff. It facilitated an exchange of views and best practices between delegates and senior officials from the French National Assembly and Senate, focusing on the operational development of parliamentary administration.



AIPA Eid Open Office 2024

29 April 2024

In the spirit of Eid Al-Fitr, the AIPA Secretariat hosted an Eid Open Office at its premises in Jakarta on 29 April 2024. Representatives from ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN entities and ASEAN Cooperation Fund Management Teams based in the ASEAN Headquarter Compound attended the event, providing an opportunity to strengthen bonds and foster networking within the ASEAN community.





Official Handover of Voluntary Contributions from the Republic of the Philippines to AIPA

13 May 2024

On 13 May 2024, H.E. Hjayceelyn M. Quintana, the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN, symbolically handed over a voluntary contribution of USD 20,000 to AIPA on behalf of the Government of the Philippines. This generous contribution underscores the Philippines' ongoing commitment to fostering people-centred and inter-parliamentary cooperation throughout ASEAN.



AIPA-ERIA MoU Renewal

12 June 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 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 12 June 2024. The agreement was signed by AIPA Secretary General, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, and ERIA President, Mr. Tetsuya Watanabe, marking the third extension of this collaboration since the original agreement in 2016. The signing ceremony, witnessed by

delegates from the 15th AIPA Caucus, solidified the ongoing partnership between AIPA and ERIA.

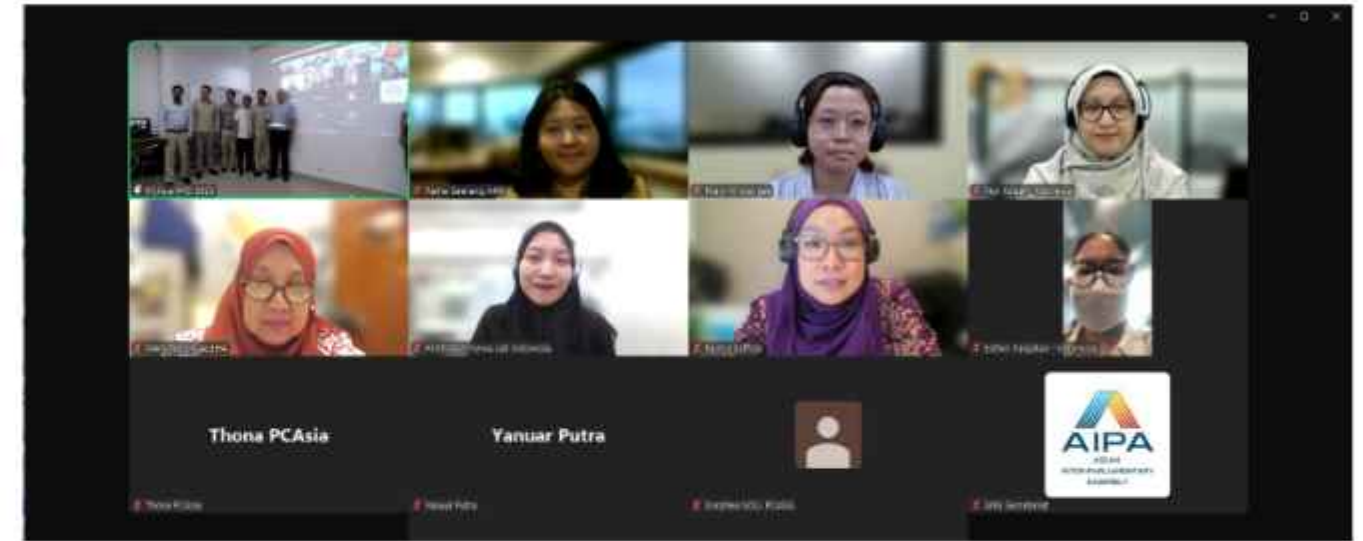
The renewal of the MoU, which extends for another three years, reaffirms AIPA's commitment to fostering regional economic research and policy development, supporting evidence-based policy-making, and enhancing the economic resilience and integration in the region.

ASEAN Law and Policy Academy

29 July – 2 August 2024

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, organised 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 specialisation 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.



PCAsia: Legislative Drafting & Analysis Training

22-26 April and 1-7 July 2024 | Virtual Meeting

From 22 to 26 April and 1 to 7 July 2024, the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) conducted a training session on "Legislative Drafting and Analysis" via videoconference. Attended by over 20 parliamentary staff members from AIPA Member Parliaments, the training was specifically designed to enhance the skills and capabilities of those responsible

for providing legislative analysis and drafting support to their respective parliaments.

This initiative aimed to offer comprehensive guidance on the technical and legal aspects of legislative drafting, ensuring that participants were well-equipped with the necessary skills to perform their duties effectively.

6th Intake of PCAsia's Programme on Parliamentary Diplomacy (PCAsia-PPD)

20 May - 11 July 2024

The AIPA Secretariat participated in the 6th Intake of the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) Program on Parliamentary Diplomacy 2024 (PCAsia-PPD), a hybrid event that took place from 20 May to 11 July 2024. The program culminated in an in-person training session held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from July 9-11, 2024.

