

ASIAN PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS' UNION

THE 40TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMUNIQUE



AUGUST 10-12, 2009

TAIPEI, TAIWAN(R.O.C.)

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The 40th General Assembly of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union was held from August 10 to 12, 2009 in Taipei, the Republic of China (Taiwan), on the theme of human security.

Fourteen Member Groups representing the Cook Islands, Japan, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, the Republic of Nauru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Philippines, Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Thailand, Tuvalu, and the Republic of China (Taiwan) participated in the 40th General Assembly and the 74th Council Meeting.

The 74th Council Meeting was held from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Monday, August 10, 2009. Opening remarks were made by the Hon. Yamamoto Junzo, on behalf of the Hon. Tanose Ryotaro, Chairman of the 73rd Council Meeting in Nara, Japan. The Hon. Yamamoto then expressed his deep condolences to the victims of Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan. Afterwards, he called for the election of the chairman of the 74th Council Meeting and the Hon. Lin Yu-fang, Legislator of the Legislative Yuan of the Republic of China, was unanimously elected. The Council adopted the agenda for the 40th General Assembly and discussed the handling of Draft Resolutions.

On the items of CM74/RES/DR4 and CM74/RES/DR6, the Council made amendments to adopt them. On the item of CM74/RES/DR7, the Council concluded and reached consensus to adopt it with amendments proposed by delegations such as Kiribati National Group. The Thai National Group expressed its neutral stand on the subject item.

The Council approved the Annual Report on the Working Programs, the Financial Statement for FY 2008, the Budget Estimate for FY 2009 and the midterm Statement of Account for FY 2009. The Council Members unanimously supported Japan's offer to host the 41st General Assembly and the 75th Council Meeting in Japan. The Council Meeting concluded at 10:30 pm.

On Tuesday August 11, 2009 at 9:30 am, the Opening Ceremony of the 40th General Assembly was called to order by the Hon. Yamamoto Junzo,

who extended his greetings to all participants on behalf of the Hon. Aso Taro, President of the 39th General Assembly. The Hon. Yamamoto then requested the election of the president of the 40th General Assembly of APPU. H.E. Wang Jin-pyng, President of the Legislative Yuan of the Republic of China, was unanimously elected as the new president. H.E. Wang Jin-pyng expressed his appreciation to all delegates for his election and called for further cooperation. H.E. Litokwa Tomeing, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and H.E. Ma Ying-jeou, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), as special guests, gave their opening remarks. President Tomeing expressed his regrets and sympathy to the victims of Typhoon Morakot and President Ma asked the participants to pay a one-minute silent tribute to the victims.

The First Plenary Session of the 40th General Assembly began with the self-introduction of all the delegates, followed by the election of the Vice Presidents of the Assembly. H.E. Wang Jin-pyng proposed that all heads of delegations be Vice Presidents of the 40th General Assembly and the motion was adopted by all member delegates.

The Hon. Lin Yu-fang, Chairman of the 74th Council Meeting, presented the Report of the Council Meeting, and the Assembly unanimously adopted it.

H.E. Wang Jin-pyng moved to adopt the twelve Draft Resolutions recommended by the Council, namely, CM74/RES/DR3, CM74/RES/DR4, CM74/RES/DR5, CM74/RES/DR6, CM74/RES/DR7, CM74/RES/DR8, CM74/RES/DR9, CM74/RES/DR10, CM74/RES/DR11, CM74/RES/DR12, CM74/RES/DR13 and CM74/RES/DR14. The General Assembly adopted the Resolutions as follows:

1. To Cooperate to Address the Decline in Stocks of Highly Migratory Fish and to Preserve the Stocks of Highly Migratory Fish at Sustainable Levels.
(GA40/RES/3)
2. To Promote Use of Existing Carbon Trading Mechanisms to Implement Projects to Reduce Emissions in Developing and Developed Countries; and to Encourage Information Sharing about Alternative Energy Programs to Carry Out the Intent of Existing Resolutions
(GA40/RES/4)
3. To Facilitate Exchanges of Training and Scholarships between APPU Member Countries to Share in the Development of Human Resources for all APPU Member Countries

- (GA40/RES/5)
4. The Amendments of the Charter of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union and of the Rules of the APPU Council.
(GA40/RES/6)
5. To State that the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union Welcomes the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s Participation in this year's World Health Assembly as an Observer and Encourages the World Health Organization to Grant Taiwan Adequate Access to its Mechanisms, Meetings and Activities.
(GA40/RES/7)
6. The Establishment of the APPU Working Group on Alternative Clean Energy Cooperation for Sustainable Development.
(GA40/RES/8)
7. The Establishment of the APPU Working Group for Sustainable Water Resources Management.
(GA40/RES/9)
8. The Establishment of the APPU Working Group for Promoting Ecotourism in Asia-Pacific Region.
(GA40/RES/10)
9. Enhancing Partnership and Cooperation with Pacific Island Countries.
(GA40/RES/11)
10. Health Security
(GA40/RES/12)
11. Economic Security
(GA40/RES/13)
12. Congratulating His Excellency, Taro Aso, Former APPU Parliamentarian, On His Assumption As Prime Minister of Japan.
(GA40/RES/14)

The Draft Resolution (CM74/RES/DR12) on health security proposed by the Philippine National Group was adopted by the General Assembly after accepting an amendment made by the Kiribati National Group. (GA40/RES/12/REV1).

The Assembly withdrew Draft Resolution (CM74/RES/DR1) upon the request of the sponsoring delegation, the Palau National Group, as the cause stated had been completed:

To state that the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union recognizes and supports Taiwan's efforts to attain observer status in the World Health Assembly to promote a greater exchange of health information in the international community.

