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“Engaging a People Oriented, People-Centered ASEAN Community Towards Inclusiveness”

HISTORY OF AIPA

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

From AIPO to AIPA

Ten years after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was formed in 1970, there was a realization among parliamentarians that the strength of ASEAN emanates from the roots of its societies.

Therefore, closer cooperation among the respective legislatures and the parliamentarians (being the representatives of the peoples of ASEAN), would result in greater participation by the peoples of the ASEAN countries in the effort to achieve ASEAN's three main original objectives: to promote the economic, social and cultural development of the region through various programs of cooperation; to safeguard the political and economic stability of the region against Big Power rivalry; and to serve as a forum for the resolution of intra-regional differences as enunciated in the ASEAN Declaration adopted on 8th August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.

It was to significantly contribute through inter-parliamentary cooperation in the attainment of the goals and aspirations of ASEAN that the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) was formed.



Presented by H.E. Daryatmo, Speaker of The DPR-RI/ President of AIPO on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the 4th Working Committee of AIPO at Kuantan on 24th August 1981.

HISTORY OF AIPA

The establishment of AIPO was at the initiative of Indonesia. In the early 1970's, encouraged by the progress being made by ASEAN, the Indonesian House of Representatives came up with the idea of setting up an organization composed of the parliaments of the then five ASEAN member countries of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The visits to Indonesia by a Malaysian parliamentary delegation in August 1973 and by a Singapore parliamentary delegation November of the same year gave impetus to the idea of establishing parliamentary cooperation among the ASEAN parliaments. The following year, the Indonesian House of Representatives sent a special mission to Thailand and the Philippines in May as well as to Malaysia and Singapore in September to seek support for the establishment of an ASEAN inter-parliamentary forum, and received a positive response.

Following the initial contacts, the parliaments of ASEAN Member Countries agreed to hold the first meeting in Jakarta to further discuss the realization of the idea to form a parliamentary cooperation forum, and Indonesia was chosen as the host of the First ASEAN Parliamentary Meeting (APM) from 8th to 11th January, 1975.

Indonesia as host of the First APM, proposed the formulation and signing of the "Statutes of the ASEAN Parliamentary Cooperation".

The First APM agreed on the following:

1. To promote closer cooperation between the parliaments of ASEAN member states;

2. To hold regular meetings;

3. To establish a Working Committee comprising 3 (three) representatives from each of the ASEAN Parliaments to be chaired by the Deputy Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives; with the Heads of Parliamentary Delegation of Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand as Vice-Chairmen.

4. The Working Committee was tasked as to:

- recommend the form and structure of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary forum for cooperation,
- prepare the draft Statutes of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation,
- meet one month after the First APM,
- the Second APM would be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

As a follow up to the First APM, the Working Committee meeting was held at Tugu, Puncak, Bogor, Indonesia in May 1975. The outcome was a proposal on the form and structure of the forum for inter-parliamentary cooperation and the proposed statutes to be discussed at the Second APM.

The Second APM was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 20th to 23rd August 1975.

The Kuala Lumpur meeting agreed on a change in the name of the proposed forum from the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation to the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO), but failed to reach a consensus on the criteria and procedures for the organization's membership.

The Third APM was held in Manila, the Philippines from 29 August to 2 September 1977. The meeting unanimously agreed on the draft Statutes of the AIPO.

At the closure of the Third APM, the AIPO Statutes were signed by the heads of delegation of the Parliaments of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand and marked the birth of AIPO.

According to Article 10 of the AIPO Statutes, the GA shall be held annually, unless decided otherwise; whereas Article 11 stipulated that the GA venue shall be rotated among the Member Parliaments in alphabetical order.

As the Third APM was held in the Philippines, the next GA was held in Singapore in September 1978.

“AIPA will continue to foster greater understanding, cooperation and goodwill among the peoples of this region.”

Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia
Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and President of AIPA



HOST COUNTRIES OF AIPA

Since its inception in 1977, AIPO held the GA as follows:

1st	General Assembly of AIPO in Singapore	▪ 26 – 28 September 1978
2nd	General Assembly of AIPO in Bangkok, Thailand	▪ 27 September – 3 October 1979
3rd	General Assembly of AIPO in Jakarta, Indonesia	▪ 2 – 6 September 1980
4th	General Assembly of AIPO in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 2 – 6 February 1982
5th	General Assembly of AIPO in Manila, Philippines	▪ 5 – 9 April 1983
6th	General Assembly of AIPO in Singapore	▪ 5 – 7 October 1983
7th	General Assembly of AIPO in Bangkok, Thailand	▪ 2 – 6 October 1984
8th	General Assembly of AIPO in Jakarta, Indonesia	▪ 22 – 29 September 1985
9th	General Assembly of AIPO in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 24 – 30 January 1988
10th	General Assembly of AIPO in Manila, Philippines	▪ 21 – 26 August 1989
11th	General Assembly of AIPO in Singapore	▪ 10 – 15 September 1990
12th	General Assembly of AIPO in Bangkok, Thailand	▪ 18 – 23 November 1991
13th	General Assembly of AIPO in Jakarta, Indonesia	▪ 21 – 26 September 1992
14th	General Assembly of AIPO in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 19 – 26 September 1993
15th	General Assembly of AIPO in Manila, Philippines	▪ 19 – 24 September 1994
16th	General Assembly of AIPO in Singapore	▪ 18 – 23 September 1995
17th	General Assembly of AIPO in Phuket, Thailand	▪ 16 – 21 September 1996
18th	General Assembly of AIPO in Bali, Indonesia	▪ 1 – 6 September 1997
19th	General Assembly of AIPO in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 24 – 28 August 1998
20th	General Assembly of AIPO in Manila, Philippines	▪ 19 – 24 September 1999
21st	General Assembly of AIPO in Singapore	▪ 10 – 15 September 2000
22nd	General Assembly of AIPO in Bangkok, Thailand	▪ 2 – 7 September 2001
23rd	General Assembly of AIPO in Ha Noi, Viet Nam	▪ 8 – 13 September 2002
24th	General Assembly of AIPO in Jakarta, Indonesia	▪ 7-12 September 2003
25th	General Assembly of AIPO in Phnom Penh, Cambodia	▪ 12-17 September 2004
26th	General Assembly of AIPO in Vientiane, Lao PDR	▪ 18-23 September 2005
27th	General Assembly of AIPO in Cebu City, Philippines	▪ 10-15 September 2006
28th	General Assembly of AIPA in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 19 – 24 August 2007
29th	General Assembly of AIPA in Singapore	▪ 19-24 August 2008
30th	General Assembly of AIPA in Pataya City, Thailand	▪ 2-8 August 2009
31st	General Assembly of AIPA in Hanoi, Viet Nam	▪ 20-24 September 2010
32nd	General Assembly of AIPA in Phnom Penh, Cambodia	▪ 18 – 24 September 2011
33rd	General Assembly of AIPA in Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia	▪ 16 – 22 September 2012
34th	General Assembly of AIPA in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam	▪ 17 – 23 September 2013
35th	General Assembly of AIPA in Vientiane, LAO PDR	▪ 14 – 20 September 2014
36th	General Assembly of AIPA in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	▪ 6 – 12 September 2015

DELEGATES ARRIVE TO ATTEND 36TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AIPA

Selangor, 6 September 2015 (Parliament of Malaysia) - Delegation from Brunei arrived at Kuala Lumpur Selangor International Airport (KLIA) this morning to attend the 36th General Assembly of AIPA that will begin tomorrow onwards till 12 September 2015 at Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur.

Hon. Datuk Hj. Ismail and spouse Datin Norazimah Abd Mubin with Kangar and Limbang Member of Parliament received the first delegate from Brunei at KLIA this morning.



Hon. Datuk Haji Ismail bin Mohamed Said with Hon. Pehin Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohd Taib, Brunei delegate when arrived at KLIA this morning.

Meanwhile, Parliament Speakers of Asean with almost 300 delegates will be together at Shangri-La Hotel, KL to discuss on local and international issues concerning ASEAN community.

36th AIPA GA Meeting will be going on for six days till 12 September 2015, as one of the platforms in forming the official ASEAN Economic Community at the end of the year.

WAIPA STRENGTHENS ON GENDER EQUALITY



Group photo of Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and President of AIPA, H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, Chairperson of WAIPA, Hon. Datuk Doris S. Brodie and heads of WAIPA delegation.

Monday, 7 September 2015 - The 36th General Assembly of AIPA has been kicked off with Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) which was officiated by H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and President of AIPA. The meeting began at 9.00 a.m. at Sarawak Room, Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Hon. Datuk Doris S. Brodie, Deputy President of Senate of Malaysia, General Secretary of AIPA and women parliamentarians from participating countries.

During the event, AIPA President handed over the official AIPA gavel to Hon. Datuk Doris S. Brodie, Deputy President of Senate of Malaysia as an official remark to chair the WAIPA meeting. Besides, Hon. Datuk Linda Tsen Thau Lin, Member of Parliament for Batu Sapi was also appointed as the rapporteur of the meeting.

Issues related to recognition of post-2015 development agenda on gender equality, promoting a culture of respect and the rights of women and girls towards inclusiveness as well as strengthening legal framework to eliminate violence against woman and children in ASEAN were discussed during the meeting.

ARRIVAL DAY OF THE DELEGATIONS



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MEETING OF THE WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA (WAIPA)



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