This intake included parliamentary staff from seven AIPA Member Parliaments: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand, along with a representative from the AIPA Secretariat. The PCAsia-PPD training aimed to strengthen the capacity of parliamentary staff to better support the diplomatic initiatives of their respective parliaments, fostering regional cooperation and promoting knowledge exchange in parliamentary diplomacy.



2024 Highlights Initiatives





Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL)



WAIPA Events 2024

5 - 6 February 2024

AIPA and the National Assembly of Lao PDR successfully hosted the Women Parliamentarians of the ASEAN Parliamentary Assembly (WAIPA) Events 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, from 5 to 6 February 2024. These events were supported by the Government of Canada, under the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI), and the regional project "Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace: Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion in ASEAN," implemented by UN

Women and funded by the Governments of Canada, the Republic of Korea, and the United Kingdom.

Under the theme "Fostering Gender-Responsive Parliaments for a Resilient, Connected, and Inclusive ASEAN Community," the two-day event comprises the Women Political Leaders Forum, WAIPA Workshop 2.0, and the 3rd WAIPA Coordinating Committee Meeting.



Women Political Leaders Forum

The Women Political Leaders Forum (WPLF), held on the first day of the event, convened over 50 participants, including representatives from AIPA Member Parliaments, ambassadors, distinguished figures, and experts.

The forum provided a vital platform for open discussions and the exchange of best practices, focusing on the challenges of enhancing women's political participation and leadership to sustain peace, promote resilience, foster intergenerational collaboration among female leaders, and acknowledge the significance of the care economy.

WAIPA Workshop 2.0

The WAIPA Workshop 2.0, held on 6 February 2024, served as a follow-up to its initial session in October 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This workshop offered a significant opportunity for AIPA Member Parliaments to engage in in-depth discussions on the draft Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) Implementation Framework 2024-2030.

The framework aims to operationalise the draft Plan of Action (PoA) on Promoting Women's Political Participation and Leadership for 2024-2030, providing a comprehensive roadmap for advancing gender equality and empowering women in political leadership throughout the region.



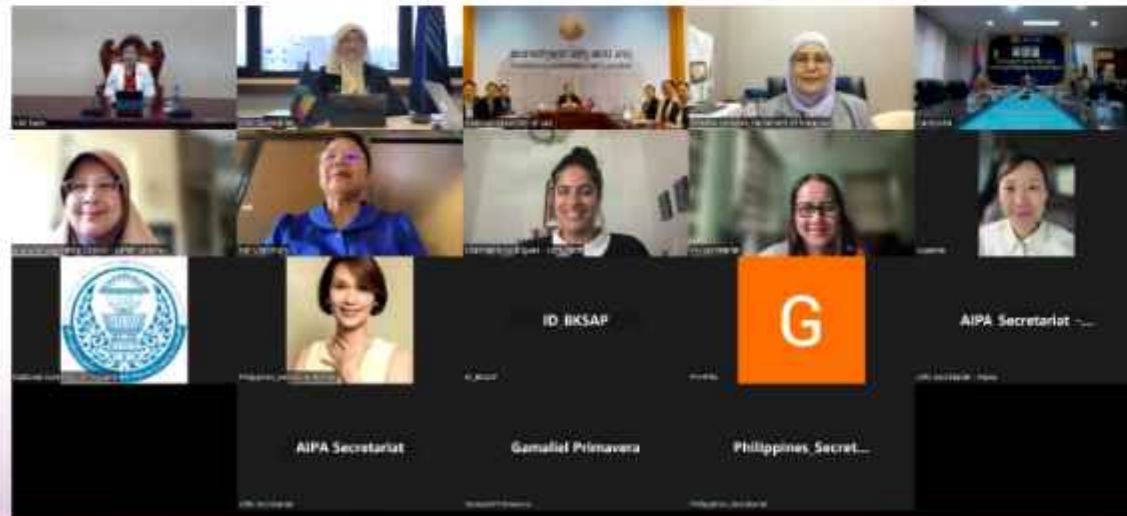
Final Review of Women Political Participation and Leadership Implementation Framework

5 March 2024 | Virtual Meeting

The AIPA Secretariat held a virtual meeting to conduct the Final Review of the Implementation Framework of Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) on 5 April 2024. The meeting centered on deliberating the draft within three foundational pillars: Enabling Environment and Safe Space, Empowerment of Women in Politics, and Gender-Responsive Decision-Making. This review process was essential for incorporating the perspectives of AIPA Member Parliaments in advancing women's political participation across ASEAN

Member States, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

The consolidated drafts of the WPPL Implementation Framework and Plan of Action 2024-2030, which will be tabled at the 45th AIPA General Assembly for adoption, reflect AIPA's commitment to fostering a regional and national environment that empowers women leaders and promotes gender-responsive governance.



