

## JPPF Meeting: UNFPA and IPPF Activity Report

On 13 July, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF) organized a meeting on the activities of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Both organizations submitted a request to JPPF for securing Japan's contributions in the field of population for the next year

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## Toward JPPF's 50th Anniversary #2

**JPPF's pioneering work on population issues: development, environment, and human rights-based approach**

Next year, 2024, will mark the 30th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (known also as the Cairo Conference, or ICPD) held in Cairo, Egypt, as well as the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF).

As UN-sponsored intergovernmental conferences on world population issues, the Cairo Conference followed the 1974 World Population Conference in Bucharest, Romania, and the 1984 International Conference on Population in Mexico City, Mexico.

The Cairo Conference marked a "paradigm shift" in efforts to address population issues from the macro (country-level) perspective to a micro (individual-level) perspective. In other words, efforts to address population issues shifted from demographically-driven

national population control measures to a human rights-based approach that protects the dignity of individuals, respects their choice, realize reproductive health (RH) and women's health and empowerment, and thereby stabilize the population.

On the other hand, the JPFP, since its inception, has been committed to a human rights-based approach to population issues. JPFP's first Chair H.E. Kishi Nobusuke, former Prime Minister, recognized that "population issues were inseparable from human rights and humanism.... Population issues should be addressed not simply by controlling numbers, but by enhancing the happiness of individual families.... together with the issues of social and economic development[1] (Recounted by Hon. Sato Takashi, MP Japan).

Furthermore, the Cairo Conference was the first international population conference where it was agreed that population issues should be considered together with development and environment, while parliamentarians had already begun such initiatives 10 years earlier. In conjunction with the aforementioned International Conference on Population in 1984, the International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development was held in Mexico City under Japanese leadership, and it adopted an "Action Plan" that included the following statements[2]:

- *Sponsor legislative measures to ensure that all individuals have the right to choose freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and that access to family planning services and information is available to individuals at all levels of society.*
- *Protect the environment and endeavor to maintain a balance between natural resources and the demands of growing populations.*

This pioneering idea had a major impact on the Cairo Conference a decade later.

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#### Action Plan Drafting Committee

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[1] 20th Anniversary Book, APDA, 2002.

The Nippon Foundation Library. <http://nippon.zaidan.info/seikabutsu/2002/00356/mokuji.htm>

[2] Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population, Mexico Meeting Report and Materials, pp.14-17 (Japanese)

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## GCPPD2023 short video clip

A 11-minute short video clip of the "Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the G7 Hiroshima Summit", which was held in Tokyo, Japan, in April.

See the video [here](#).



## JPFP

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