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2005 Activities Report

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Twenty-Four Years of Making a Difference

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*Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP (Japan) and AFPPD Chairman
met with Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director
UNFPA*

This year completes AFPPD's 24 years of educating and involving Parliamentarians in the field of Population, Reproductive Health and Development and other ICPD issues. It is also the year we celebrate AFPPD's 8th General Assembly.



Lunch at Thai Senate for Dr. Chowdhury
L to R: Dr. Viraphong Skolkitivat, Dr. Anwarul Chowdhury,
Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit

BACKGROUND

The Asian Forum over the years has evolved itself into a parliamentarians movement for population and development issues. It has been adapting itself with the changing times, growing democracies and a wider acceptance of the important role of parliamentarians and other elected representatives.

On the basis of periodical internal evaluation, several new initiatives were taken to enlarge our reach to parliamentarians. One of those initiatives is the Person-to-person advocacy (PPAP) to meet and discuss ICPD issues with most of the parliamentarians and state and locally elected representatives. PPAP is conducted in four countries with support from the Hewlett Foundation. The effectiveness of this approach has been acknowledged and other countries are now implementing this project. Second is the sector-wide approach, where special programmes are made directly towards parliamentarians with specific backgrounds like medical doctors, parliamentarians with academic backgrounds, like teachers and professors, and the next group would be parliamentarians with legal background. Work with women parliamentarians still remains our priority. Another area that AFPPD would like to reach in 2006 and 2007 is targeting young parliamentarians below 35 years of age.



Kao Lak, Phanga Nga Province which was the greatest hit by the tsunami in Thailand

The year 2005 started with mixed feelings of sorrow for the death of the thousands of innocent lives in several countries of Asia, because of a tsunami created from one of the biggest earthquakes in modern history that happened not too far from Northern Sumatra in the Indian Ocean. It brought the global community together with the outpouring of generosity to all those affected by the earthquake. It is a reflection of the interconnection of population and environmental issues that persist in many parts of our region. With commitment to overcome the grief and with renewed energy to rebuild lives in our region our future holds a lot of hope. In view of the tragedy and as population advocates we have been moved to create greater change. To show support to the tsunami affected countries AFPPD scheduled conferences to be held in Krabi, Thailand, Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Jakarta, Indonesia. This year has also seen the worst floods and another equally disastrous earthquake in South Asia

AFPPD has also been exploring more possibilities to focus on the HIV/AIDS issue. AFPPD has always been working closely with the Asia-Pacific Leadership Forum (APLF) of UNAIDS since its formation and earlier this year met with APLF Manager Mr. David Bridger, APLF Advisor, Mr. Tony Bates and Coordinator for

South Asia, Mr. Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan to discuss future plans and strategies to involve elected representatives in the HIV/AIDS programmes. AFPPD was also visited by Mr. Steve Kraus, Chief of the HIV/AIDS Branch for UNFPA HQ to discuss ways to enhance political will amongst parliamentarians on HIV and AIDS. Mr. Kraus emphasized the need to establish close linkages between reproductive health and HIV/AIDS in order to achieve a more comprehensive and conclusive solution to sexual and reproductive health problems faced by people.



Mr. Sultan Aziz in Cebu, Philippines

Newly appointed Mr. Sultan Aziz, Director of the Asia Pacific Division of UNFPA visited the Philippines and Vietnam where he attended the AFPPD Focus Group Meeting and in both countries he also took the opportunity to have discussions with the Philippine Legislators Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) and the Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Programmes and their impact. Mr. Aziz was able to meet with parliamentarians and discuss advocacy programmes in their countries.

Senator Jon Ungphakorn, an HIV/AIDS activist and AFPPD alumnus of long standing was honoured with the 2005 Ramon Magsaysay Award for his work in the area of HIV/AIDS. As a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Social De-

velopment and Human Security, Mr. Ungphakorn prioritised Thailand's HIV/AIDS community by working to include HIV/AIDS patients in the country's new "30-baht-per-visit" national health scheme, by supporting the lawsuit against Bristol-



Senator Jon Ungphakorn, honored with the Magsaysay Award

Myers Squibb that opened the door for Thailand to produce a critical anti-HIV drug at half the cost, and by prevailing upon the government to ban a food supplement being callously advertised as an AIDS miracle drug. He has represented AFPPD in several HIV/AIDS related meetings and conference. Most recently he represented AFPPD at the Berlin Dialogue organized by GTZ in Berlin.

During his visit to Thailand, Mr. J.C. Bas, Manager, Dialogue, World Bank in Paris and in charge of the Parliamentarians Network of World Bank (PNoWB) met with Senator Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Secretary General, AFPPD and PNoWB Board members to discuss parliamentarians' participation at the World Bank in activities and study visit. He also discussed possible meetings of all major parliamentary networks and organisations working with them to exchange ideas and good practices.

With the election in the parliament of Iran, the Population and Development Committee of the

parliament was reconstituted on August 9, 2005, with Hon. Ahmand Khas Ahmadi as chair, 60 Parliamentarians are members of the Committee. The committee also discussed their involvement in AFPPD Programme.



Mr. Shin Sakurai (right), Former Chair of AFPPD meeting with Prof. Dr. Prasop Ratanakorn,

Leadership of the Laos Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (LAPPD) met with AFPPD officials in Bangkok in January to discuss future collaborative efforts with AFPPD which includes possibility of hosting regional conferences and workshops, implementing the AFPPD person-to-Person Advocacy Project (PPAP), amongst others. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between LAPPD and AFPPD committing to work together in the region for advocacy of population and Reproductive Health issues with Lao parliamentarians. UNFPA has provided services of an officer to oversee the programme in Laos.

In the beginning of 2005, several high-level officials visited AFPPD office in Bangkok. Mr. Sat-

ish Mehra, APD, UNFPA visited AFPPD while in Bangkok for the Cluster Meeting of UNFPA in Bangkok. Mr. Shin Sakurai, Senator of Japan and Former Chair, AFPPD was also in Bangkok for a meeting with Prof. Dr. Prasop Ratanakorn, Honorary Secretary General, IMPO and for a study tour of the Tsunami affected regions. Mr. Hirofumi Ando, Professor of Japan University and former Deputy Executive Director UNFPA, also visited AFPPD while on a study tour in Bangkok. Mr. Michio Ozaki, Executive Director APDA also visited AFPPD in May.



Mr. Satish Mehra, ADP-UNFPA visited AFPPD



Mr. Ozaki, Executive Director of APDA at the IPCI Steering Committee

A Year of Strengthening Parliamentary Advocacy



*Focus Group Meeting-Cebu, Philippines
L to R: Hon. Dr. Junaidy Abd Wahab, Malaysia;
Ms. Karyn Ammundsen, New Zealand*



*Mme Aisyah Hamid Baidlowi, Chairperson of IFPPD and
Mr. Tosari Widjaya, MP and Chief of Organizing Committee
on the General Assembly conducting the Steering Committee
in Jakarta on 7 November 2005 in Parliament of Indonesia*

AFPPD ACTIVITIES



Opening Ceremony: L to R: Mr. Sheldon Shaeffer, UNESCO, Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Secretary General AFPPD, Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP (Japan), Mr. Arnon Prommart, Governor of Krabi and Senator Dr. Viraphong Skolkitivat.

Asia Pacific Workshop of Academic Parliamentarians on Education, Population, & Sustainable Development

Krabi, Thailand - March 8-9 2005

In 2005 AFPPD activities started with new a approach, conducting the Asia Pacific Workshop of Academic Parliamentarians on Education, Population and Sustainable Development from 8-9 March in Krabi, Thailand. Around 75 members of parliament with teaching background, experts, and youth leaders assembled in Krabi Province, Thailand to discuss their role in education, and population issues and its relation with sustainable development at the Asia-Pacific and Central Asian Academic Parliamentarians Workshop on Education, Population, and Sustainable Development. The workshop marks several first initiatives by AFPPD. This workshop was the first of its kind to bring together about 40 members of parliament from 16 countries to sit and discuss on education and population issues and how the same can be integrated with development issues. All of them, teachers and professors, made a significant contribution on educa-

tion and population issues and how the same can be integrated with development education.

Similarly, this was also the first workshop organized under the new policy adopted by AFPPD to contribute and increase confidence to the tsunami affected areas by hosting events in those region. Krabi, which was affected by the December tsunami disaster, was chosen as the venue of the workshop so as to give the people and local government moral support and assurance for its tourism industry.

The participation and dialogue of youth representatives also added a new and interesting dimension to parliamentarians. Around 8 Asian youth organization representatives provided by Indian Committee of Youth Organisations (ICYO), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Population Services International (PSI), and others also made an impression on parliamentarians.

