

**Intervention
for
The Preparatory Meeting of the AIPA Delegation to Attend the Informal
Meeting of the AIPA Delegation and the ASEAN Heads of State/Government
during the 16th ASEAN Summit
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 15.00 hours
Ha Noi, Viet Nam**

Agenda Topics

1. Overview of the Report by AIPA Secretariat on activities implemented by the National Assembly of Viet Nam since its assumption of Presidency;
 - Check list from 30 GA resolutions which has not been done

2. Discussion and agreement on substances of the Speech by AIPA President at the AIPA – ASEAN Meeting.

2.1 Continue to further cooperation with ASEAN to:

- Effectively implement resolutions approved by AIPA with regard to the process of harmonizing legal systems for a united, peaceful and prosperous ASEAN.

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- Thailand would like to propose that AIPA should implement GA30 Resolution on combating drug menace which adopted at the 6th AIFOCOM meeting, which calling for strengthening and harmonization of laws on drugs among member countries and should emphasize on seizures and forfeitures of assets acquired and used in drug related crimes and on controls of chemical and precursors substances.
- By harmonizing laws in such areas, AIPA will facilitate ASEAN to implement international agreements together with their national policies relating to combat drugs menace in the same direction both in domestic and international level.
- This will reaffirm our parliamentary contribution to ASEAN towards realizing Drug-Free ASEAN by 2015.

- Assist the development of ASEAN integrity.

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- Thailand believes that we have to be more active in this area by taking off a concrete step to implement AIPA Resolutions regarding the support of implementation IAI (Initiative for ASEAN Integration) projects which aiming to reducing a development and economic gap among ASEAN Member countries.

- Thus, this could be done by enhancing our parliamentary support to achieve the IAI Work Plan II, providing capacity-building assistance on legislative developments to the CLMV (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam), as well as mobilizing support and technical cooperation from the AIPA dialogue partners and international parliamentary sources for effective implementation of the IAI programs.

2.2 Enhance dialogue and exchange between AIPA and ASEAN, promoting coordination between AIPA and ASEAN Secretariats in order to successfully organize upcoming activities of the two organizations.

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- Beside the above mentioned dialogue and exchange, Thailand would like to reiterate once again the important point we have agreed in the First Informal Meeting which should be included in the speech of AIPA president in this Informal Meeting, we are looking forwards to a high-level presence of ASEAN at AIPA Caucus.
- This should concretely increase AIPA-ASEAN cooperation and foster develop common legislative initiatives with the objectives of AIPA's work on the harmonization of laws.
- Thailand do also support ASEAN Secretary General idea raised during the 30th AIPA General Assembly in Thailand last year, "Parliamentarians Friends to the ASEAN Secretariat", to move forward interactions between parliamentarians with the ASEAN Secretariat. In this matter, Thailand would like to share with you that this past February, a delegation from the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate of Thailand paid a visit to the ASEAN Secretariat and met and discussed with ASEAN General Secretary on ways and means to support ASEAN Community-building efforts.
- Moreover, Thailand would like to see a dialogue and exchange between AIPA and ASEAN national secretariat for the purpose of enhancing cooperation between their parliament and government staffs to help push forward any AIPA- ASEAN common concerns in domestic level.

2.3 AIPA places emphasis on legislative process of its member parliament as to create favourable legal framework for further ASEAN cooperation toward an ASEAN Community by 2015.

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- Thailand would like to propose that we should prioritize our task of facilitating legislative process towards selected on-going AIPA - ASEAN

issues of concern deriving from GA30 Resolutions for example resolution on combating drug menace which adopted at the 6th AIFOCOM meeting.

- This could guide us to create collective parliamentary process in AIPA member parliaments in order to facilitate legislative process to their respective government in same area of interest both in national level which will foster ASEAN working process in regional level toward an ASEAN Community.

2.4 Improve public awareness of the importance of regional cooperation in sustaining peace and stability.

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- Thailand does believe that the most important factor to enhance cooperation in peace and stability in the ASEAN Region is to promote a realization of ASEAN identity into our people through both parliament and government instruments.
- If all stake-holders in ASEAN region realize that, though their differences in Religion, race/ethnicity, and beliefs, they are united as ASEAN People with the same perception, interest and goal, any unsettled dispute or on-going conflict of interest within the region will be dissolved
- Thus, we should reaffirm our intention to promote an ASEAN identity among ASEAN citizens which includes creating an awareness of ASEAN according to Article 35 of the ASEAN Charter.
- We should work closely with ASEAN by organizing people-to-people reach out programs to bring the ASEAN Charter “The Charter of the Peoples” to the doorsteps of ASEAN citizens.
- Moreover, we should engage with external parties and dialogue partners including international parliamentary network for the best outcome.

2.5 Increase internal and external cooperation, consultation, and coordination on issues of common interest.

- Thailand would like to call for more exchanges of Parliamentary visits, studies and exchange best practices among AIPA and its Observers and ASEAN partners for broaden our common interest into for external cooperation.
- Beside that, enhancing cooperation as well as exchanges of best practices with our parliamentary partner IPU: Inter-Parliamentary Union and our most universal representative and authoritative international organization ,

United Nation, will broaden our common interest in the global forum which should benefit to have contributions and supports from global community.

3. Practical measures to further AIPA – ASEAN interaction and cooperation in addition to AIPA – ASEAN Meeting:

- Thailand would like to raise our last point to the floor regarding this matter that AIPA should propose to ASEAN Leaders in this incoming informal meeting the institutionalization of regular reciprocal practice of President of AIPA and Chairman of ASEAN to address the ASEAN Summits and AIPA General Assemblies.
- Moreover, Thailand would like to see a possibility of formalizing the Informal Meeting into an annual regular meeting between AIPA Leaders and the ASEAN Leaders during future ASEAN summits to provide the platform for the exchange of views at the very highest level on resolving regional issues as well as on achieving the set objectives of ASEAN as laid down in the ASEAN Charter

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- Besides this Informal Meeting held regularly twice a year during the Summit, Thailand hopes that we could have more channel of communication between AIPA and ASEAN in the ministerial area which should reinforce the exchange of best practices between AIPA parliamentarians and ASEAN working committee in ministerial level (i.e. starting with a presence of AIPA delegation in AEM Meeting).
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