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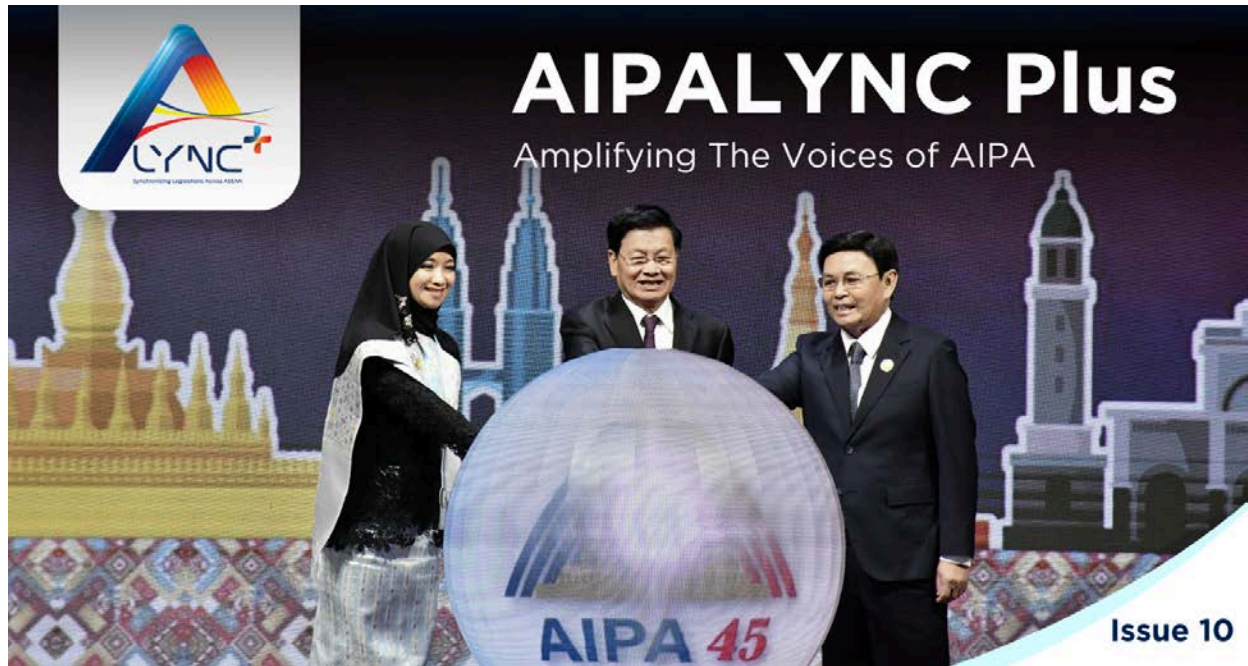
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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

The 45th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly



Coming down to the capital city of Lao PDR, AIPA has successfully concluded its 45th General Assembly hosted by the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic from 17 to 23 October 2024. The 45th AIPA General Assembly was held under the theme "***The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth in ASEAN***", and adopted 37 Resolutions across 6 Standing Committees.

The General Assembly welcomed over 500 delegates, including representatives from AIPA Member Parliaments, AIPA Observer Parliaments, AIPA Development Partners, and Guests of the Host Parliament. Featuring over 30 meetings, including 6 Standing Committee Meetings, 15 Dialogues with Observer Parliaments, and the Meeting on the Joint Communiqué, the General Assembly showcased robust discussions and collaboration.



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Meeting of the AIPA Executive Committee



Prior to the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the Executive Committee convened its meeting on 18 October 2024 at the National Convention Center in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Chaired by H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, President of AIPA and President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the Executive Committee deliberated and discussed 16 agenda items. These included discussions on the agenda and programme for the 45th AIPA General Assembly, as well as other matters, including ongoing efforts to enhance parliamentary cooperation and initiatives to support the broader regional objectives of AIPA and its Member Parliaments.

Women Political Leaders Forum



On 18 October 2024, AIPA marked a significant milestone by hosting the WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum on the sidelines of the 45th AIPA General Assembly. Introduced as a flagship initiative and a legacy of the National Assembly of Lao PDR's AIPA Presidency, the forum brought together over 100 participants, including representatives from AIPA Member Parliaments, AIPA Observer Parliaments, AIPA Development Partners, and Guests of the Host Parliament.

Themed *"Enhancing Women's Political Participation and Leadership: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities Towards an Inclusive Future for All,"* the forum featured two impactful panel discussions. The first panel, *"Breaking Barriers: Strategies for Increasing Women's Representation in Parliaments,"* explored actionable solutions for overcoming obstacles to women's representation. The second panel, *"Collaborative Partnerships for Advancing Women's Political Participation and Inclusive Governance,"* highlighted the importance of multi-stakeholder efforts to promote inclusive governance.

This landmark event underscores AIPA's commitment to advancing women's political participation and leadership in the region, reflecting a collective endeavor to foster an inclusive and equitable future for all.