Roundtable Discussion on Advancing Women's Political Participation and Leadership in ASEAN

30 May 2024

The AIPA Secretariat, in collaboration with UN Women, organised a Roundtable Discussion on Enhancing Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) in ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia on 30 May 2024. Titled "Promoting Gender-Responsive Parliaments for a Resilient, Connected, and Inclusive ASEAN Community," the event brought together over 20 high-level representatives from the ASEAN Member States and key dialogue partners, including Permanent Representatives of the ASEAN Member States and Heads of Diplomatic Missions to ASEAN, creating a diverse and influential platform for discussion.





The roundtable highlighted the critical importance of partnerships and future collaboration in supporting the implementation of the WPPL Plan of Action and Implementation Framework 2024-2030, to strengthen women's leadership and political participation across ASEAN. Fostering strong partnerships will be key to ensuring the effective implementation of these strategic documents following their anticipated adoption at the 45th AIPA General Assembly. Through collective efforts, these initiatives will contribute to advancing gender equality and empowering women in leadership roles throughout the ASEAN region.





ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (ASEAN RAI)



AIPA-FAO-IISD First Joint Workshop

24 - 25 April 2024

In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD), with support from the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the AIPA Secretariat convened a two-day inaugural "AIPA-FAO-IISD Joint Workshop on the Implementation of ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (ASEAN RAI)" in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 24-25 April 2024.





The workshop brought together over 40 participants, including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from AIPA Member Parliaments, along with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Lao PDR and the ASEAN Secretariat.

During the two-day event, participants engaged in sessions designed to enhance their understanding and awareness in promoting the implementation of the ASEAN RAI. The workshop also explored the pivotal role of parliamentarians in advancing the implementation of the guidelines. On the second day of the event, participants are divided into groups, discussing and providing valuable feedback and recommendations on the initial draft of the ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework 2024-2030. This feedback was incorporated into a consolidated draft, which was further reviewed and refined during a follow-up workshop in July 2024.



The Implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sectors

Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic | 24 - 25 April 2024



AIPA-FAO-IISD Second Joint Event

24 - 25 July 2024

Building on the success of the AIPA-FAO-IISD First Joint Workshop, AIPA, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), hosted the second joint event in Bali, Indonesia on 24-25 July 2024.

Supported by the House of Representatives of Indonesia, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and the Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the two-day workshop involved over 70 participants, including 23 Parliamentarians from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Timor Leste, alongside with stakeholders from academia, local communities, civil societies, and the private sector to advance the promotion of the ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (ASEAN RAI). The event also



included a closed meeting among parliamentarians to deliberate further on the draft ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Framework 2024-2030, which is set to be tabled at the 45th AIPA General Assembly in October 2024 for adoption.

Adopting the theme "Fostering Parliamentary Action and Collaboration for Implementation of the ASEAN RAI," the AIPA-FAO-IISD Second Joint Event highlighted the critical importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in fostering responsible investment and sustainable development across the ASEAN region. AIPA's active role in organising and facilitating these discussions reflects its commitment to advancing responsible investment in the region and ensuring that the ASEAN RAI is effectively integrated into national and regional frameworks.





Tripartite Forum

10 June 2024



In collaboration with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC) and the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) of Brunei Darussalam, AIPA successfully hosted the First Tripartite Forum in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 10 June 2024. Themed "Building a Vibrant Digital Economy in ASEAN: Strategies for Cyber Resilience and Shared Prosperity," the event was supported by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). The forum served as a platform for dialogue and cooperation among key regional stakeholders, including parliamentarians, business sector representatives, and government officials.

With over 400 participants, the Forum featured four panel discussions addressing critical areas such as ASEAN's digital economy, digital transformation and sustainability, the cyber security landscape, and public-private partnerships for cyber resilience. The discussions emphasised the need for collaboration across sectors to enhance digital connectivity, facilitate cross-border trade, and foster innovation. By leveraging the full potential of digital transformation, ASEAN aims to build a resilient and prosperous digital economy.





Launching of AIPALync

Initiated by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia during Cambodia's AIPA Presidency in 2022, the AIPA Digital Law Library (AIPALync) has had a remarkable journey this year.

The development of AIPALync began as one of the key topics discussed during the Task Force Meeting held on 18 January 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia. From its inception as a digital library, it has evolved into a platform promoting legislative transparency and the harmonisation of laws within ASEAN, encompassing ASEAN

Instruments, AIPA Resolutions, and the National Legislation of AIPA Member Parliaments.

Its official launch took place at the AIPA Tripartite Forum in June 2024 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The launching ceremony, witnessed by prominent figures and stakeholders, including AIPA Member Parliaments, government officials, private sector representatives, and CSOs, aimed to spread awareness among the peoples of ASEAN and showcase the progressive process of ASEAN integration.



AIPA Awareness

A collage of nine photographs showing various AIPA awareness activities. The top row includes a group of students in a hallway, a large audience in a lecture hall, and four students posing in front of a green screen. The middle row shows students in a classroom, a student in a blue hijab, and a group of students in a hallway. The bottom row features a large audience in a lecture hall, a student in a blue hijab, and a student speaking into a microphone. The background is a blue and orange gradient with white lines.



AIPA Youth Engagement

AIPA ROADSHOW

AIPA Roadshow Goes to Bandung 7-8 March 2024

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 fruitful discussions with the university students.



AIPA Roadshow Goes to Baku State University

3 May 2024

The AIPA Secretariat extended the reach of the AIPA Roadshow beyond Southeast Asia with a visit to Baku State University in Azerbaijan on 3 May 2024. This Roadshow aimed to raise awareness among international youth on ASEAN as a leading model for regional cooperation, and the role of AIPA in addressing regional challenges through parliamentary diplomacy.



AIPA Roadshow Goes to Brunei Darussalam

13 June 2024

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 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 organisations 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. The roadshow also facilitated a dynamic dialogue session between AIPA representatives and ASEAN youth, promoting active dialogue and exchange of ideas.



AIPA Attachment Program

As part of AIPA's efforts to engage with youth, AIPA has a program called the "AIPA Attachment Program," an internship opportunity designed to provide young people with firsthand experience learning about AIPA, ASEAN, and the parliamentary world. This year, AIPA has conducted two Attachment Programs: the January-May intake and the August-November intake.



For the January-May intake, there were a total of 260 applicants, not only from ASEAN countries but also from Pakistan and Nigeria. Four interns were selected: three from Indonesia and one from the Philippines. For the August-November intake, there were 285 applicants from around the world. Five interns were chosen: four from Indonesia and one from Malaysia.





Media Engagement

Interview with Rampai Pagi on Tripartite Forum

9 June 2024

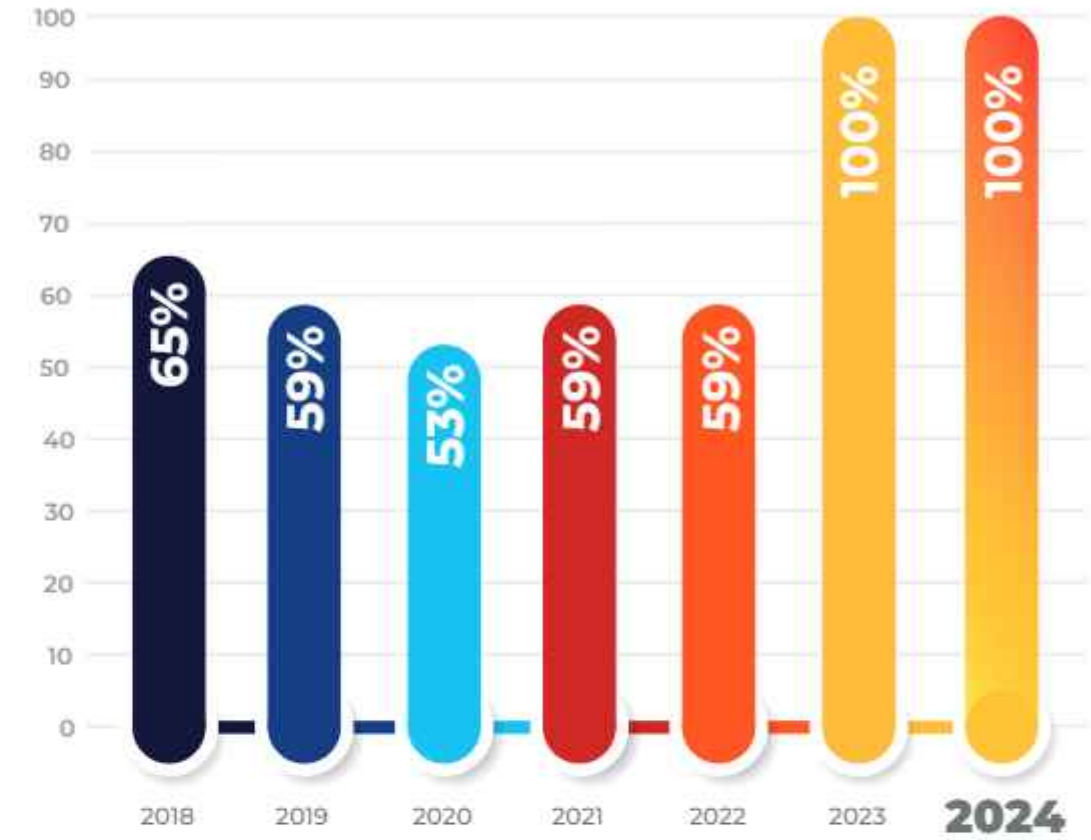
On June 9, 2024, the AIPA Secretary General was featured in a live interview on Rampai Pagi, Brunei Darussalam's national morning show. This 20-minute segment, broadcast from Bandar Seri Begawan, provided a platform for the Secretary General to share valuable insights about the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary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





The Progress of AIPA Communication Master Plan 2018 – 2025



The AIPA Communications Master Plan 2018-2025, approved during the 38th AIPA General Assembly, serves as the guiding framework for AIPA's communication strategies and activities throughout 2018-2025. In 2024, the AIPA Secretariat maintained its strong performance, successfully achieving all 17 performance indicators, consistent with the 100% achievement from the previous year.