The Assembly deferred Draft Resolution (CM74/RES/DR2) because of the absence of the sponsoring delegation, the CNMI Associate Group, to

the General Assembly:

Requesting the Support of the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union Member States for the continued development of the Asia Pacific Region Center for a Sustainable Future.

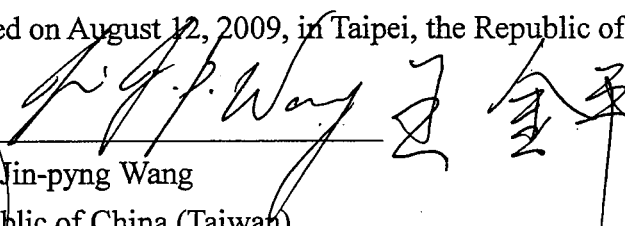
On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 1:30 pm, the 40th General Assembly convened the Second Plenary Session. The Assembly first discussed the date, venue and theme of the 41st General Assembly. It was decided that the pending issues would be left to the Japanese host. The delegations to the 40th General Assembly then presented their respective Country Reports and discussed issues on human security, such as food security, economic security, health security, environmental security and other issues including violation of human rights.

The General Assembly concluded in an atmosphere of friendship and a sense of solidarity with the understanding that greater communications be encouraged to address human security issues.

MEMBER NATIONAL GROUPS THAT ATTENDED

The Republic of China (Taiwan), the Cook Islands, Japan, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, the Republic of Nauru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Philippines, Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Thailand, Tuvalu


Signed on August 12, 2009, in Taipei, the Republic of China (Taiwan).




H.E. Jin-pyng Wang
Republic of China (Taiwan)



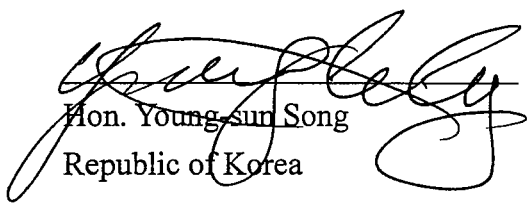
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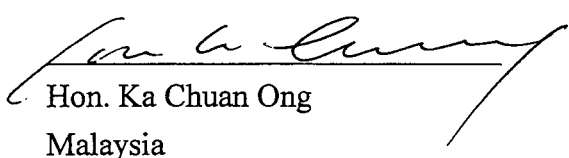
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Japan



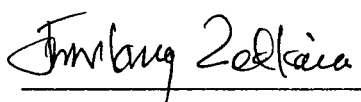
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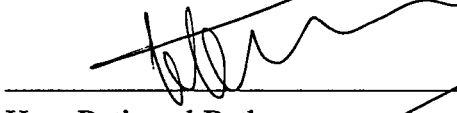
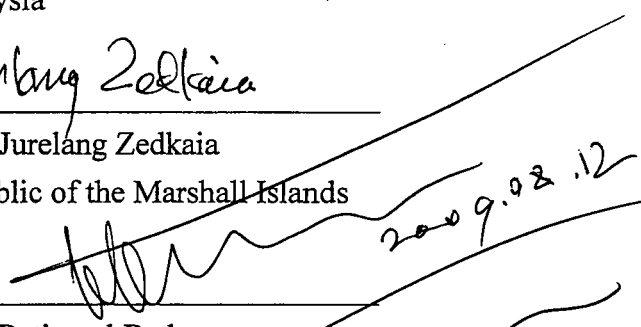
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Republic of Korea



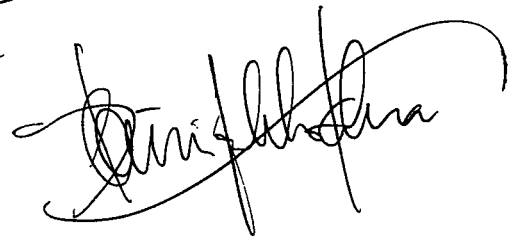
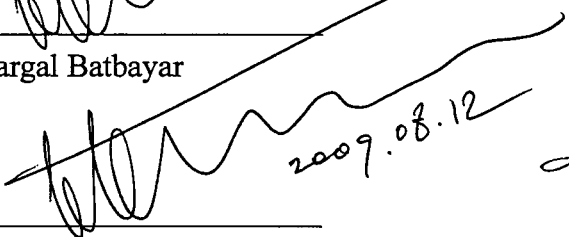
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Malaysia



Hon. Jurelang Zedkaia
Republic of the Marshall Islands



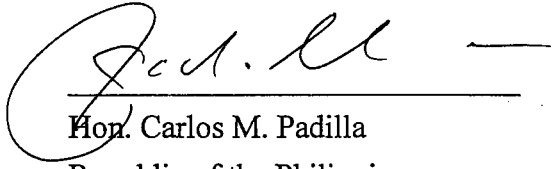
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Hon. Dominic Tabuna
Republic of Nauru



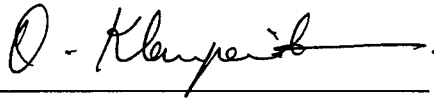
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Hon. Carlos M. Padilla
Republic of the Philippines



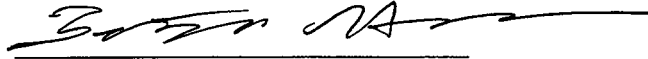
Hon. Laurie Chan
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Hon. Ong-Art Klampaiboon
Kingdom of Thailand



Rt. Hon. Sir Kamuta Latasi
Tuvalu



Amb. (rtd) Tetsuya Hirose
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