



**THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)**  
11-15 January 2009, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

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**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2009*

The Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum Executive Committee Meeting was held in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR on Sunday 11 January 2009. Participants included representatives from the 8 of the 9 Executive Committee member countries, namely: Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, New Zealand and Singapore.

The meeting was chaired by **His Excellency Thongsing Thammavong**, President of the APPF and President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

The Executive Committee resolved that:

1. The agenda of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 1 be approved;
2. The Programme of Activities for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 2 be approved;
3. **Hon. Dr. Saysomphone Phomvihane**, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, and **Hon. Dr. Kukeo Akhamontri**, Vice-Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee be Vice-Chairs of the plenary sessions;
4. **Prof. Dr. Boungnong Boupcha**, Member of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, be the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee;
5. The report on ARF 2008 will be presented by Singapore during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009;
6. The draft resolutions submitted by the national delegations to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 3, be approved;
7. The time limits for speakers at the plenary sessions be 7 minutes for speeches and 5 minutes for participants in the open debate;

8. The Drafting Committee be created, and the necessary working groups be set up;
9. Singapore host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum from 17-23 January 2010;
10. The question of the enlargement of the APPF Executive Committee's organization be further considered at the 18<sup>th</sup> APPF Annual Meeting; the APPF membership, observer status and rules of procedures be discussed on item IV: APPF matters in details later; and the Executive Committee may convene again during the meeting as required.

## **AGENDA**

### **Introduction of delegations**

### **Adoption of decisions of the Executive Committee**

#### **I. Economic and Trade Matters ( 4 hrs duration )**

1. Global Financial Crisis and APPF Effective Response
2. APEC 2008 in Peru: Report by Peru
3. WTO 2008
4. Sustainable Tourism
5. Energy Security
6. Food Security
7. Others

#### **II. Political and Security Matters ( 3 hrs duration )**

1. Review of the Political and Security Situation in the Asia Pacific Region and in the World
  - ARF 2008 in Singapore : Report by Singapore
  - Peace and Stability in North East Asia
  - Peace and Stability in South East Asia
  - Middle-East Peace Process
  - Cluster Munitions
  - Terrorism
2. Others

#### **III. Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation ( 2 : 30 hrs duration )**

1. Parliamentary Capacity Building
2. Handling Climate Change and Environmental Issue
3. Natural Disaster Management
4. Poverty Reduction
5. Gender Issues in Parliament
6. Others

#### **IV. APPF Matters ( 3 hrs duration )**

1. APPF in Future (Membership, Observer Status, Rules of Procedures)
2. Date and Venue of APPF's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
3. Others

### **Adoption of Resolutions and the Joint Communiqué**

## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

*(All activities of the Meeting will be held at Don Chan Palace unless otherwise stated)*

**SATURDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009** - Official arrival day

**SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

Arrival of delegates at Wattay International Airport, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR  
Proceed to Don Chan Palace  
Check in / Registration of Delegates at Hotel lobby

16:00-18:00      **Executive Committee Meeting**  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Dress Code: Casual Attire*

18:30-20:30      **Welcome Reception**  
Hosted by the APPF-17 Organizing Committee  
*Venue: Pool Side, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*  
*Dress Code: Casual Attire*

**MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

06:30- 08:30      Breakfast  
*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

09:00-09:45      Registration of Delegates  
09:00-09:45      Courtesy Call on **His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong**,  
President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR  
by leaders of delegation  
*Venue: Room 5-6 ( Oudomxay-Xayabuly ) 1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

10:00-11:00      **Inaugural Ceremony**  
**Welcoming Arts Performance**  
**Speeches:**

- Opening Address by **His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong**,  
President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR,
- Message of **Honorable Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone**, APPF Honorary  
President, delivered by **Honorable Mr. Yanagimoto**, Acting Head  
of Japanese Delegation
- Address by **Honorable Mr. Lindsay Tisch**, Deputy Speaker of the  
House of Representatives of New Zealand
- Remarks by **Mr. Anders B. Johnsson**, Secretary General of the  
Inter-Parliamentary Union

**Photo Session**

*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

11:30- 12:30

Lunch

*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

13:00-15:00

**First Plenary Session**

*Item I: Economic and Trade Matters*

*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

15:00-15:30

*Coffee break*

15:30-17:00

**First Plenary Session (cont'd)**

16:00-16:30

**Courtesy Call on His Excellency Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE**, the President of Lao PDR by leaders of the delegation

*Venue: Presidential Office (Ho Kham)*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

18:30

Gathering at the Lobby

18:45

Leave hotel for Lao International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center (Lao ITECC)

19:00-21:00

**Dinner**

Hosted by **His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong**, President of the