A Krabi Statement called for appropriate education on matters of human sexuality and reproductive health and respond to gender equality and equity as well as healthy gender relationships as critical component of education.

Fight Against HIV/AIDS and Poverty Needs Political Will

New York, USA – April 4-8 2005

Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP Japan and Chairman of AFPPD addressed the UN Commission on Popu-



AFPPD Lunch

L to R: Mr. Sultan Aziz, Director ADP UNFPA, Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP (Japan) AFPPD Chairman, Interpreter and Ms. Safyie Cagar, Director IERD UNFPA

lation and Development: “Population and Development and HIV/AIDS, with Particular Emphasis on Poverty” at the United Nations from April 4-8, 2005. Mr. Yatsu highlighted that the countries in Asia Pacific and Central Asia region have made significant progress in implementing the ICPD and ICPD+5 recommendations and suggested that other ways of implementing the ICPD PoA, is to modify existing population policies. He introduced AFPPD’s activities and specially emphasized the importance of involving parliamentarians in population and development to enhance political will. He mentioned that AFPPD recognizes the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly the goals of eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health, and that these goals cannot be achieved if questions of population and reproductive health are not addressed.

AFPPD hosted a luncheon at the UN Delegates Dining room on April 6, 2005, which was attended by 30 high level officials from the UN

and other civil society organisation. H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Japan to UN, Mr. Jiro Okuyama Deputy Consul General of Consulate General of Japan, Mr. Sultan Aziz, Director, ADP, UNFPA, Ms. Safyie Cagar, Director, IERD UNFPA, Ms. Haina Zlotnik, Chief, Population Division UN were amongst the invitees. Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, Mr. Shiv Khare and Ms. Yamazaki also met with Dr. Thoraya A. Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA and discussed about the activities of AFPPD. The meeting reaffirmed that AFPPD, UNFPA and Japanese Government continues to be important partners in population and development field.

21st Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Tsunami & Reproductive Health

Phnom Penh, Cambodia - April 29-30, 2005

On 29th and 30th April more than 40 Member of Parliament and Asia Pacific and Central Asia assembled in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the



Group photo of the 21st Asian Parliamentarians Meeting organized by APDA and CAPPD with cooperation from AFPPD

21st Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Population and Development organized by APDA (Asian Population and Development Association) in collaboration with AFPPD and hosted by the Cambodian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (CAPPD). The seminar was to review the situation of Tsunami and the work done to provide assistance for the rehabilitation including Health and Reproductive Health area. Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP Japan and Chairman of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) gave the opening remarks of the conference. H. E. Mrs. Men Sam An, MP Cambodia and Chairperson of CAPPD gave the welcome address. Key speakers of the meeting included Ms. Imelda Henkin, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA, and Dr. Raj Karim, Regional Director, IPPF ESEAOR, Mr. Shin Sakurai, Former Chairman of AFPPD, and Ms. Bettina Maas, UNFPA Representative in Cambodia.

The 55th Executive Committee Meeting of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
Phnom Penh, Cambodia - April 28, 2005

Executive Committee received the follow up actions taken on the decision made by 54th Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD. It was noted that number of activities undertaken had increased as compared to previous years. Many of these activities concentrated on ICPD at 10. The report of AFPPD activities for 2004 was also presented to the Executive Committee. In 2004, apart from organizing regional events, AFPPD also received three parliamentary study groups and supported 10 country level programmes. It was also informed that AFPPD's recognition has increased at the regional and global level. AFPPD leadership has been invited to attend and address various conferences around the world. The committee also approved the strategy to incorporate reproductive and sexual health in the Millennium Development Goals and the role parliamentarians can play. Other various points were discussed such as Afro-Asian Cooperation, IPCI Bangkok 2006, IFAD Proposal, UNEP Green Parliamentarians Programme, and GIFU Parliamentarians Conference on Renewable Energy, IEPFPD Tibilisi Conference Report and National Programme Support. It was agreed to evaluate the work of AFPPD by an external expert.



55th Executive Committee Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Head of the Table: Dr. Raj Karim, Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Mr. Yoshio Yatsu and Imelda Henkin.

Making Proposals Come Alive: Project Proposal Training Programme

Bangkok, Thailand - June 6-10 June 2005

Staff of National Parliamentary Committees underwent a weeklong training in Bangkok from 6 to 10 June 2005 on proposal writing and log frame. Mr. Kevin Osborne of IPPF and Ms. Nichola Schaay of the University of the Western Cape, South Africa conducted the training. AFPPD has around 80 full time persons working in various countries on parliamentary advocacy on population and development in the region. A total of 24 AFPPD-affiliated participants representing the countries of Australia, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Laos, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam attended the training programme. In addition, one representative from UNFPA Indonesia, three representatives from UNFPA Thailand, and two regional International Planned Parenthood representatives (from the South Asia Regional Office & the ESEAOR Regional Office) also attended the event. In total, 30 participants attended the event. Together, the participants brought with them very rich experiences and wisdom from their home countries, which contributed greatly to success of the training.

The training programme was addressed by two guests of honour: Dr Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator and Secretary General, AFPPD, and the Chief Advisor to The Senate Standing Committee On Public Health, Thailand, who ceremonially opened and closed the training programme, and Mr Giridhar Giri, CST Director and UNFPA representative, Thailand, who provided valuable

input into the training programme. There were study visits to APN+, which stands for Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and to the Parliament of Thailand were Senator Jon Ungpakorn a respected AIDS activists provided participants with an extremely valuable overview of the HIV/AIDS situation in Thailand, and of some of the country's successes and failures in preventing and managing the HIV epidemic.

The objectives of the training programme, were:

- To define what the essential components are of an innovative & comprehensive project proposal.
- To unpack the key steps in developing a logical framework approach towards project planning



*Opening Ceremony at Training
L to R: Mr. G. Giridhar, CST Director & UNFPA Rep Thailand, Senator Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, AFPPD Secretary General and Mr. Kevin Osborne, IPPF*

- To provide participants with an opportunity to gain practical knowledge and skills in the development of a project proposal that can be submitted to an appropriate funder.

Focus Group on MDGs

Cebu, Philippines – June 29-30 2005

As part of the new strategy to organize small meeting to bring more focus on the topic and parliamentarians. The 1st Focus Group Meeting on Sexual Reproductive Health and MDGs was organized by AFPPD in Cebu, Philippines in cooperation with the Philippine Legislative Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD), it was attended by 20 parliamentarians and parliamentary officers from 14 countries, namely Australia, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The meeting consisted of 5 sessions and adopted a Plan of Action. Each session has input from resource persons, followed by open discussion.

Mr. Sultan Aziz, Director of Asia and Pacific Division, UNFPA, expressed his pleasure to participate in the discussions and emphasized that the challenge for the parliamentarians lay on how they could work with their governments, specifically the concerned agencies, to inform them of the process of the MDGs, while delivering a clear message that investing in SRH should be a part of the comprehensive efforts for the poor. He also urged that, after 5 years since the MDGs had been adopted, efforts must be sustained in the remaining ten years.

The two-day focus group meeting provided the parliamentarians with an opportunity for intensive reflections on MDGs as well as an opportunity to brainstorm on what can be done and to exchange their views. This was part of AFPPD's effort to seek parliamentarians' engagement in achieving the MDGs and also to educate and inform them about the inter-relationship among population growth, SRH and the MDGS, to which AFPPD has been devoting itself in the entire year of the MDGs' 5 year evaluation.

3rd Women Parliamentarians and Ministers Conference

Colombo, Sri Lanka – August 2-3 2005

More than 120 parliamentarians, Ministers, observers from 30 countries in Asia and the Pacific, as well as Central Asian, African, Arab and European countries, gathered at the 3rd Asian Women Parliamentarians and Ministers Conference - "Engendering MDGs: a Challenge" - held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on the 2-3 August, 2005. The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) organized the conference in cooperation with the Sri Lankan Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition of Sri Lanka, UNFPA and the Government of Japan.

The opening address of the Hon. Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, was delivered on his behalf by the Hon. Mrs. Ferial Ashroff, Minister of Housing and Construction of Sri Lanka. Other speakers at the opening were the Hon. Mr. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Min-

ister of Healthcare and Nutrition of Sri Lanka, Ms. Imelda Henkin, Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA, and Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, Chairman of AFPPD.