The 3rd AIPA-ASEAN Hearing



The 3rd AIPA-ASEAN Hearing, held during the 45th AIPA General Assembly, centred on the theme “*Advancing ASEAN’s Connectivity and Inclusive Growth: Enhancing Dialogue, Collaboration, and Consultation between AIPA and ASEAN.*” The discussion emphasised the need to foster dialogue and cooperation to align policies with ASEAN’s principles of inclusivity and sustainability.

AIPA Member Parliaments also addressed the urgent situation in Myanmar, underscoring the importance of closer collaboration and stronger partnerships with ASEAN to effectively address challenges. They highlighted the critical need for the effective implementation of ongoing initiatives, including the Five-Point Consensus, as a vital step toward achieving peace and stability in the region.

Dialogue with AIPA Observer Parliaments

The 45th AIPA General Assembly convened 15 Dialogue Sessions with AIPA Observer Parliaments on 20 October 2024, providing a platform for parliamentary diplomacy to exchange views and foster collaboration on regional and global issues. Delegations from Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, and Ukraine participated. Under the theme “*Parliamentary Cooperation towards Integration and Inclusive Growth,*” AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer delegations discussed challenges and explored strategies to strengthen parliamentary collaboration and diplomacy to promote integration and inclusive growth in ASEAN and beyond.



Meeting of Committee on Joint Communiqué

Chaired by Hon. Chanthavong Senamadmonty, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the meeting on the Joint Communiqué addressed the key outcomes of the 45th AIPA General Assembly. These included the adoption of 37 Resolutions, the upcoming hosting of the 46th AIPA General Assembly by Malaysia and the 47th by the Philippines, and discussions on ongoing and potential parliamentary initiatives under AIPA's key programmes.



AIPA Distinguished Service Award



The 45th AIPA General Assembly presented the AIPA Distinguished Service Awards to three outstanding individuals: H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Jaya Dato Paduka Awang Haji Judin bin Haji Asar from Brunei Darussalam, Hon. Hou Sry from the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Hon. Prof. Kanchanaratt Leevirojana from the Kingdom of Thailand.

AIPA highly appreciates their invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication to advancing AIPA's work, reflecting their steadfast commitment to AIPA's objectives over the years.

Accrediting of New AIPA Observer Parliaments



The 45th AIPA General Assembly accredited the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the German Bundestag as new Observer Parliaments of AIPA. These additions bring the total number of AIPA Observer Parliaments to 25, representing various regions across the globe.

Malaysia Assumes AIPA Presidency for 2024-2025



H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari Bin Abdul delivered an acceptance speech as the AIPA Presidency officially transitioned from the National Assembly of Lao PDR to the Parliament of Malaysia. To commemorate the beginning of Malaysia's AIPA Presidency, a special video presentation was showcased during the event.

The AIPA Secretariat extends its heartfelt congratulations to H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari Bin Abdul on assuming the role of 46th AIPA President and looks forward to Malaysia's leadership in advancing AIPA's mission throughout 2024-2025.

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The 45th AIPA General Assembly was a significant milestone, highlighting the dedication of parliamentarians across the region to drive inclusive growth and strengthen regional...

13th ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface Meeting during ASEAN Summits



Led by the AIPA President, H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, the AIPA Delegation participated in the 13th ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface on Wednesday, 9 October 2024, during the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits at the National Convention Center in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Ahead of the interface, the National Assembly of Lao PDR convened a preparatory meeting to deliberate and finalise the AIPA Message, which was subsequently delivered by the AIPA President during the interface.

During the interface, H.E. Xaysomphone Phomvihane presented the AIPA Message, outlining six key recommendations. These recommendations emphasised enhancing connectivity, promoting regional stability, sustaining growth momentum, fostering conducive conditions for development, and reinforcing ASEAN's role as a driver of regional stability and cross-border collaboration. These recommendations aim to build a more connected, resilient, and inclusive ASEAN Community.



Other Activities

Briefing by the Secretary-General of ASEAN on the Outcomes of the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits



Following the conclusion of the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits, H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN, briefed the diplomatic community on the main outcomes at the ASEAN Hall in Jakarta, Indonesia. He highlighted key topics such as ASEAN's transition to clean energy, digitalization, the use of AI technology and robotics, and the importance of people-to-people connectivity. During the session, H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn engaged with ambassadors and journalists, addressing their questions and providing valuable insights into ASEAN's ongoing initiatives and activities.

Pancasila Reverance Day



At the invitation of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia, the AIPA Secretary General attended the celebration of Pancasila Reverance Day. The event took place at the

Pancasila Sakti Monument and was graced by the presence of the 7th President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Joko Widodo, and 8th President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Prabowo Subianto.

Calendar Highlights: November 2024

**Post 45th AIPA General Assembly
Briefing by AIPA Secretary General**

ASEAN Headquarters

7 November 2024

**ASEAN-IPR & KAICIID Training on
Interreligious and Intercultural
Dialogue for ASEAN Officials**

Penang, Malaysia

11-15 November 2024

**Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference
on the Beijing +30 Review**

Bangkok, Thailand

19-21 November 2024

**AIPA Secretary General's Participation at the
12th General Assembly of the International
Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)**

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

21-24 November 2024

**11th Plenary Session of the
International Parliament for
Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)**

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

23-26 November 2024



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