From August 2023 to October 2024, the AIPA Secretariat carried out a series of impactful

communication initiatives, including campaigns and interviews, which were shared through AIPA's social media and digital platforms. This year AIPA also introduced new awareness platforms such as AIPACAST, AIPALync, and AIPALync+, designed to enhance awareness and engagement. More importantly, the AIPA ongoing collaboration with ASEAN and its entities has continued to contribute to these accomplishments.

AIPA Awareness Platforms



AIPACAST

In February 2024, the AIPA Secretariat launched a diplomatic podcast initiative titled "AIPACAST: Amplifying Voices of AIPA." This podcast aims to engage parliamentarians and external stakeholders, offering insights into inter-parliamentary diplomacy and a range of activities to a broader audience. Through this initiative, the voices of AIPA will be amplified and cultivated for a more profound understanding of regional affairs on a global scale. As of now, the AIPA Secretariat has released seven episodes, each one contributing to our ongoing efforts to foster dialogue and enhance understanding on key regional issues.





Episode 1

- **Episode 1: Connecting ASEAN for Inclusive Regional Growth with Hon. Sanya Praseuth**

The inaugural episode, "Connecting ASEAN for Inclusive Regional Growth," included insights from Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR. This episode explored the Lao National Assembly's strategies for boosting regional connectivity and fostering inclusive economic growth.

- **Episode 2: Exploring the Path of Women Leadership in Politics with H.E. Sounthone Xayachack**

The second episode of AIPACAST centres on "Exploring the Path of Women Leadership in Politics" celebrating the spirit of International Women's Day. This 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.

Episode 2



- **Episode 3: Fostering Synergy: Advancing, Women, Peace and Security Agenda in ASEAN**

Continuing the spirit of International Women's Day, our third episode features esteemed guests Hon. Mrs. Kheng Samvada of the National Assembly of Cambodia and Mr. Jamshed Kazi of UN Women. They discuss the collaborative initiatives of ASEAN and AIPA in advancing the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and promoting inclusivity within the ASEAN Community.

Episode 3



Episode 4



- **Episode 4: Promoting Harmonisation of Laws and Parliamentary Transparency in ASEAN**

AIPACAST episode 4 featuring an insightful discussion with Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng, Vice-Chairman of the 9th Commission of the National Assembly of Cambodia. This episode delves into the transformative potential of the AIPA Digital Law Library to promote transparency and harmonisation of laws across ASEAN.

- **Episode 5: Insights on the Tripartite Forum from Mr. Pengiran Aki & Ms. Haslina Taib**

The fifth episode of AIPACAST, 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, 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.



Episode 5

- **Episode 7: Featuring Hon. Putu Supadma Rudana, Vice Chair of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation**

Episode 7 of AIPACAST, featuring Hon. Putu Supadma Rudana, Vice Chair of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, and owner of Museum Rudana in Ubud, Bali, explores how Indonesia is strengthening its Food, Agriculture, and Forestry sectors through ASEAN RAI, while also highlighting the rich cultural practices in Bali that promote sustainability.



Episode 7

Episode 6



- **Episode 6: Featuring Hon. Pehin Dato Haji Adanan Yusof, Chair of the 15th AIPA Caucus**

Featuring Hon. Pehin Dato Haji Adanan Yusof, Chair of the 15th AIPA Caucus, the 6th episode of AIPACAST discussed the importance of the AIPA Caucus and the crucial role of parliamentary cooperation in strengthening cybersecurity.

Episode 8



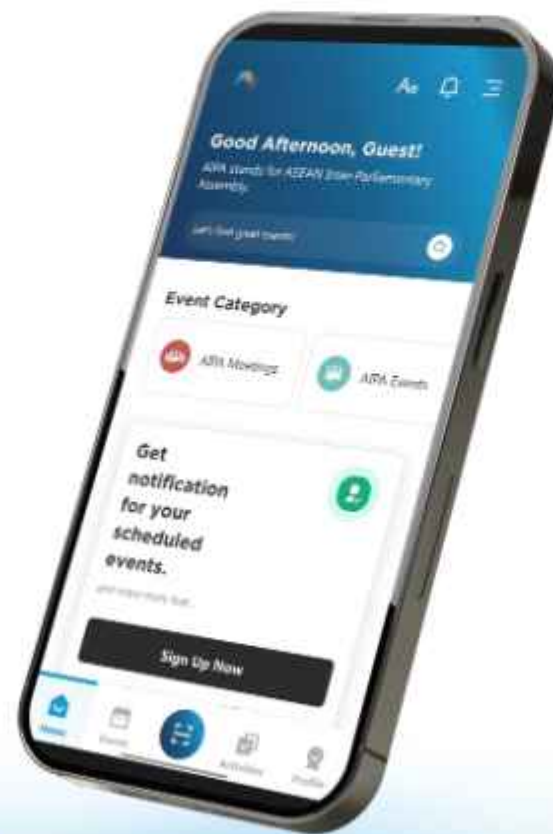
- **Episode 8: Featuring Dr. Pham Quang Minh, Assistant Director of the Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Division (FAFD) at the ASEAN Secretariat, and Emma Jessie McGhie, Program Officer at FAO**

The episode featured insights from experts, discussing the ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (ASEAN RAI) and its importance for sustainable agriculture in Southeast Asia.



