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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework 2024-2030:
Transformative Collaboration for ASEAN's Sustainable Future**



Building on the adoption of the ASEAN-RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework at the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), successfully hosted the 3rd AIPA-FAO-IISD Joint Event, *“Championing ASEAN RAI: Parliamentary Leadership and Partnerships for Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Sectors”*. The event took place on 12 December 2024 in a hybrid format, with in-person participation in Jakarta, Indonesia.



This milestone gathering brought together over 35 participants, including representatives from AIPA Member Parliaments, the diplomatic community, development partners, and the ASEAN Secretariat. It marked a pivotal moment for the implementation of the Framework, as pathfinder parliaments were identified to champion specific pillars and action lines. The event also opened new avenues for collaboration with relevant stakeholders, further strengthening efforts toward responsible investment in food, agriculture, and forestry across ASEAN.

Courtesy Calls

H.E. Ambassador Sarah Al Bakri Devadason, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN



On 17 December 2024, at the Embassy of Malaysia in Jakarta, H.E. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Sarah Al Bakri Devadason, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN.

The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce AIPA's role, activities, and key achievements, including its initiatives and ongoing projects. As the Parliament of Malaysia holds the AIPA Presidency 2025, discussions centered on preparations for the AIPA annual meetings hosted by Malaysia including the 46th AIPA General Assembly. The meeting underscored the strong partnership between AIPA and Malaysia in fostering regional parliamentary cooperation.

H.E. Phantipha Imasudha Ekarohit, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to ASEAN

On 6 December 2024, the AIPA Secretary General paid a courtesy call on H.E. Phantipha Imasudha Ekarohit, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to ASEAN, at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The meeting offered an opportunity to introduce the AIPA's role and activities, while highlighting collaborative initiatives and ongoing projects. Discussions focused on addressing key regional priorities, including



women's empowerment, youth engagement, and the synchronization of laws within ASEAN to enhance regional integration. introduction to AIPA's role and activities. It served to highlight the collaborative initiatives and ongoing projects of both AIPA and Thailand, addressing key issues such as women, youth, and the synchronisation of laws within ASEAN.

**H.E. San Lwin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN
for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community**



Welcoming the newly appointed Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), the AIPA Secretary General paid a courtesy call on H.E. San Lwin on 11 December 2024 at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting focused on AIPA's initiatives and priorities in supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025 and beyond. Discussions emphasised the role of parliamentary cooperation in advancing key socio-cultural goals in the region, such as youth engagement, women's empowerment, and environmental sustainability. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing collaboration to ensure a sustainable and inclusive ASEAN Community.



**Honorary Visit from Hon. Irine Yusiana Roba Putri, Vice-Chairwoman of the
Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of House of Representatives of
the Republic of Indonesia and Former WAIPA Chair 2023**



On 2 December 2024, the AIPA Secretary General welcomed Hon. Irine Yusiana Roba Putri to the AIPA Secretariat's office in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The meeting focused on the recently adopted AIPA Plan of Action and its Implementation Framework for promoting women's political participation and leadership (2024-2030), a milestone initiated during the 44th AIPA General Assembly under Indonesia's AIPA Presidency. With these strategic documents now entering the implementation phase, Hon. Irine expressed her support for exploring collaborative actions to empower women, particularly at the grassroots level, to bring tangible benefits to the peoples of ASEAN.

AIPACAST Episode 10 - Hon. Senator Datuk Seri Dr. Zurainah Musa



"When women are given the opportunity, the perspective would be monumental and so different from the norm. (Therefore) Give us that opportunity and let us PROVE OURSELVES" - Hon. Senator Datuk Seri Dr. Zurainah Musa, Senator the Parliament of Malaysia.



Tune in to AIPACast Episode 10 to hear from our inspiring guest as we explore the theme, “*Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women’s Political Participation in ASEAN - Insights from the WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum.*” Only on AIPACast!

Youth’s Corner (YOU)th Voices Matter



As 2024 drew to a close, the AIPA Secretariat convened its 7th AIPA Roadshow on 9 December 2024 at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia. With over 160 youths participating, the 7th AIPA Roadshow fostered greater awareness of AIPA’s role in advancing regional cooperation through parliamentary diplomacy.

Beyond raising awareness, the Roadshow provided a platform to engage youth on a regional scale through an Exclusive Dialogue Session. Featuring high-ranking officials and an inspiring youth representative from the region, the session offered participants a meaningful opportunity to engage with leaders and gain valuable insights into their vital role in shaping ASEAN’s future.