The Conference brought together male and female parliamentarians and women Ministers to review the current situation of women in the region and examined the role played by both male and female parliamentarians in improving the status of women, and how to implement legislation to empower women. Also discussed was the impact of MDGs in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA Ms. Imelda Henkin spoke on “MDGs: What Do They Mean For Women?” and was quite clear that all parliamentarians can and must be a powerful force for change. Other topics, which were presented and actively discussed among the participants, were “Women and Poverty: Do MDGs Matter?”; “The Silent Tsunami: Sexual and Gender Based Violence – A Violation of Women's and Girls Right to Health”; “HIV/AIDS – Women are Especially Vulnerable”; Education and Employment: Discrimination Continues”; “Criticality of



Opening Ceremony at Women's Conference

L to R: Senator Claire Moore (Australia), Hon. Mrs. Sumedha G Jayasena, MP, Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare (Sri Lanka), Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP (Japan), Hon. Mr. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition (Sri Lanka), Hon. Mrs. Ferial Ashroff, Minister of Housing and Construction (Sri Lanka) and Ms. Imelda Henkin, Deputy Executive Director UNFPA.

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in Achieving the MDGs”; “Women's Participation in Political and Social Leadership: How Far Have We Progressed?”; “Impact of Emergencies on Women”; “Recourse Mobilization: Accountability and Transparency; Parliamentarians' Role and Responsibilities”.

The Hon. Minister of Information of Namibia, Mrs. Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah, and Dr. Fatna El K'heil, Deputy Speaker of the Moroccan Parliament represented the Forum of African and Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAAPPD) while eight European MPs represented the Inter-European Parliamentarians Forum on Population and Development (IEPPFD). A number of observers from different International NGOs, youth representatives and UNFPA officials also took active part in the conference.

The parliamentarians and AFPPD set a “One-Year Plan of Action” to further involve male and female parliamentarians to achieve the goals of better women's participation in public life, legislation on elimination of violence against women

and a special programme to involve male parliamentarians in women's empowerment.

Report of Person-to-Person Advocacy Project

Newly formed Laos Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (LAPPD) is the national parliamentary committee of Laos with full time staff support from UNFPA and AFPPD has been actively involving the majority of parliamentarians on Person-to-Person meeting on Population, reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS related issues. Similarly Philippines who was involved in Person to Person Advocacy Project with parliamentarians last year is now working on reaching a majority of newly elected parliamentarians by meeting and discussing with them reproductive health, population, and related issues. These programs funded by Hewlett Foundation will bring out the view of parliamentarians on Population on and development issue. This is seen as a more effective method to meet majority of parliamentarians and discuss with them on individual level about their view on these issues. Indonesia with newly elected parliamentarians, Cambodia, and Malaysia are on the last phase of the programme.

PPAP Programme Launch in India

The Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and development (IAPPD) in cooperation with AFPPD is conducting the PPAP Programme with a target to meet a maximum number of parliamentarians in India. On February 19-25 a training course to train discussants, who will meet members of parliament and tape their views on various aspects of population and

development, was held. Mr. Shiv Khare and Ms. Miho Yamazaki of AFPPD conducted the training with Mr. Manmohan Singh of IAPPD. Other resource persons were Prof. P.R. Tyagi, Prof. Yadav, Prof. B. B. L. Sharma, and Mr. Deepak Gupta.

Japanese Parliamentarians Study Visit

On January 17, 2005, AFPPD hosted a luncheon in honor of visiting Japanese parliamentarians, including Ms. Wakako Hironaka, Former Minister of Environment, Ms. Kayoko Shimizu, Former Minister of Environment and current Vice-President APDA, Mr. Tsrunen Marutei, House of Councilors, Mr. Katsuhide Kitatani, Chairman of 2050, Ms. Sakurai of 2050, Japan. The Japanese MPs met with their Thai counterparts including. Senator Mrs. Maleerat Kaeka, Senator Den Tohmeena, Senator Damrong Pootan, and Senator Mrs. Prateep Ungsongtham. Mr. G. Giridhar, Director of UNFPA/CST Bangkok, and Ms. Keiko Okaida, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP, Shiv Khare of AFPPD were also present. The study visit was organized by Population 2050 of Japan to Laos.

Thai Senate Felicitates Dr. Anwarul Chowdhury

AFPPD organised a lunch to felicitate Mr. Chowdhury at the Senate of Thailand, hosted by the Senate President, Mr. Suchon Chaleekre and attended by a large number of Lower House and Upper House members, and UN Officials. Mr. Chowdhury spoke on the situation of landlocked countries and least developed countries.

AFPPD ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

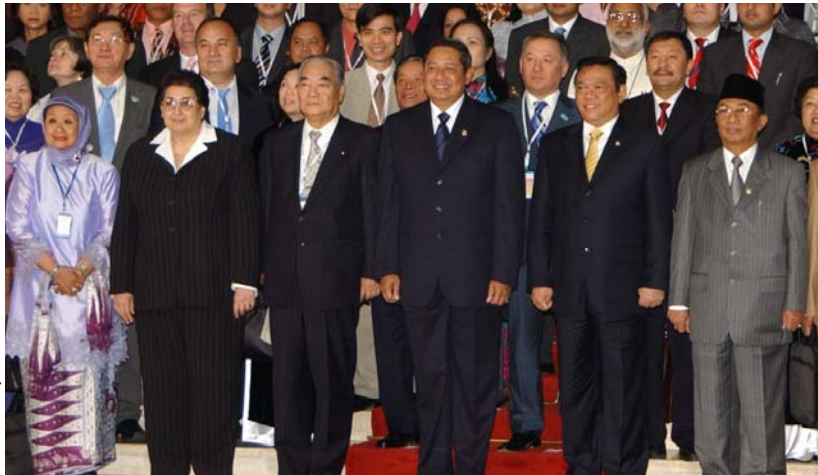
8th AFPPD General Assembly *Jakarta, Indonesia, 12-13 November*

The 8th General Assembly of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) was opened by President of Indonesia, H.

E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, on November 12, 2005, at the Indonesian Parliament, in Jakarta. Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA, and Hon. Agung Laksono, Speaker of the Indonesian Parliament, ad-

ressed about 120 members of parliament from 25 parliamentary committees on population and development in Asia and the Pacific as well as Central Asia. Mr. Sultan Aziz, Director of the Asia-Pacific Division of UNFPA, gave the keynote address.

During the two-day assembly, there were elections for the Executive Board of AFPPD and the parliamentarians reviewed the work of AFPPD, discussed future direction, and considered the evaluation report by the external consultant. It was also decided that a commemorative volume



Front Row L to R: Mme Aisyah Hamid Baidlowi, Chairperson of IFPPD, Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, (MP) Japan and Chairman of AFPPD, H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia and Hon. Agung Laksono, Speaker of the Indonesian Parliament and Mr. Tosari Widjaya, MP and Chief of Organizing Committee on the General Assembly

on AFPPD be published in celebration of AFPPD's 25th anniversary. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda, MP and former Chief Cabinet Secretary of Japan, was elected to be the new

Chairman of AFPPD. Mr. Yoshio Yatsu who was the Chair of AFPPD for the past five years proposed Mr. Fukuda, who is the son of the former Prime Minister of Japan.



Vietnam Focus Group

**2nd Focus Group:
HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence**

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 17-18 December

On 17-18 December 2005, AFPPD in collaboration with the Vietnam Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (VAPPD) organized a Focus Group on HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence. Twenty parliamentarians attended the meeting from 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region and there were resource persons from UNFPA, UNIFEM and from the Ministry of Health of Vietnam. The Focus Group, which was an effort to bring together a small group of parliamentarians to discuss the implications of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence, was a great success. They were able to have intense discussions on the issues, asking questions and sharing views and experiences. A study visit to an HIV/AIDS centre and a movie on Domestic Violence was viewed as part of the programme. Hon. Nguyen Phuc Thanh, MP, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Vietnam opened the focus group and Mme. Nguyen Thi Hoai Thu, MP, Chairperson of VAPPD and Vice Chairperson of AFPPD and Mr. Ian Howie, UNFPA Country Representative of Vietnam gave remarks.

**3rd Focus Group:
Maternal and Child Health**
New Delhi, India 27-28 December

Local and regional policy-makers' focus has long been on the problem of maternal and child health in South Asia but the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) has brought a fresh perspective to the issue - right in the eye of the storm, New Delhi. At the 3rd Focus Group Meeting: Maternal and Child Health, held from December 27 to 28, 2005, at the Grand New Delhi Hotel, New Delhi, India, over 20 parliamentarians from Bhutan, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam explored the new dimensions of the state of maternal and child health.

The meeting, jointly organized by AFPPD and Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD), in collaboration with UNFPA and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, drew upon the wealth of experiences from resource persons who are experts in several different fields related to maternal and child health. Resource persons came from UNFPA/CST South and West Asia, UNICEF, Ministry of Health and Welfare and other international institutions. Prof. P. J. Kurien, MP (India) and IAPPD Vice-Chairperson, welcomed the participants. Dr. Girija Vyas, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, India, gave a keynote address on maternal and child health in India.