AIPALync GO

AIPALync Go is a mobile application designed to streamline and enhance the experience of AIPA meetings and project activities. It serves as a comprehensive platform for storing essential data, facilitating document sharing, and managing event registration. With AIPALync Go, users can efficiently record attendance and access relevant materials in real-time, ensuring seamless coordination and collaboration across AIPA activities.



AIPALync+

With a strong spirit to amplify its voice to the world, AIPA has taken the initiative to create additional channels in the form of a newsletter. First published in February 2024, AIPALync+ highlights AIPA's activities on a monthly basis and shares upcoming calendar events, aiming to enhance engagement with all stakeholders, including the ASEAN public.

Stay informed about AIPA's activities by subscribing to AIPALync+ now!



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AIPALync

AIPALync is a digital platform dedicated to promoting legislative transparency and harmonization within ASEAN. Launched at the AIPA Tripartite Forum in June 2024, it showcases the laws of AIPA Member Parliaments, tracks the implementation of AIPA Resolutions, and upholds open governance principles. Freely accessible to all, AIPALync also aims to raise public awareness of ASEAN's integration process.

Explore It at www.alpalync.org!



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Social Media
Digital Platform

The AIPA Secretariat has established and manages four social media accounts and two websites: Instagram (@aipa.secretariat), Facebook (aipa.secretariat), LinkedIn (AIPA Secretariat), Twitter (@aipa.secretariat), YouTube (@AIPASecretariat), along with AIPA's official website (aipasecretariat.org) and the AIPA Resolution Database (aipasecretariat-dms.org).

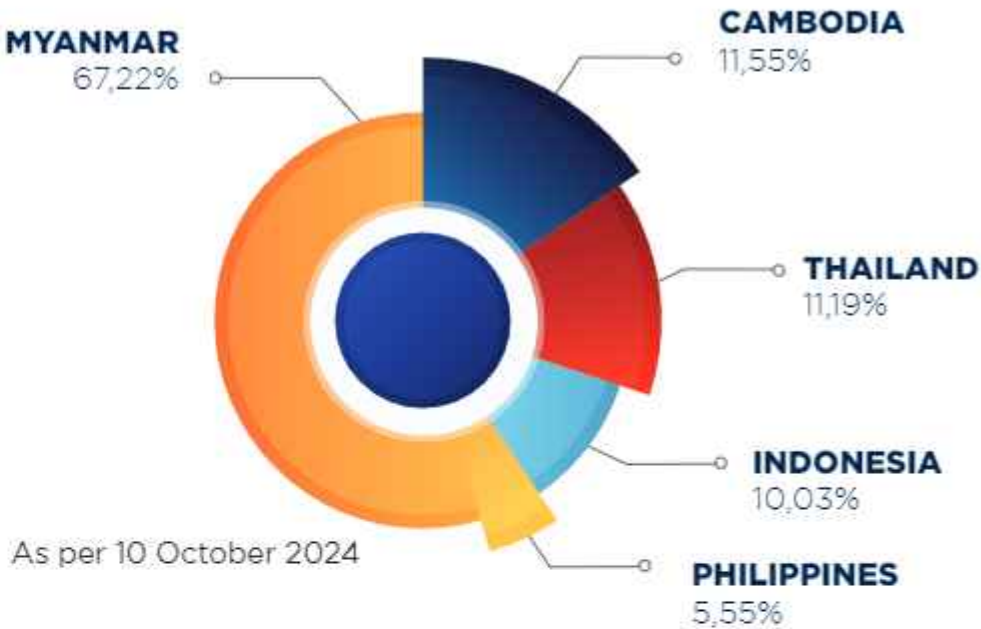
This year, the Secretariat continues to promote its central message, "Our AIPA, Our ASEAN," while enhancing awareness and understanding of its role through these digital platforms.

