

**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING HIS EXCELLENCY, TARO ASO,  
FORMER APPU PARLIAMENTARIAN, ON  
HIS ASSUMPTION AS PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN**

Proposed by the Philippine National Group

The 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and 74<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting of the APPU:

**Recalling** that in 1965, along with the Philippines, Korea, Thailand and Taiwan, Japan helped established the Asian Parliamentary Union (APU), through the efforts of then Prime Minister of Japan, Nabusuke Kishi;

**Noting** that the APU later changed its name to Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) and began accepting membership from the Pacific Island nations and is now composed of twenty one (21) National Groups,, two(2) Associate Groups and one(1) observer ;

**Mindful** that Japan, through the leadership of Honorable Taro Aso, in his capacity as the Former President of the APPU Japanese National Group, has contributed much to the development and success of APPU;

**Recalling** that on September 1, 2008, the Honorable Taro Aso was elected President of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) which led to his assumption as the current Prime Minister of Japan;

**Confident** that with his commitment and expertise and as former APPU parliamentarian, Honorable Taro Aso shall continue to uphold the ideals of the APPU;

**Resolves to:**

**Express** the full support and recognition of the APPU to His Excellency Prime Minister Taro Aso.

Adopted on 11 August 2009