India Focus Group Opening Ceremony
L to R: Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Prof.P.J.Kurien, MP, Dr. Girija Vyas, and Mr. Wasim Zaman



Dr. Sang Guowei, MP



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*Ministerial Meeting on Children and Political Challenges Faced in the Region in Cambodia
L to R: Sen. Virapong Skolkitivat and
H.E. Anand Panyarachun*



*L to R: Senator Tutkushev (Kazakhstan) and Dr. Cecep Rukamana
R., MP (Indonesia) at the 61st Session of UNESCAP*

Recognition of AFPPD Efforts



*UNESCAP-UNFPA-IOM-AFPPD Regional Seminar on the Social Implication of International Migration
L to R: Mr. Ghazy Muhahid, Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Mr. Shigeru Mochida, Ms. Keiko Osaki, Ms. Irena Vojackova-Sollorano and Ms. Thelma Kay at the Opening Ceremony*

AFPPD OUTREACHE AND COLLABORATIONS

Asia Pacific Alliance on ICPD *Bangkok, Thailand – April 25-28 2005*

The annual meeting and conference of the Asia Pacific Alliance (APA) was held in Bangkok from April 25-28, 2005, around 60 delegates attended the 7th Annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Alliance. The meeting discussed “Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and the MDGs: Issues for Health and Development” as a follow up to ICPD at 10 and the Millennium Development Goals. The meeting brought together officials from the UN, civil societies, parliamentarians, and donor agencies to with the objective to decide how APA can best assist in implementing the UN Millennium Project 2005, to inform participants and build civil society capacity, to raise awareness of APA as a leader and possible partner with stake holders working to implement the Cairo Agenda, UNGASS on HIV/AIDS and the MDGs. The meeting was co-organised by AFPPD.



Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP opened the meeting.

The APA for ICPD a unique platform of Overseas Donor Agencies (ODA's) foundations and national and regional NGO working on resources for ICPD. Mr. Kim Hak-Su Executive Secretary UNESCAP opened the meeting, which was also addressed by Mr. Stan Bernstein Policy Adviser of Millennium Project. It was attended by ODA representative from USA, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Canada and Foundation from USA including Ms. Sono Aibe from Packard Foundation and Ms. Lois Bradshaw of USAID and International and Regional NGO's including AFPPD. The meeting explored ways to enhance resource base for ICPD.

ASEAN Parliamentarian Seminar: The Spread of Avian Influenza *Bangkok, Thailand – April 19-20, 2005*

The Senate Standing Committee on Public Health in cooperation with Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, National Assembly of Thailand and AFPPD organized the Asian Parliamentarian Seminar on the spread of Avian Influenza from April 19th to April 20th in UNCC Bangkok. This Seminar brought together 40 members of Parliamentarians around the region and discussed ways to prevent spread of Avian Influenza and related policy. The ASEAN Parliamentarians' Seminar on the Spread of Avian Influenza was an opportunity for parliamentarians and delegates from international organizations, the private and public sector, political bodies, and academics to discuss policies for the containment and prevention of the Bird Flu epi-



Group photo at the ASEAN Parliamentarians Seminar on Avian Influenza

demic. The main objectives of this seminar was to strengthen the cooperation among parliamentarians in the Asian region for the exchange of opinions, experiences, information for long term cooperation and coordination for effective solutions to the epidemic. AFPPD representative Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit was the chair of the organizing committee.

Asian Parliamentarians Discuss Renewable Energy in Japan
Gifu, Japan – June 4-5, 2005

The Asian Parliamentarians Conference on Renewable Energy was organised in Gifu, venue of expo in Japan by the Japan parliamentarians and AFPPD on 4-5 June 2005. Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP Japan and Chairman of AFPPD spoke on the inter-relationship of population and renewable energy at the conference. 60 Parliamentarians from Asia and the Pacific region attended this conference.

The Third APCRSH Steering Committees
Malaysia

The Third Asian Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health was held in Kuala Lumpur on 17-21 November 2005. AFPPD was part of the International Steering Committee, which is under the chairmanship of Dr. Kamar Uzaman Ali. The steering committee has met on several occasions to discuss preparatory issues including topics to be discussed, participation and resource persons for the conference. AFPPD was asked to organize a Parliamentarians Panel entitled “Policy Dialogue with Parliamentarians”. Parliamentarians from New Zealand, the Philippines, India and Indonesia were invited to be panellist on the 20th of November. AFPPD also had an information booth display at the APCRSH on the results of the Person-to-Person Advocacy Programme. (meeting report on page 29)

AFPPD & IEPFPD European Medical Parliamentarians Conference, Ireland
Dublin, Ireland – March 31 to April 1 2005

On 31st March and 1st April 2005, parliamentarians with medical background from 11 countries met in Dublin, Ireland for the European Chapter of the International Medical Parliamentarians Organisation Meeting. This meeting organised with support from the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development and the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development brought together leading parliamentarians with medical background from many European countries to

meet in the Irish Senate to discuss with experts from UN agencies such as UNFPA, WHO and non-governmental organizations on issues and challenges that world are facing, including global health in general, and more specifically, the fight against malaria, experiences related to ban of smoking at workplaces, infertility, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and HIV/AIDS. Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP Japan and Chairman of AFPPD addressed the meeting with alarming data of health concerns in the developing world. He called upon medical parliamentarians of Europe to integrate sexual and reproductive health in their work plan and mobilize resources. He took this opportunity to remind Europeans to be focused in the important issue of adolescent reproductive and sexual health, including teenage pregnancy, which remains a concern in Europe.

AFPPD at Sub-Regional Parliamentary Seminar on HIV/AIDS
Islamabad, Pakistan



Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator of Thailand and Secretary General of AFPPD at Sub-Regional Parliamentary Seminar on HIV/AIDS

ganized a sub-regional conference for parliamentarians focused on HIV/AIDS issues at Islamabad, Pakistan. Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator of Thailand and Secretary General of AFPPD, attended the seminar and spoke on the Elements of an Effective Prevention Programme. She presented the experience of Thailand lauding AFPPD efforts on HIV/AIDS Prevention through programmes such as the Small Grant Project and the Thailand Tambon (Sub District) Leaders programme. Dr. Malinee concluded her presentation emphasizing that parliamentarians can be key to HIV/AIDS prevention. As policy makers, parliamentarians need to increase their political commitment and bridge policy with the HIV/AIDS realities in their communities. She also talked on the importance of monitoring the progress closely for its effectiveness, and the need to work in collaboration with others to meet the goal of HIV/AIDS reduction. The seminar, also received the inaugural address by the Hon. Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Shaukat Aziz. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of UN Secretary General for HIV/AIDS in Asia gave the keynote address. Other experts who spoke at the conference included Dr. Suman Mehta, Associate Director, UNAIDS Geneva, Mr. Kenneth Dzirasah, President of PGA, Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP Pakistan, and Hon. Chaudhry Amir Hussain, Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan.

49th Session of the Commission on Women
New York, USA – March 4, 2005

Parliamentarians and Ministers from Asia attended the 49th Session of the Commission on Women in UN Headquarters in New York where

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) or-

they also met with Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA and Mrs. Imelda Henkins, Deputy Executive Director on March 4, 2005. The parliamentarians including Hon. Adi Asenaca Caucau, Minister for Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation, Fiji, Dr. Souvanpheng Boupphanouvong, Director of the Lao National Commission for Advancement of Women (LaoNCAW), and Chansoda Phonethip, Deputy Director of LaoNCAW, discussed with Dr. Obaid and Mrs. Henkins about the importance of women in developing societies and on gender equity and gender equality especially in the Asia-Pacific context.

World Bank Parliamentarians Study Visit to Vietnam
March 20-25, 2005

Twelve Members of Parliament visited Vietnam from on March 20-25, 2005 to study the countries' poverty reduction and related programmes. This World Bank arranged study visit had AFPPD parliamentarians from Australia, Korea, and Philippines proposed by AFPPD.

AFPPD at Ministerial Meeting on Children and Political Challenges Faced in the Region
Siem Reap, Cambodia – March 23-25, 2005

The 7th East Asian and Pacific Ministerial Consultation on Children meeting was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from March 23-25, 2005. The objective of the meeting was to discuss partnerships for children and the regional focus on children. Thematic areas of discussion included child survival, growth, and development. Dr.

Virapong Skolkitivat, Senator, Thailand and AFPPD parliamentarian was present at this conference along with other members of the Thai delegation including H.E. Anand Panyarachun, Former Prime Minister of Thailand.

61st Session of UNESCAP
Bangkok, Thailand – May 12-18, 2005

The UNESCAP's 61st Session was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12th to 18th May 2005 at the United Nations Conference Center. AFPPD parliamentarians, Senator Beksultan Tutkushev from Kazakhstan and Dr. Cecep Rukamana R. from Indonesia attended the meeting. The session focused on "Implementing the Monetary Consensus in the Asia and Pacific region: Achieving Coherence and Consistency". Ministers and senior officials from 62 member and associate member countries and territories of UNESCAP participated.

Advocacy Challenges for Population and Development and RSH
IPPF, London, April 20-21, 2005



Mr. Steve Sinding (in blue) Director General of IPPF giving at talk at the IPPF meeting

IPPF organized a meeting of interested groups to discuss, plan and formulate a strategy for the population RSH advocacy in changing political scenario. AFPPD was invited to be a part of this

group and presented a paper on Advocacy Challenges in Asia-Pacific and Central Asia, which met in London on 20-21st April. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Steven Sinding Director General of IPPF and Ms. Valerie DeFillipo of IPPF. Mr. Shiv Khare, Executive Director, AFPPD, presented paper on Advocacy for Population and Development & RSH Ground Realities from Asia and the Pacific, on which he discussed about the basic elements of advocacy and ICPD, MDGs, and Advocacy with ground realities in Asia and the Pacific.

IMPO at World Health of Assembly
Geneva Switzerland, May 16-25 2005

Dr. Noradin Pirmoazen, IMPO Chief Coordinator in Iran attended the 58th session of World Health Assembly on behalf of IMPO. The Assembly was held from 16-25 May in Geneva, Dr. Primoazen made a statement under the agenda item of “Achievement of health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)”. He stressed that reproductive health has to be highlighted in MDGs to be able to draw more international attention and financial resources. He also explained in his statement that the main area where parliamentarians can work in development is legislation, budget allocation, and monitoring of related activities as well as implementation of legislation and development programme.

IPPF South East Asia Review Reproductive and Sexual Health Work

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia June 1-2 2005

The IPPF South East Asian Regional Meeting of Family Planning Associations and other

Stakeholders met in Kuala Lumpur on 1st and 2nd June, 2005 to review the ICPD at 10 programmes undertaken by IPPF regional office and to discuss how to further implement the goals agreed in 2004 roundtables. Mr. Shiv Khare, Executive Director, AFPPD presented a paper on “How to Mobilize Parliamentarians for Reproductive and Sexual Health”. Mr. G. Giridhar, Director, UNFPA/CST spoke on how ICPD will contribute to meet each MDGs and Mr. Peter Chen of UNFPA, Bangkok also spoke at the meeting. Dr. Raj Karim, Regional Director, IPPF ESEAOR, said that with the cooperation of all stakeholders, the goals would be achieved.

Japanese MPs at G8 Conference
Edinburgh, Scotland June 6-7 2005



Japanese parliamentarians at the G8 Conference

L to R: Mr. Teruhiko Mashiko, Mr. Shigeo Uetake, Mr. Teruhiko Mashiko, Mr. Masatoshi Wakabayashi, and Mr. Gishi Hosono

Four Japanese parliamentarians Mr. Shigeo Uetake, Mr. Teruhiko Mashiko, Mr. Masatoshi

Wakabayashi, and Mr. Gishi Hosono, represented AFPPD at the G8 Parliamentarians conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, organized by the Inter-European Forum of Parliamentarian and Parliamentarian Network of World Bank. The meeting was attended by parliamentarians from Canada, France, Germany, Russia, United Kingdom, USA, Japan and other European and African countries. Ms. Imelda Henkin, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA, Ms. Safiye Cagar, Director, IERD, UNFPA also addressed the conference.

AFPPD at World Bank Meeting in Vienna *Vienna, Austria, June 11-13, 2005*

World Bank organized a meeting of parliamentarian groups and agencies working with parliamentarians and on governance issues from 11 to 13 June 2005 in Vienna, which was hosted by the Government of Austria. AFPPD Executive Director spoke on "Health Related MDGs and the Role of Parliamentarians". Mr. Jean Christophe Bas, Development Policy Dialogue Manager, World Bank, conducted the meeting.

AFPPD at Civil Society Hearing on MDGs *New York, USA June 23-24 2005*

The Asian Forum was the parliamentary group selected to be an active participant at the Civil Society Hearing on MDGs at UN, New York from 23rd to 24th June 2005. The President of the UN General Assembly conducted the hearing. Several NGOs including AFPPD Executive Director Mr. Shiv Khare, Mr. Nada Chaya, PAI, and other representatives spoke on the need to

give special emphasis to reproductive health and population issue.

AFPPD at Global Health Promotion Conference

The Executive Director of AFPPD Mr. Shiv Khare, participated at the 6th global Health Promotion Conference in Bangkok. Around 700 officials and NGO's attended the conference. A Bangkok charter was the out come of the conference, which was opened by the Prime Minister of Thailand.

AFPPD at ATLAS Training for NGOs



L to R: Ms. Kiyoko Ikegami, UNFPA Tokyo, Mr. Sultan Aziz and Mr. Bill Musoke from UNFPA APD at the ATLAS Training

Ms. Patsuda Patanasuwanna, Accounts Associate of AFPPD attended the UNFPA, Multi-Year Funding Framework (MYFF) and ERP (Atlas) Training for International NGOs on 9-10 February 2005 in the UNFPA Headquarters at New York, USA. 13 participants attended this training from 8 INGOs. The main objectives of the training were for the understanding of the MYFF

and learning on how to make project proposals and reports in the context of the MYFF goals and outcomes.

AFPPD at PPAT Regional Symposium on Community based HIV/AIDS Prevention:

Mr. Sakil Satyal and Ms. Pariyaporn Techanaparak of AFPPD attended the Symposium on Community Based HIV/AIDS Management hosted by Mr. Montri Pekan, Deputy Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT), represented AFPPD. The symposium was a wrap up session of a 3-day workshop for participants from across Asia working in the fields of Community Based HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs. The guest of honor for the evening was Mr. Matsuo Matushi, Executive Director, and FASID, JAPAN.

Parliamentarians from Papua New Guinea



L to R: Mr. Korowa Pokeya, Senator Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator Jon Ungphakorn, and Hon. Dr. Banare Zzeferio

Hon. Dr. Banare Zzeferio, MP and Chairman of the Special Parliamentary Committee on HIV/AIDS of Papua New Guinea and Mr. Korowa Pokeya, Executive Officer from PNG visited the

Parliament of Thailand and met with Senator Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, AFPPD Secretary General and Senator Jon Ungphakorn to discuss the HIV/AIDS situation in Thailand and how Thailand has been able to tackle the situation of HIV/AIDS. PNG is facing severe HIV/AIDS infection.

Migration Seminar with UNESCAP *Bangkok, Thailand, 24-26 August 2005*

AFPPD co-organised an Asian Seminar on Social Implication of International Migration with UNESCAP and IOM in Bangkok from 24 to 26 August at the United Nations Convention Centre. Parliamentarians from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand were in attendance.

Three AFPPD Alumnus at the PNoWB Board *Helsinki, Finland, 22-23 October*

Asian parliamentarians, all of whom are AFPPD alumnus were elected to the Executive board of the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank at their International Conference which was held in Helsinki on 22-23 October. They were Dr. Janette Garin, MP (Philippines), Mr. Hideki Wakabayashi, MP (Japan) and Mr. Suresh Prabhu, MP (India). Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator of Thailand and AFPPD Secretary General and Mr. Shiv Khare, Executive Director also attended the conference. AFPPD committees representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea, and Japan attended the conference.

AFPPD OUTREACH ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health

Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia
17-21 November 2005

The 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health opened in Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia, on November 17, 2005, with 1,200 participants from NGOs, governments, and UN agencies in attendance. It was opened by YB Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia. Statements were given by Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA, and Dr. Steven Sinding, Director-General of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). It was also attended by 20 members of parliament sponsored by AFPPD. Two parliamentarians' panels were part of the programme.

AFPPD organized a parliamentarians panel discussion and poster exhibition at the conference. At the panel discussion, entitled "Policy Dia-

logue with Parliamentarians" on 20 November 2005, Dr. M.A. Matin, MP (Bangladesh), Ms. Chieko Nhono, MP (Japan), Dr. H. Hakim Sorimuda Pohan, MP (Indonesia) and Dr. Tan Kee Kwong, MP (Malaysia) exchanged their views



L to R: Mr. Shiv Khare, Rep. Nereus Acosta (Philippines), Ms. Chieko Nhono, MP (Japan), Dr. H.Hakim Sorimuda Pohan, MP (Indonesia), Dr. MA Matin, MP (Bangladesh), and Dr. Tan Kee Kwong, MP (Malaysia)

on the state of population and reproductive health policy in Asia and the Pacific. They provided an insight into the population and reproductive health situation in their own countries.