As of 10 October 2024



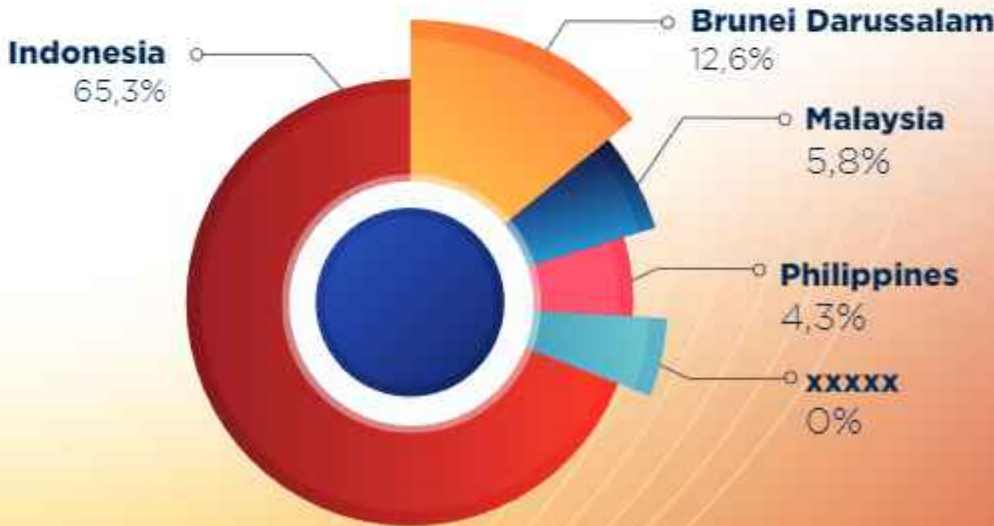
These improvements aim to enhance user experience and provide easier access to the latest AIPA information. According to Google Analytics, the Secretariat recorded 14,216 visitors.

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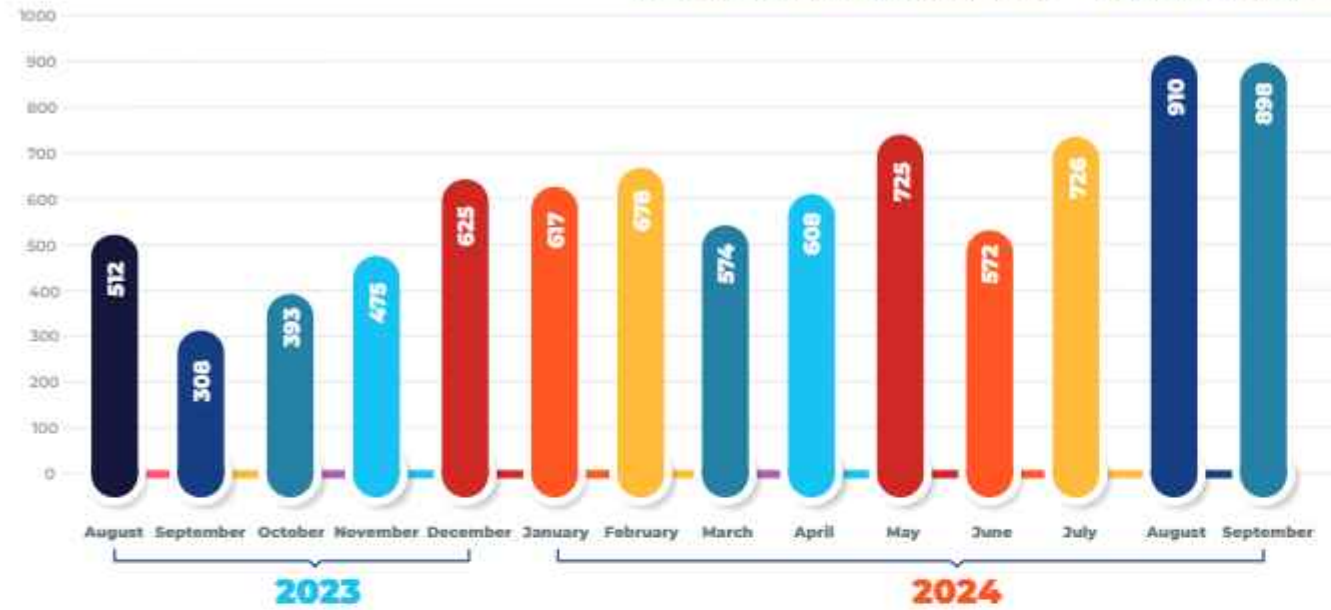
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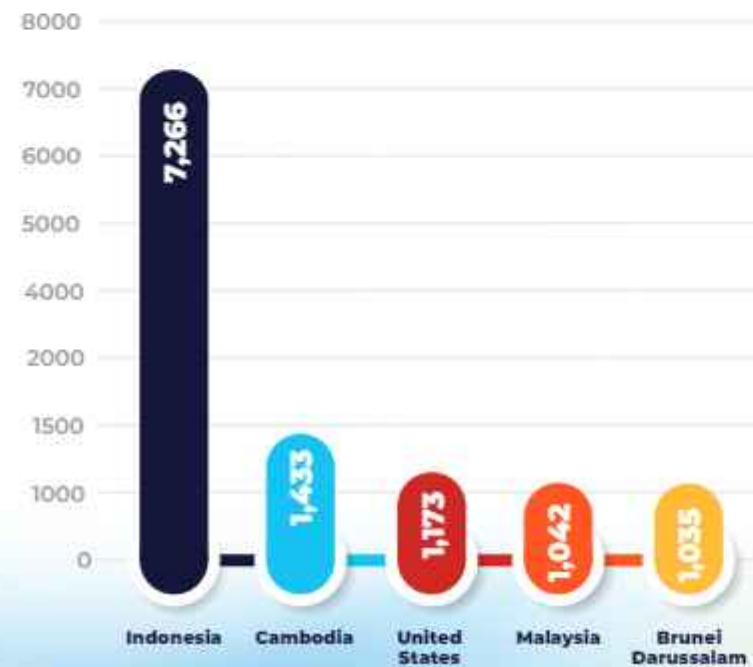


