



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**AIPA Secretary General bestowed with Royal Order
of Sahametrei from King Norodom Sihamoni of the
Kingdom of Cambodia**

presented by

**Samdech Maha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon
Sudary, President of the National Assembly of the
Kingdom of Cambodia**



On 23 November 2024, the AIPA Secretary General had the privilege of paying a courtesy call on **Samdech Maha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon Sudary**, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in Phnom Penh. The meeting highlighted the steadfast support and commitment of the National Assembly of Cambodia to the AIPA's mission, reaffirming their dedication to advancing regional cooperation and strengthening parliamentary collaboration across ASEAN.



During this visit, the AIPA Secretary General was honored to be bestowed **the Royal Order of Sahametrei by His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni of the Kingdom of Cambodia**. Presented by **Samdech Maha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon Sudary**, this prestigious recognition acknowledged the Secretary General's contributions to promoting inter-parliamentary relations and fostering cooperation, unity, and inclusiveness within the ASEAN region.

Courtesy Meetings

Hon. Suos Yara, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Information of the National Assembly of Cambodia



the AIPA Secretary General held a courtesy meeting with Hon. Suos Yara, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Information of the National Assembly of Cambodia, on 25 November 2024, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The meeting focused on exploring potential joint activities and collaborative initiatives between AIPA and the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), following the recent signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations during the 11th IPTP Plenary Session.

Courtesy Meeting with Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng, Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Public Transport, Civil Aviation, Post, Telecommunications, Industry, Science, Technology, Innovation, Mining, Energy, Commerce, Land Management, Urbanisation, and Construction of the National Assembly of Cambodia

During her working visit to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the AIPA Secretary General also had the opportunity to meet Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng, Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly of Cambodia's Commission on Public Transport and other key sectors. Their discussion focused on the planned AIPA Roadshow in Cambodia, with an emphasis on engaging youth and local communities. Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng's extensive network within academia and significant contributions to higher education in the country were recognized as essential elements in facilitating such initiatives that appeal to and inspire the younger generation.



The meeting discussed the roadshow's potential to enhance public awareness of AIPA's mission and inspire the next generation of leaders, fostering greater understanding and collaboration within ASEAN communities.

Courtesy Meeting with US Mission to ASEAN and USAID Asia

In mid-November 2024, the AIPA Secretariat welcomed two courtesy visits at its office in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Ms. Kate Rebholz, Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Mission to ASEAN, met with the Secretariat



Mr. Michael Ronning, the newly appointed Mission Director of USAID Asia, paid a visit.

Both meetings served as valuable platforms to discuss the outcomes of the 45th AIPA General Assembly and explore opportunities to enhance collaboration on AIPA initiatives aimed at addressing shared priorities across the ASEAN region.

AIPA's Briefings

Post-45th AIPA General Assembly Briefing



Following the successful conclusion of the 45th AIPA General Assembly, the AIPA Secretariat organized a post-briefing on 7 November 2024 at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event was graced by the online presence of Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, who delivered the welcoming remarks.

The briefing brought together representatives from the Diplomatic Missions of AIPA Member Parliaments, Observer Parliaments, and Development Partners. It provided a platform to present the achievements and key outcomes of the 45th AIPA General Assembly, encouraging open dialogue and strengthening collaboration among stakeholders to advance shared goals in the ASEAN region.

Briefing with the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia



At the invitation of Hon. Mardani Ali Sera, Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation (BKSAP DPR RI), the AIPA Secretariat conducted a briefing session with newly appointed members on 11 November 2024 at the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta.

The briefing served as an introductory session to familiarize the new members with AIPA's mission, activities, and commitment to fostering stronger collaboration and advancing parliamentary diplomacy within the ASEAN region. It also built on the momentum of the recently concluded 45th AIPA General Assembly by highlighting its achievements and key outcomes.

Briefing and Coordination Meeting with the National Secretariat of Parliament of Malaysia



On 15 November 2024, the AIPA Secretariat and the AIPA National Secretariat of the Parliament of Malaysia convened their first coordination meeting in Kuala Lumpur. The

engagement highlighted the shared commitment between the AIPA Secretariat and the Parliament of Malaysia to ensure the success of Malaysia's AIPA Presidency in 2025.

Enhancing AIPA's Collaboration with Strategic Partners



12th General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties

At the invitation of the President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the AIPA Secretary General participated in the 12th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), held from 21 to 24 November 2024 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Centered on the theme "*A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation*," the event convened representatives from political parties and key stakeholders to foster cooperation and promote peace and reconciliation across the region.