The poster exhibition showcased the information from AFPPD's innovative Person-to-Person Advocacy Project (PPAP) in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Rep. J.R. Nereus O. Acosta from the Philippines also spoke at a plenary session on impact that the media, legislators and society have on sexual reproductive health and rights. The parliamentarians also participated in JOICFP's satellite session on Recurring Voices of Young People: Delivering Voice of Young People at the Grassroots to Policy and Decision Makers.

WHO/Government of Sweden Partners' Consultation on WHO
11th General Programme of Work
Stockholm, Sweden 17-18 November 2005

Senator Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Thailand and AFPPD Secretary General represented the International Medical Parliamentarians Organization (IMPO) at the Partners Consultation on World Health Organization (WHO) 11th General Programme of Work from 17-18 November in Stockholm, Sweden.

She spoke on the panel discussion on the role of WHO within the global health agenda. As a parliamentarians involved in public health, she said WHO had many functions, but the UN system needed to find a way to better work with parliamentarians. WHO should be strong on good governance and should change the fact that work with parliamentarians on health is often a low priority. As for the GPW, Dr. Sukavejworakit said it must be clear that WHO could not "tackle poverty" alone and it needed to be precise and armed with the specific role in this regards.

The partners' consultation on the 11th General Programme of Work (GPW) was held in Stockholm as a means to get feedback from WHO's partners representing primarily civil society and academia globally on the content of the draft GPW which is going to be submitted to the Executive Board in January 2006. The consultation aims to encourage a dialogue with the broadest possible views, adding robustness to the process and final document. It was second of the two global consultations on the GPW hosted in col-

laboration with the Government of Sweden, following a bi-regional consultation held in Bangkok, Thailand in Septmeber 2005 with WHO's South East Asia and Western Pacific-based partners.

International Meeting on Partnership with Parliamentarians

New York, USA 29 November 2005

On November 29, 2005, geographical divisions of UNFPA had a one-day meeting with executives from international and regional parliamentary groups working on population and development-related issues at the UNFPA headquarter to have a discussion and chart the strategy to enhance political commitment for the implementation of ICPD Programme of Action. Representing the parliamentary groups were Mr. Shiv Khare, Executive Director AFPPD, Mr. Joseph Atiku, Executive Director FAAPPD, Mr. Neil Datta, Secretary, IEPFPD and Ms. Carla Rivera-Avni, IAPG.

Opening remarks were given by Ms. Imelda Henkin and welcome remarks was given by Ms. Safiye Cagar, Director, IERD, UNFPA. The participants from regional parliamentary groups made presentations on their organizations' development and future direction. They also discussed plans to effectively organize the third International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI/ICPD), to be held from 21-22 November 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand.



*Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh released IAPPD's
"Advocacy Briefing Kit"
L to R: Ms. Urmila Ban Patel, Dr. Jagannath Manda, MP, Prof P.J.
Kurien, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Mr. Anbumani Ramdoss*

National Committees making the difference



*Mr. Kato, MP Japan, Mr. Yatsu, MP Japan and Senator
Dr. Viraphong Skolkitivat of Thailand visiting Tsunami affected
areas in Southern Thailand*



*Rep. Nereus Acosta of the Philippines is a leading advocate of
Reproductive health issues in the Philippines.*

NATIONAL LEVEL ACTIVITIES

The impact of AFPPD's National Committees their countries are indicated in Blue Font.

Australia

- Michael Johnson MP was re-elected unopposed as Chair of the PGPD after the general election of 2004. Senator Claire Moore and Senator Lyn Allison were elected unopposed as Vice-Chairs, and Senator Marise Payne as Honorary Secretary.
- In 2005 the PGPD re-worked its mission statement and objectives to more clearly articulate what the Group stands for. A new website www.pgpd.asn.au was developed that provides information for PGPD members and the public about the work of the PGPD and the issues it is working on.
- In 2005 the PGPD hosted visits from Dr Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA and Ms Shazia Rafi, Secretary General of Parliamentarians for Global Action.
- The PGPD once again hosted the launch of the UNFPA State of World Population report. Dame Carol Kidu MP, Minister for Community Development in PNG, was the keynote speaker at the launch. The PGPD met with Dame Carol and facilitated meetings for her with other key parliamentarians.
- The PGPD held six working meetings during the year. The key issues the PGPD worked on this year included meeting with the Minister

for Foreign Affairs to discuss the inclusion of extra goals and targets on sexual and reproductive health into the MDGs at the World Summit, and providing input into the Australian Government's White Paper on Australia's Aid Program. Membership at the State and Federal level continues to grow, and the Group has begun developing the capacity of State-based members to advocate on population and development issues.

- In 2005 Group members were very active in supporting the work of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development and spoke at a number of conferences in the region.

Cambodia

- Co organized the 21st Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Tsunami & Reproductive Health Phnom Penh, Cambodia - April 29-30, 2005 with APDA and AFPPD.
- Working on their third year of the Person-to-Person Advocacy with Parliamentarians.
- [Elimination of Violence Against Women Bill was approved in the Lower house.](#)

China

Health and food safety

- On March 29 of 2005, Dr. Sang Guowei, Vice-Chairman, presided over a meeting, where they heard a report on the current situation of food and medicine safety and on super-

visory issues. The report was made by the director of the State Food and Drug Administration on behalf of the State Council. Mr. Lu Yongxiang, Vice-Chairman of the NPC and Mr. Xu Jialu, Vice-Chairman of the NPC, attended the meeting and made speeches. Besides, Ms. Zhu Lilan, Chairwoman of the Committee, seven members were present at the meeting.

- From September 2004 to November 2005, the ESCPH Committee sent a couple of MP groups to conduct field studies on primary health in Jilin, Hunan, Ningxia, Gansu, Jiangsu provinces
- From September of 2005, Ms. Zhu Linan, Chairwoman, Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Jiang Zhuping, Vice-Chairmen, and several other committee members conducted investigation on legislation of food safety in Shandong, Guangdong and Zhejiang provinces.

Gender

- In August of 2005, the NPC passed an amendment to the Law on Protection of Women's Rights.

HIV/AIDS

- The ESCPH Committee has carried out a programme on Chinese legal system and policy environment for HIV/AIDS, supported by UNDP. From August of 2004 to July of 2005, two and three days Seminar on local legal system and policy environment for HIV/AIDS were respectively held in Guangxi, Sichuan, Shaanxi, Hubei and Tianjin, to educate about

800 people including deputies to the local people's congresses, senior officials of the governments and the leaders of NGOs.

India

- Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh released the "Advocacy Briefing Kit" prepared by IAPPD. He said that through awareness and education, especially amongst women, people might be encouraged to make sensible reproductive choices.
- Training of discussants who will meet and interview parliamentarians on one to one basis was conducted in the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD) center in New Delhi, India with the assistance of professors and experts from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. IAPPD is conducting PPAP to individually meet maximum number of Indian parliamentarians and discuss population and development related issues.
- IAPPD organized "Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture" in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University every year. The second Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture on "Human Dimensions of Changing Environment" was delivered by Dr. A.P. Mitra, who is a recipient of the Padma Bhushan and presently the Honorary Scientist of Eminence, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi and Director, Regional Research Centre of the South Asian Global Change Network.
- IAPPD believes that participation of youth is necessary in the development of population

stabilization and has come up with an innovative programme to sponsor youths from neighboring countries like Vietnam and Nepal for environmental studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai.

- Taking another initiative in this direction, IAPPD is organizing a National Level Annual Inter-University Debate Competition on Population and Environment Issues. As the first step, each university will conduct inter-college competition to select their teams for the National Level competition, nominating two teams, one for English and the other Hindi. Winners will be awarded by IAPPD.

Indonesia

- Through the year there were several roundtable discussion organized on the drafting of the Tobacco Control Bill with parliamentarians across the country and also the legal reviews were conducted on laws and regulation related to tobacco control.
- There has also been several seminars on the Socialization of Law number 23 Year 2004 on Domestic Violence. These were held in different provinces and states.
- IFPPD conducted many meetings related to HIV/AIDS including working visit to those infected with HIV by parliamentarians and parliamentarians meeting with young people.
- A commendable initiative has been taken by IFPPD in cooperation with UNICEF to involve young people with parliamentarians.

- April: Three Roundtable Discussion on Amendment of Law Number 10 Year 1992 on Population and Family Development
- April: Seminar on Regional Regulation of Population in West Kalimantan Provincial Parliament
- May: Roundtable Discussion on Amendment of Law Number 23 Year 1992 on Health
- July: Seminar on Reproductive Health issues: How to place RH issues in Population Law and Health Law.
- September: Dialog Interactive Between Young People with Member of Parliamentarians
- September: Field Visit and Dialog Between People Living with HIV/AIDS with Member of Parliamentarians at Cemara House, Bandung, West Java.
- September: Seminar on Regional Regulation of Population in Pontianak City Parliament
- September: Seminar on Population and Health Strategies in East Nusa Tenggara Provincial Parliament

Iran

- Iran Population & Development Committee is active and its activities are effective on the Legislative Level.
- In 2005, the committee has focused and set its legislative and decision making activities in line with achieving the MDGs.

- With regards to National Parliamentarian Conference in Tehran, the preliminary actions were taken to hold it with participation of all executive, planning and international organizations and deputies of parliament, but because of co-incidence of its program with UN General Assembly & 2nd IPU Members' Summit in New York, we decided to postpone it. Before the Iranian delegation departed for New York, IRPPDC distributed some booklets and had extensive talks with H.E. Dr. Haddad-Adel, Hon. Speaker of Parliament, members of delegation and with H.E. Mr. Mottaki, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the subject and issues of conference. UNFPA Director in Iran had a briefing meeting with Dr. Ahmad Khas Ahmadi, Chairman of IRPPDC.
- Iranian parliamentarians have participated in two meetings on MDGs, with co-operation of UNICEF, UNFPA and UNDP.
- Since last year, after having talks with Planning Organization and related Ministers, 160 Members of Parliament wrote a letter which stressed that more attention is needed to the issues of drinking water and roads in villages. We proposed allocation of 300 & 250 million dollars in annual budgets in order to solve this problem all over the country within coming 3 to 4 years. We are following fulfillment of this issue, in current year.
- The committee also handed out a report on ICPD+10 to 60 members of the committee. This was published by supervision of UNFPA.

Japan

- On 23 March 2005 Japanese Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JFPF) held an Annual General Assembly Meeting in Meeting Room, House of Councillors
- 21st Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Population and Development on Tsunami and Reproductive Health in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from April 29-30 2005
- A Women Affairs Committee Meeting of JFPF was held on 12 May 2005. Dr. Seiichi Matsumoto, Chairperson of Japan Family Planning Association, gave a talk titled: "Reproductive Health and Fewer Children Issues".
- Japanese Parliamentarians' Study Visit to Cambodia (1-5 May 2005). Three Japanese parliamentarians (JFPF members) were dispatched to observe programmes for HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health, landmines and poverty, supported by UNFPA, RHAC, JICA and other NGOs in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia. They also met the Minister of Health and members of Cambodian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (CAPPD).
- Conducted a Study Visit Programme for Tsunami Disaster Relief Projects and Activation of Parliamentarian Activities on Population and Development in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia between 1-8 May 2005. Three Japanese parliamentarians (JFPF members) visited to observe tsunami-stricken areas in Phuket,

Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Medan, Banda Ache and Jakarta. The parliamentarians met with National Parliamentarians Committees on population and development in respective countries to discuss international cooperation of parliamentarians' activities.

- Mr. Michio Ozaki, Executive Director, APDA visited AFPPD in early May to discuss future collaboration.
- A National Seminar on "How to Lead a Full Life in Aged Societies with Decreasing Population" was held in Tokyo on September 3 2005.
- Organized the Steering Committee for the 2006 International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action Akasaka Prince Hotel in Tokyo on 17 October 2005 and also organized a Public Symposium on "Aftermath of MDG Summit and Population Issues" following the Steering committee.

Kazakhstan

- The Committee on Socio-Cultural Development of the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan organized a round table on a theme: "Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Kazakhstan" on February 23, 2005. Members of the parliament, representatives of Ministries, international organizations and different NGOs participated. Problems and measures on prevention of HIV/AIDS in Kazakhstan were discussed. Sen. Mr. Beksultan Tutkushiev, Head of the Parliamentarian Group

"Otbasy-Family" of the Parliament of Kazakhstan and vice-chairperson of AFPPD was the chairman & moderator of the meeting.

- On April 18, 2005 a seminar on "The gender problems and mass media" was conducted.
- There was a parliamentarians hearings on June 24, 2005 on "Safety of Health and Social Protection of population, who lives within the influence zone of former Semipalatinsk nuclear polygon".
- In June and September 2005 with UNICEF the committee conducted a roundtable conference devoted to the promotion and implementation of laws on obligatory iodizing of food salt and obligatory fortification of meal.
- Amendments and changes were also made in laws to enforce environment control, protection of rights for pregnant women, rise of state allowances for World War II veterans, to people with disabilities. There has also been amendments to workman's compensation and pensions.

Korea

- The Korean Parliamentary League on Children Population and Environment (CPE) sent delegations to:

- International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development, January, Mauritius
- The 21th APDA Meeting, Cambodia
- The 8th General Assembly of AFPPD, Indonesia
- The 6th PNoWB Meeting, Finland
- The 12th General Assembly of APPCED, Pakistan

Kyrgyzstan

- An HIV/AIDS law was adopted titled: “About HIV/AIDS in Kyrgyz Republic”.
- One of the immediate concerns is that in recent parliament elections no women was elected.
- For the past years Parliament accepted more than 20 laws directed to ensuring citizens’ rights on health, labor protection, gender equality, social-legal protection of citizens, strengthening of local association, development of civil association, improving of investment policy.

Laos

- With assistance from the National Assembly, AFFPD and UNFPA, the Lao Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development started implementation of the 2005 work plan in January 2005.
- With support from UNFPA, a two-day consultative workshop was organized by LAPPD at

the National Assembly in Vientiane from 3-4 February. There were 30 participants, including LAPPD members and Directors of 6 departments in the National Assembly. The workshop objective was to discuss on the way to strengthen the capacity of the LAPPD. The composition of the Association is 20 members including the President and Vice-President. The 2005 annual work plan was also discussed and agreed.

- With AFPPD, VAPPD supported a study visit to Hanoi, Vietnam including a two day seminar on women and children trafficking (20-28 June 2005) was organized.
- With the financial assistance of AFPPD and Hewlett Foundation and technical assistance of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the LAPPD developed a questionnaire, selected and trained two discussants, coordinated with the National Assembly for organization of the interviews, and analyzed the findings with assistance of an external consultant and UNFPA.
- The pre-test was carried out on 20 and 25 April with some LAPPD members (12) to examine the questionnaire and the skill of discussants. The actual interviews with parliamentarians started on 28 April as the first session of the National Assembly in 2005 opened. There are 108 parliamentarians in total in Lao PDR. Although the LAPPD aimed to interview 100 parliamentarians, 78 were actually interviewed, of which 21 were women. Twenty of them (26%) were from Vi-

entiane Capital and 58 (74%) from other constituencies.

- Interviews took place at the National Assembly for an average of 25-30 minutes each. While the parliamentarians were busy during the National Assembly session, they were very cooperative in sparing time for the interviews that were organized during coffee breaks and lunch time, and at the end of the day. Each discussion was recorded and documented.

Malaysia

- February 5 – 6: AFPPD Malaysia met with Speakers of 3 States i.e. Penang, Johore and Perak organised by the Members of Parliament of each state to brief them on the formation of Caring Parliamentarians group and the objectives to form CP Committees in each State – the objective is to encourage and promote parliamentary activities with the State Representatives which is aimed at facilitating population and development policies as stated in AFPPD Malaysia constitution.
- March 12-13: A one day seminar for Women Parliamentarians to discuss Women's Role in National Development specifically women in the Rural areas, Poverty, Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS. This was partly sponsored by UNFPA, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women Affairs.
- April 2 & 3: One Day Forum for Youths on "The Spread of HIV/AIDS" in Malaysia. Representatives from 9 Universities (60 in numbers) attended. Organised by AFPPD Malaysia and UNDP.
- May 22: A dialogue with the Press – Reporters from 2 Malay Newspapers, 1 English (Stars) and 2 from Magazines (Malay) and Film Producer the topic of discussion was the "Role of AFPPD Malaysia" to increase and promote the understanding of the interrelationship between population and development. This dialogue was attended by the Chairman, 4 Members of Parliament with Representative of UNFPA.
- July 23: "Sexual Health Education For Children and Youth" one of the Emotional issues facing policy makers in Malaysia especially in Parliament. A serious discussion was held between Parliamentarians and Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women Affairs with 22 Members of Parliament from the Back Benchers Club and the Opposition. It was held at the Hilton PJ Hotel and partly sponsored by the Hotel and AFPPD.
- September 30: AFPPD Malaysia with the cooperation of Parliament back benchers club organised a Forum "Implementation of Harm Reduction Programme and Its Implication in Malaysia". Speakers were from WHO, Ministry of Health and Head of the Islamic Department, Prime Minister Department. Altogether 75 MPs and 14 State Assembly Representatives attended and it was sponsored by WHO.