National Assembly of Lao PDR, and President of APPF-17

*Venue: Lao ITECC*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

**TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

06:30-08:45

Breakfast

*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

09:00-10:30

**Second Plenary Session**

*Item II: Political and Security Matters*

*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

09:00-10:30

**Drafting Committee Meeting**

*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

10:30-11:00

*Coffee break*

11:00-12:30

**Second Plenary Session (cont'd)**

11:00-12:30

**Drafting Committee Meeting (cont'd)**

- 12:30-14:00 Lunch  
*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 14:00-15:30 **Third Plenary Session**  
*Item III: Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation*  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*
- 14:00-15:30 **Drafting Committee Meeting (cont'd)**  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*
- 15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00-17:00 **Third Plenary Session (cont'd)**  
16:00-17:00 **Drafting Committee Meeting (cont'd)**
- 18:30 Gathering at the Lobby  
18:40 Leave for the International Cooperation and Training Centre (ICTC)
- 19:00-21:00 **Dinner**  
Hosted by **His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh**, the Prime Minister of Lao PDR  
*Venue: ICTC*  
*Attire: National dress/Smart Casual*

### WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009

- 06:30-08:45 Breakfast  
*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 09:00-16:00 **Outdoor / Excursion programs**  
*Dress Code: Casual Attire*
- 09:15 • Delegates and accompanying persons leave hotel for visit to:  
- Hophrakeo and Sisaket Museum  
- That Luang Stupa  
- National Assembly Building
- 12:30 Luncheon hosted by **Mr. Soukkaseum Bodhisane**, Deputy-Chair of Lao National Tourism Authority  
*Venue: Mekong Restaurant II*  
*Attire: Smart Casual*
- 14:00 • Return to hotel
- Sport Activity**  
**\* Bowling**
- 14:30 Leave hotel for Lao ITECC
- 17:00 • Return to hotel

Evening: *Embassy night/Private dinner and free time*

## **THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

- 06:30-08:45      Breakfast  
*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 09:00-10:30      **Fourth Plenary Session**  
*Item IV: APPF Matters*  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*
- 09:00-10:30      **Drafting Committee Meeting and Joint Communiqué**  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*
- 10:30-11:00      *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:30      **Fourth Plenary Session (cont'd)**  
11:00-12:30      **Drafting Committee Meeting and Joint Communiqué (cont'd)**
- 12:30-14:00      Lunch  
*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 14:00-15:30      **Final Plenary Session**  
- Adoption of Resolutions  
  
- Adoption and signing of the Joint Communiqué by Heads of Delegations  
  
**Closing Ceremony**  
- Transfer of duty in hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to the Parliament of Singapore by President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR  
  
- Acceptance Address by the Speaker of Parliament of Singapore, Head of the Singaporean Delegation  
  
- Closing Address by **His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong**, President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*  
*Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress*
- 15:30-15:45      *Coffee break*
- 16:15-17:00      **Press Conference**  
*Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*
- Evening: *Private dinner and free time*

**FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

06:30–08:45

Breakfast

*Venue: Coffee Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

Departure of Delegates



## LIST OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS LODGED

<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Countries</b>
RES/AUS/1	Cluster Munitions	Australia
RES/AUS/2	Terrorism	Australia
RES/AUS/3	Strengthening Gender Equality in Parliaments	Australia
RES/CAN/1	Burma	Canada
RES/CHI/1	WTO and the Doha Round Negotiations	Chile
RES/CHI/2	Energy Security	Chile
RES/CHI/3	Food Security	Chile
RES/IND/1	Raising the Level of Trade and Capital Flow within Asia-Pacific	Indonesia
RES/IND/2	Humanitarian and Security Crisis in Palestine	Indonesia
RES/IND/3	Food Security	Indonesia
RES/JAP/1	Financial Crisis	Japan
RES/JAP/2	Situation of the Korean Peninsula	Japan
RES/JAP/3	Middle-East Process	Japan
RES/JAP/4	Climate Change and Environment	Japan
RES/LAO/1	Energy Security	Lao PDR
RES/LAO/2	Food Security	Lao PDR
RES/LAO/3	Promoting Sustainable Tourism Development for Poverty Reduction in APPF Member Countries	Lao PDR
RES/LAO/4	Strengthening Peace and Security in South East Asia	Lao PDR
RES/LAO/5	Cluster Munitions	Lao PDR
RES/LAO/6	Gender Issues in Parliaments	Lao PDR
RES/MEX/1	World Financial Crisis and its Economic Impact on the Asia-Pacific	Mexico

RES/MEX/2	World Economic Situation	Mexico
RES/MEX/3	Negotiations of the Doha Round	Mexico
RES/MEX/4	Energy Security	Mexico
RES/MEX/5	Food Security	Mexico
RES/MEX/6	Terrorism	Mexico
RES/MEX/7	Gender Issues in Parliaments	Mexico
RES/MEX/8	APPF Link to Other Regional Bodies	Mexico
RES/PHI/1	Sustainable Tourism	The Philippines
RES/PHI/2	Food Security	The Philippines
RES/PHI/3	Terrorism	The Philippines
RES/PHI/4	Elimination of Violence Against Women	The Philippines
RES/ROK/1	Situation of the Korean Peninsula	Republic of Korea
RES/RUS/1	Overcoming the Global Financial Crisis	Russia
RES/RUS/2	Political, Food and Energy Security in Asia Pacific Region	Russia
RES/RUS/3	Addressing Social Dimension and Combating Corruption	Russia
RES/USA/1	Crisis in Gaza	USA
RES/VNA/1	Food security	Viet Nam
RES/VNA/2	Gender Issues in Parliaments	Viet Nam

**THE TOTAL NUMBER ARE 39 RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED !**