



**REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS  
OF AIPA (WAIPA)**

Mr Chairman

I have the honour to submit the following report on the meeting of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA).

2 The Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) met on 19 August 2008 with Dr Lily Neo and Mdm Ho Geok Choo as Chairman and Rapporteur, respectively, of the Committee. The following parliamentarians from the AIPA member countries attended the meeting:

**Cambodia**

- a) Ms Khuon Sudary
- b) Ms Ho Naun
- c) Ms Ty Yemkalyan
- d) Ms Khuon Dalyg

**Indonesia**

- a) Mrs Lena Maryana
- b) Mrs Saidah Sakwan
- c) Mrs Yoyoh Yusroh

**Laos**

- a) Prof Dr Bounngong Boupha
- b) Dr Souvanpheng Boupphanouvong
- c) Mrs Chanthoum Latmany
- d) Mrs Suanesavanh Muongmany

**Malaysia**

- a) Mdm Rosnah Hj Abdul Rashid Shirlin
- b) Mdm Fuziah Salleh
- c) Mdm Tan Ah Eng
- d) Mdm Mumtaz Md Nawi

**Philippines**

- a) Ms Lorna C Silverio
- b) Ms Maria Zenaida B Angping
- c) Ms Carol Jayne B Lopez

**Thailand**

- a) Mrs Pikulkeaw Krairiksh
- b) Mrs Malinee Sukavejworakit



- c) Mrs Titima Chaisang

**Vietnam**

- a) Ms Truong Thi Mai
- b) Mr Ngo Duc Manh
- c) Mrs Pham Thi Loan
- d) Ms Nguyen Tuong Van
- e) Ms Le Thi Yen

**Singapore**

- a) Mdm Halimah Yacob
- b) Dr Fatimah Lateef
- c) Ms Eunice Olsen

3 The meeting was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of cordiality and cooperation. Three resolutions were approved by the meeting and they are:

***(a) Cooperation among Women in Politics and Socio-Economic Activities***

The meeting acknowledged the importance of women and their participation in politics and socio-economic activities, and recognised the increasing number of female participation at all levels of national and political decision-making. ASEAN Member Countries and AIPA Parliaments were urged to increase women's awareness of political participation and to facilitate their involvement in political decision-making processes.

Following the adoption of the above resolution, Vietnam informed the meeting that they would be organising a Seminar on "Women in Law-Making Processes" in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2009.

***(b) Women, Poverty and Economic Development***

The meeting highlighted the role of women in economic and social development and discussed initiatives to eradicate the feminisation of poverty. This could be attained via government and community-led initiatives targeted at improving the availability and accessibility of resources such as education and healthcare. In addition, the meeting reiterated the importance of supporting women-led enterprises and co-operatives. ASEAN Member Countries were urged to collaborate in providing technical assistance, information and knowledge for the empowerment of women.

***(c) Women in Power and Their Active Role in Society***

The meeting recognised that women have made essential contributions in decision-making and in exercising leadership in all fields. There was an emphasis on the need for closer collaboration and cooperation among ASEAN Member Countries to share and exchange information, knowledge, skills, experiences and expertise. The meeting advocated the implementation of policies, frameworks and/or programmes to improve gender mainstreaming and eliminate gender stereotypes.

4 I hereby present the Report of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) to the General Assembly.

Thank you.

LILY NEO

HO GEOK CHOO

Chairman

Rapporteur