New Zealand

- Members of the New Zealand Parliamentarians' Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) met with two international leaders in sexual and reproductive health who were visiting Wellington in March. Ms. Thoraya Obaid also visited New Zealand between 19 and 22 March. Family Planning's international unit, FPAID, played a key role in organising meetings with NZPPD members, and hosting an NGO forum and media interviews. A weeks later, FPAID hosted a visit by Director-General of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Dr. Steven Sinding. During his visit Dr. Sinding also met with Ministers, parliamentarians, government officials and NGOs working on sexual and reproductive health in developing countries, and spoke to the media.

Philippines

- National Multi-Sectoral Legislative Policy Conference: Crafting A Human Development Legislative Agenda For The 13th Congress. From March 14 And 15, 2005
- Focus Group Meeting on Sexual and Reproductive Health & MDGs. 29-30 June 2005
- Local Women Legislators' Conference on Empowerment of Women.
- PLCPD Annual General Assembly on October 4, 2005 at the House of Representatives.
- 16th PLCPD Anniversary Celebration with a Photo Exhibit , Acoustic concert and poetry reading, film and documentary presentation. From 3-5 October 2005.
- Forum on Budget Advocacy for Reproductive Health. October 4, 2005.
- Launching of the Round Table Discussion Series on the Millennium Development Goals. October 13, 2005
- Launching of the State of Philippine Population Report 2003 (SPPR) and PDS website launch, October 5, 2005.
- National Policy Dialogue on Debt January 27, 2005
- Hear Out, Speak Out! Clarifying Issues and Misconceptions on Family Planning and Reproductive Health June 1, 2005
- Five Provincial Interfaith Consultation was conducted in May and June.
- [Three Author's Meeting were Conducted for the House Bill 3773 \(Reproductive Health Act\)](#)
- There were various training activities held through 2005.
 - Trainings were on Media Tutorial Training for Legislators
 - Development for house of Representative Legislative Staff Trainer's Training.
 - Population and Human Development

Leadership Advocacy Training.

- Journalist Seminar/Training.
- Training on National Political Mapping
- Effective Presentation Skills Training.
- Recruited additional 13 national/regular members. Recruited 75 Associate Members (Luzon- 43 , Visayas - 15 , Mindanao - 17)
- Conducted Political Mapping of Legislators, 13th Congress
- Creation of the Special Committee on MDG at the House of Representatives, February 15, 2005.
- Conducted Congressional Rating Chart, 12th Congress

Thailand

- National: The Senate Standing Committee on Public Health had organized several seminars in Parliament. They conducted a Public Hearing on Snacks for Children and Children Health on 6 January 2005, Lack of Medical Doctors in three provinces in the South on 3rd March and a seminar on New Government and private organisation to protect consumers.
- PPF America funded AFPPD committee to draft RH law, which is under preparation and there are public forums for feedback regarding the law.
- National Study visits: The committee conducted study visits throughout the year visiting

places that were affected by avian influenza in 4 provinces. The committees conducted study visits on tsunami affected areas and study visits on the public health situation in the south. They also did a study visit on the Universal Health Care System of BE 2454 and the operation of Traditional and Alternative Medicine.

- International: Conducted a study visit on medical and public health on the Universal Health Care Scheme and the Effect of Medical Administration Management in Brazil from 16-27 January 2005. Another study visit to New Zealand and Australia from 10-18 August to study their medical and public health care system focusing on the Universal health care scheme, quality control of medical treatment, effective medical administration, medical communities and traditional and alternative medicine.

Vietnam

- With support from AFPPD, VAPPD conducted a research to assess the Population Ordinance (its effect to population change), the results showed that the Ordinance of Population does not have much effect to population change in the last 5 years in Vietnam. The main reasons are that TFR has nearly reached the replacement level, so TFR will be flexible. The National budget for Population programs has been reduced. The report has been presented to the Government and Parliament.
- With support from UNFPA, VAPPD has conducted a project on monitoring “spontaneous migration policy” in 3 big cities. The main

results show that some migrated people enjoy less rights in the social field (healthcare, education) because to their registration in their home land. The report will be presented at the Parliament to make recommendation for policy change.

- With support from UNIAP, UNDP, UNICEF, and UNFPA, VAPPD has organised a 3 country Indochina's Parliamentary seminar on Policy anti Human Trafficking (Vietnam, Lao, Cambodia).
- With support from UNDP and SIDA (Sweden), VAPPD is now preparing the Project on Strengthening the Role of Elected People in HIV/AIDS prevention programs that aim to improve the knowledge and skill of MPs and local elected people in order to make HIV/AIDS prevention more effective. It will be carried out for 3 year in the central level and 3 provinces.
- With support from UNFPA, VAPPD has been conducting an assessment of Elderly Ordinance (Law) for 5 years approval, it will be presented to Parliament in the end of year 2005.
- Through field trips and monitoring programmes, and through support from AFPPD, VAPPD is now raising issues about Policy on domestic violence in the Parliament. The bill on Anti-domestic Violence will be introduced for Parliament's consideration. The bill might be passed at the end of next year (2006). This is the first time VAPPD will present the bill to Parliament directly.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

AFPPD EVENTS	Date	Location
Asia-Pacific Workshop of Academic Parliamentarians: Education and Population	8-9 March	Krabi, Thailand
Evaluation of AFPPD Programme and it's Impact (External Evaluation)	March	National Committees
APA Conference	23-27 April	Bangkok, Thailand
APDA Annual Parliamentarians Seminar	29-30 April	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Regional Parliamentary Staff Training on Advocacy	6-10 June	Bangkok, Thailand
First Focus Group Meeting on MDG and RH	29-30 June	Cebu, Philippines
Asian Women Parliamentarians Conference	2-3 August	Colombo, Sri Lanka
General Assembly of AFPPD	12-13 Nov	Jakarta, Indonesia
Asia-Pacific Reproductive Health Conference (AFPPD Panel of Parliamentarians)	17-21 Nov	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Second Focus Group: HIV/AIDS & Domestic Violence	17-18 Dec	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Third Focus Group: Maternal & Child Health	27-28 Dec	New Delhi, India

National Level Projects Funded by AFPPD	Date/Duration	Country
Person-to-Person Advocacy-Hewlett Foundation	January to June	Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos
Political Mapping (PPAP –Hewlett Funded)	January to June	Philippines
National Legislative Policy Conference: Crafting a Population and Human Development Legislative Agenda for the 13 th Conference	4 months project	Philippines
National Women Leadership Conference	To be decided	Philippines
Advocacy with Parliamentarians on ICPD+10, MDG and the Elimination of VAW	4 months project	Indonesia
One-to-one Advocacy with Parliamentarians	6 months project	India
Assessment on the Implementation of the Ordinance on Population and Making Recommendation	7 month project	Vietnam
Workshop/Debate on Laws on Domestic Violence	N/a	Mongolia
National Parliamentarians Seminar on Migration	May	Mongolia
Raising Awareness of EVAW among New Zealand Parliamentarians	N/a	New Zealand

AFPPD Parliamentarians Participation in Regional and International Events	Date	Country
Sub-Regional South Asian Parliamentary Seminar on HIV/AIDS – organized by PGA	14-15 January	Islamabad, Pakistan
Parliamentary Network on the World Bank – Parliamentarians from Donor Countries	27-28 February	Naples, Italy
49 th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women	28 Feb-11 March	New York, USA
World Bank Parliamentarians-Visit on Poverty	21-24 March	Vietnam
UNICEF, 7 th East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation on Children	23-25 March	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Commission on Population	4-7 April	New York, USA
WHO General Assembly	16-25 May	Geneva (with IMPO)
UN High level meeting on HIV/AIDS	1-2 June	New York, USA
UN Civil Society Consultative on Fiver year review of the MDG's	23-24 June	New York, USA
Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Renewable Energy	2-4 June	Gifu, Japan
Global Meeting of Parliamentarians Networks organized by the World Bank	11-13 June	Vienna, Austria
WHO Global Conference on Health Promotion	7-11 August	Bangkok, Thailand
International Conference on Health Communication	16-18 August	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
UN Meeting on Five years review of the MDGs	September	New York, USA
PNoWB-Annual International Parliamentarians Conference	22-23 October	Helsinki, Finland
Parliamentarians Panel at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health	16-20 November	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Cooperating with Regional Parliamentary Groups	Date	Country
Support for European Medical Parliamentarians Conference	31 March to 1 April	Dublin, Ireland
Co-organised Asian Seminar on Social Implication of International Migration with UNESCAP and IOM	24-26 August	Bangkok, Thailand
Support for Central American Medical Parliamentarians Meeting to IAPG	28-29 November	Bolivia



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