AIPA's Engagement with Development Partners

6th Meeting of the Coordination Mechanisms for Parliamentary Assemblies



The 6th Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism

AIPA's Efforts on Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism (CT/PVE)

Presented by Ms. Putri Maha Lima
AIPA Deputy Secretary-General

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On 6 December 2024, the AIPA Secretariat virtually participated in the Sixth Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism, hosted by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). This meeting served as a critical platform for parliamentary assemblies to discuss regional

trends in terrorism and violent extremism, review initiatives implemented in collaboration with UNOCT, and address challenges faced in counter-terrorism (CT) and preventing violent extremism (PVE) efforts.

During the session, the AIPA Deputy Secretary-General delivered an intervention reaffirming AIPA's commitment to CT/PVE efforts. She highlighted the AIPA Strategic Plan 2023–2030, key resolutions, and both ongoing and planned initiatives. The intervention underscored AIPA's focus on strengthening legal frameworks and enhancing regional cooperation to effectively address terrorism and violent extremism in ASEAN.

Launch of the International Network for Legislation on Drugs (INLOD)

Upon the invitation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the AIPA Secretariat participated in the virtual launch of the International Network for Legislation on Drugs (INLOD) on 12 December 2024. INLOD seeks to establish a global network of legislators to enhance coordination, share knowledge, and address drug-related challenges through legislative collaboration and guidance.



During the event, the AIPA Secretariat highlighted the longstanding commitment of AIPA to addressing drug-related issues, as reflected in 42 adopted AIPA resolutions. The Secretariat also emphasized AIPA's initiative to transition its Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) into the AIPA Advisory Council on Transnational Crime (AIPA-ACT). This transformation broadens the scope of the ad-hoc council to include a wider range of transnational crimes, acknowledging the complex and interconnected nature of drug-related challenges within the region.

Meeting with the Security Cooperation Division I of the ASEAN Secretariat



Following the mandate from the Executive Committee of the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Secretariat met with the Security Cooperation Division I of the ASEAN Secretariat on 12 December 2024 to discuss the AIPA's initiative to transform AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) into the AIPA Advisory Council on Transnational Crime (AIPA-ACT). As a working-level meeting, it served to prepare for the upcoming official meeting between the

AIPA Secretary General and the ASEAN Deputy Secretary General for the ASEAN Political-Security Community scheduled for March 2025. The discussion provided valuable insights into ASEAN's mechanisms for addressing transnational crime, aiming to align parliamentary efforts with regional priorities and reaffirming AIPA's commitment to addressing the evolving challenges of transnational crime in the region.

Meeting with ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

On 20 December 2024, representatives from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the AIPA Secretariat convened a meeting at the ERIA Annex Office in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting reflected on the success of the first Tripartite Forum held in Brunei Darussalam last year, with both organizations expressing gratitude for the fruitful collaboration. Discussions focused on exploring potential avenues for collaboration in 2025, building on the achievements of the Tripartite Forum and enhancing support for Malaysia's AIPA presidency. This meeting underscored the shared commitment of ERIA and AIPA to fostering stronger regional cooperation.



Launch and Award Session on “Parliamentary Approaches to the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Counter-Terrorism in Accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1373”



As part of its ongoing commitment to peace and security, AIPA Secretariat participated virtually in the Launch and Award Session on "*Parliamentary Approaches to the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Counter-Terrorism in Accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1373*" on 18 December 2024. Organised by UNOCT on the margin of Internet Governance Forum, the session provided a platform to discuss the

role of parliamentarians in addressing the use of information and communication technologies in countering terrorism.

Guided by the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), the session emphasized the importance of national counter-terrorism measures that are holistic, inclusive, human rights-compliant, gender-sensitive, and effective. AIPA's participation reflects its commitment to supporting efforts aimed at enhancing security frameworks and counter-terrorism through parliamentary engagement.

Virtual Coordination Meeting between AIPA Secretariat and Secretariat of the Parliament of Malaysia



In preparation for Malaysia's AIPA Presidency for 2024-2025, the AIPA Secretariat and the National Secretariat of the Parliament of Malaysia held a virtual meeting on 20 December 2024. The discussion focused on planning AIPA activities throughout 2025, including ad-hoc and annual meetings under Malaysia's leadership. The meeting also provided an opportunity to explore further initiatives to be implemented during Malaysia's presidency, with an emphasis on fostering a more inclusive and sustainable ASEAN region.





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