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from both the region and beyond. This year, the AIPA website has introduced new sections, such as AIPA Presidency, which is currently held by Lao PDR. Additionally, there is the "Status of Implementation of AIPA Resolutions." The AIPA website has also become a hub for AIPALync, AIPALync+, AIPALync Go, and AIPACast. We have integrated everything through the AIPA website.





Welcoming

The AIPA Presidency of Malaysia

As we turn the page on a successful year of progress and collaboration, AIPA extends a warm welcome to Malaysia as it assumes the Presidency for 2024-2025. Together, as one ASEAN family, we will continue to build a future defined by mutual respect, inclusivity, and shared prosperity. AIPA stands ready to support Malaysia's Presidency, and we look forward to the collective achievements that lie ahead.



Briefing with the Parliament of Malaysia

9 - 10 July 2024

On July 10, 2024, at the invitation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, the AIPA Secretariat had the honour 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 organised into two distinct sessions. The first session was dedicated to the Members of the Parliament, while the second session was dedicated to the Secretariat of the Parliament. These sessions provided 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 Select Committee on Domestic Trade, Entrepreneurship, Cost of Living and Agriculture of the House of Representatives of Malaysia to discuss recent developments concerning the Draft ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework.



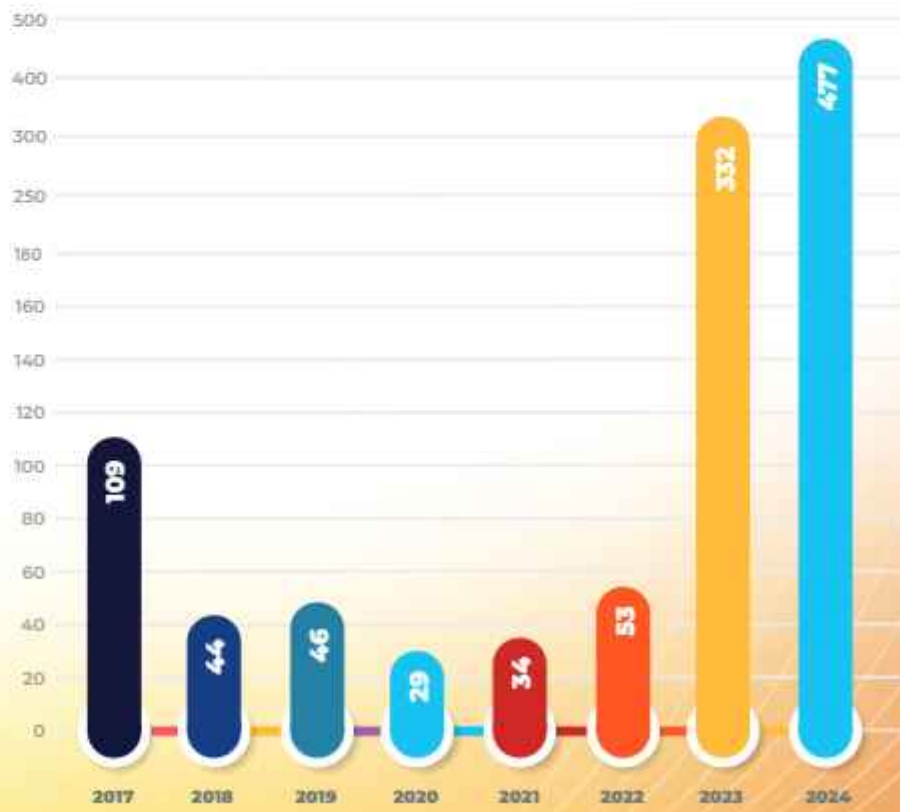
AIPA Secretariat Team and Activity

AIPA SECRETARIAT TEAM



AIPA SECRETARIAT TEAM ACTIVITIES IN 2017 - 2024

In 2024, the AIPA Secretariat has made significant progress, achieving a record of 477 activities. We've expanded our efforts to build stronger partnerships and enhance collaboration, all while promoting parliamentary diplomacy to better serve the aspirations of the ASEAN community. These initiatives have been instrumental in boosting the Secretariat's growth, network, and overall capacity. The AIPA Secretariat is optimistic that the implementation of the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023-2030 will ensure that AIPA remains a key player in strengthening our resilience, becoming more adaptable, responsive, and thriving in the future.



The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was first established as ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) by the virtue of the signing of the Statutes of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization on 2 September 1977.

Acknowledging the need to transform AIPO into a more effective and closely integrated institution, the name was subsequently changed from AIPO to ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

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