

**REPORT ON THE AIPA-ASEAN MEETING DURING THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT  
7 MAY 2011, JAKARTA CONVENTION CENTER (JCC)  
JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

**A. OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT**

The 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit was opened on May 7, 2011 at Jakarta Convention Center (JCC) by H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, with the theme of "ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations."

In his speech during the opening ceremony, Indonesian President, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said that "ASEAN can't be silent and do nothing," in the face of challenges of energy, food security, disaster management, people trafficking and other problems that confront the world.

As the current head of the ASEAN, the president said extra efforts should be made to ensure concrete progress in realizing the ASEAN Community and in successfully discussing the urgent need for a "post 2015 ASEAN" vision, or the role of ASEAN Community in a global community of nations.

He also called on all the member states to step up efforts to ensure the master plan of ASEAN Connectivity is implemented as soon as possible.

According to the schedule, nine bilateral meetings will be held on May 7, 2011.

Meanwhile, an ASEAN Leaders' Dialogue with the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Assembly, representatives of Civil Society Organizations and youth representatives was also held in an effort to "make ASEAN an organization that is people-oriented and people-centered."

State leaders and heads of government from the 10 member countries of the organization discussed ASEAN integration, economic recovery, ASEAN's role in international affairs, climate change and others issues during the two-day summit.

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## **B. MEETING WITH ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT/STATE DURING 18<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT**

During the meeting between AIPA and ASEAN, H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, as the current Chairman of ASEAN, extended his appreciation to the AIPA President as well as all the heads of AIPA delegations in taking part of the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. This meeting, he said, reflected AIPA's commitment in building ASEAN Community by 2015. He emphasized that the participation of AIPA is important since AIPA's role ensures the continued process for a people-centered ASEAN.

The meeting renewed the commitment to build a people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN and to increase the peoples' sense of involvement in the work of ASEAN through their greater participation in community-building process. The meeting also tasked the ASEAN Secretariat to coordinate with AIPA in developing appropriate modalities for future cooperation between ASEAN Government and legislatures. 21

Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of AIPA, on behalf of the AIPA Delegation, conveyed sincere thanks and appreciation for the invitation extended to AIPA, to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. He said that this meeting was highly valuable, not only serving as an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the Executive and the Legislative arms of ASEAN, but also in strengthening our efforts to achieve our stated objective of establishing the ASEAN Community by 2015. President Samdech Heng Samrin delivered his statement (as attached).

H.E. Nguyen Van Son, the AIPA Leader from Viet Nam, meanwhile, said that AIPA contributed to the peace and stability in the region and that it is important to gain the support from the grassroots. As part of strengthening cooperation between AIPA and ASEAN, he mentioned that apart from the annual meeting between AIPA and ASEAN, he would like to support and task the AIPA Secretariat to work with the ASEAN Secretariat to seek ways to enhance the dialogue between the President of AIPA and ASEAN Chair.

H.E. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives, said that all issues agreed upon in the AIPA General Assembly would be taken to ASEAN forums as inputs or views. Such a mechanism would benefit efforts to accelerate the attainment of the ASEAN goals. The cooperation of the

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two institutions is expected to help speed up the creation of the ASEAN Community by 2015.

The establishment of a discussion forum between AIPA and ASEAN last year served as a good momentum that indicated the synergy between the ASEAN government and their parliaments. Cooperation between the parliaments and governments are vitally important because there are many resolutions made by the parliaments. Many resolutions would be difficult to be synergized if there is no coordination between the two organizations.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono also welcomed the result of AIPA Seminar on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed to exchange views on how to reinforce and attain the common goal of creating an ASEAN Community in 2015.

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