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Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPFP), since its establishment, has believed that development should aspire towards building a society of where people can live in peace and prosperity and that the issues of population should be addressed from this perspective. In 1983, H.E. Fukuda Takeo, former Prime Minister of Japan and the second Chair of JPPFP, took the initiative in founding the InterAction Council (a.k.a. OB Summit). It brought together former Prime Ministers and Presidents from around the world and attached high priority to disarmament and world peace; economic revitalization, and population, development and environment issues.[1] During the peak of the Cold War, the OB Summit made the dialogue between the leaders of the U.S. and Soviet Union happen[2] and also convened a meeting with leaders of five major religions to discuss population issues towards world peace. It was the first meeting between religious and political leaders in recent history, and many other accomplishments followed.[3]

Also, leading up to the 1981 Asian Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ACPPD), the historical animosity between China, the host country, and India became apparent. Hon. Sato Takashi, the then JPPFP Representative Director, flew to Beijing and New Delhi

several times to convince both countries that “working on population and development issues is not about creating conflict, but about creating peace in Asia”, which ensured the success of the conference.[4] Hon. Sato (who took office as the first Chair of AFPPD in 1982) was awarded the United Nations Peace Prize in 1985, and his efforts to reconcile the dispute between China and India over ACPPD were cited as one of his outstanding contributions that led to the award.[5]



OB Summit Founding Committee, Vienna, Austria, March 1983

[1] [OB Summit First Annual Plenary Meeting, November 1983, Speech by H.E. Fukuda Takeo.](#)

[2] Atsumi Keiko, 2023, *OB Summit No Shinjitsu (The Truth About the OB Summit)*, Diamond.

[3] APDA, 1987, "[Population and Development Issue No. 20](#)" (Japanese) (p.1).

[4] APDA, 2002, "20th Anniversary Book". The Nippon Foundation Library: [日本財団図書館 \(電子図書館\) 興四海野春風 2002 20年の歩み.](#)

[5] APDA, 2002, "20th Anniversary Book". The Nippon Foundation Library: [日本財団図書館 \(電子図書館\) 興四海野春風 2002 20年の歩み.](#)

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## Post-G20 Report from Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD)

The Declaration adopted during the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the 2023 G7 Hiroshima Summit (GCPPD2023), organized by JPPF, APDA and AFPPD in April, was handed over to Mr. Amitabh Kant, the Sherpa of the G20, by Hon. Deepender Hooda, MP India and Vice-Chair of AFPPD and IAPPD, in New Delhi in August.

*"We are pleased to announce that all the concerns raised in the GCPPD Declaration have been prominently incorporated into the G-20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration. These issues are specifically addressed in Section-B, which focuses on 'Accelerating Progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),' and Section-G, which pertains to 'Gender Equality and Empowering all Women and Girls'",* Mr. Manmohan Sharma, IAPPD Executive Secretary, said.

IAPPD, established in 1978, is a non-governmental organization working on population and development issues and has a 40-year long partnership with APDA and AFPPD.



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