11th Plenary Session of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace

From 23 to 26 November 2024, the AIPA Secretary General participated in the 11th Plenary Session of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The event brought together parliamentarians, government leaders, civil society representatives, and regional and international organizations to strengthen coordinated efforts in promoting peace, reconciliation, and tolerance.

A highlight of the event was the adoption of two key documents: the Phnom Penh



These documents are expected to contribute to global efforts in fostering inter-parliamentary collaboration and promoting a culture of peace and tolerance.

Signing two Memoranda of Understanding

During the 11th Plenary Session of ITPP and the 12th General Assembly of ICAPP, the AIPA Secretary General signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with both organizations. The signing fulfilled the mandate from the resolution adopted at the 45th AIPA General Assembly, which aimed to formalize partnerships through MOUs between AIPA, ITPP, and ICAPP.



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



The AIPA Secretariat participated in the ASEAN-IPR & KAICIID Training on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue for ASEAN Officials, held from 11 to 15 November 2024 in Penang, Malaysia. Attended by officials from various ASEAN bodies, centres, and entities, the training provided participants with skills in conflict management and resolution, along with cultural and religious understanding.

This effort aligns with the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, which seeks to promote a culture of peace through respect for diversity, tolerance, and the



AIPA Secretary General's Participation as Panellist in the Roundtable Discussion at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review

In alignment with AIPA's commitment to promoting women's empowerment and gender equality, AIPA Secretary General H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman participated as a panelist in the Roundtable on Strengthening Women's Participation and Leadership in Asia-Pacific on 20 November 2024, held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. The roundtable brought together government officials, regional stakeholders, and international organizations dedicated to advancing women's empowerment and leadership.

During the session, the AIPA Secretary General highlighted AIPA's initiatives to enhance women's political participation, including the adoption of AIPA's first Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on Women's Political Participation and Leadership. This milestone document was developed in collaboration with UN Women during Lao PDR's AIPA Presidency in 2024. She further emphasized the importance of breaking barriers to support women in leadership, particularly in politics, and called for sustained collaboration to advance gender equality across the Asia-Pacific region.



Credit: UN Women Indonesia

Bilateral Meeting UN Women Asia-Pacific Regional Director



During the AIPA Secretary General's participation in the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review, a bilateral meeting was held with Ms. Christie Arab, UN Women's Asia-Pacific Regional Director. The discussion centered on exploring opportunities for collaboration and developing new initiatives to advance gender equality in the region, with a particular focus on the implementation of the recently adopted AIPA Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on Women's Political Participation and Leadership. This partnership reaffirms AIPA's dedication to driving meaningful progress in empowering women and promoting gender equality, contributing to a more inclusive, resilient, and equitable future across ASEAN.

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Get Ready: Model AIPA Makes Its Comeback!

AIPA is thrilled to announce the return of **Model AIPA**, answering the enthusiastic requests of ASEAN youth for its revival and their call for greater engagement in regional dialogue. In collaboration with Parahyangan Catholic University, this educational simulation of the AIPA General Assembly is designed to empower ASEAN's future leaders with essential skills in parliamentary diplomacy, negotiation, and policy-making.

Under the theme “*The Role of Parliament in Advancing Inclusive and Equitable Education for Sustainable Growth and Innovation*,” this dynamic event will take place on **24 January 2025** in a hybrid format, offering both in-person and online participation.



Don't miss this opportunity to represent AIPA Member Parliaments, enhance your leadership skills, and contribute to impactful discussions on regional priorities.

👉 Scan the **QR Code** for more details and to register!

AIPACAST Episode 9!



This month, we proudly released our 9th episode, featuring **Hon. Chanthavong Senamatmontry**, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

In this special episode, we explore the theme “*The 45th AIPA General Assembly: The Role of Parliament in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth in ASEAN*.” Join us for insightful discussions on how parliamentarians play a crucial role in strengthening regional connectivity and promoting inclusive growth across ASEAN.

🎧 Tune in now to be part of the conversation!

Click the picture to listen to AIPACAST episode 9!

Calendar Highlights
December 2024

AIPACAST Eps 9 with Hon. Senator Datuk Seri Dr. Zurainah Musa,
Member of the Senate of the Parliament of Malaysia

Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women's Political Participation in ASEAN
- Insights from the WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum

6 December 2024

7th AIPA Roadshow

ASEAN Headquarters

9 December 2024

AIPA-FAO-IISD 3rd Joint Event

Jakarta, Indonesia

12 December 2024



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