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## Request regarding Japan's contributions to population issues handed over to Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

On 1 November, Hon. Kikawada Hitoshi, Secretary-General of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP), handed a request regarding Japan's contributions to UNFPA and IPPF to Hon. Hosaka Yasushi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.



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## African and Asian Parliamentarians' Dialogue towards ICPD30 and AADPD10 held in Rwanda

On 24-26 October, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA; JPFP secretariat) in partnership with the African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA) and the Parliament of Rwanda organized the African and Asian Parliamentarians' Dialogue linking the 30-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD30) in 2024 with the 10-year review of the Addis

Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD10) this year.



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## Toward JPFP's 50th Anniversary #6

### Support for the establishment of regional fora and national committees on population and development

Today, many countries have a parliamentary caucus working on population and development issues, forming a global network. This is an initiative by the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) that has been in place for many years to encourage the founding of such parliamentary groups in respective countries. JPFP's founding principles explicitly state that *"5. We trust that JPFP will inspire other countries around the world to form their own supra-party groups on the issues of population and family planning and would like to take this opportunity to strongly urge them to do so"*.

In September 1977, three years after the foundation of JPFP, a parliamentary delegation led by Hon. Kishi Nobusuke (Chair of JPFP) went on a tour to Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, the U.S. and Canada and called upon fellow parliamentarians of each country to form a group that would address population and development issues<sup>[1]</sup>. In December 1977, Hon. Sato Takashi and other JPFP members visited the U.K. and West Germany and encourage them to do the same, and their efforts continued in the following years. Hon. Sato (Chair of AFPPD) mentioned that the number of parliamentary groups on population and development in the world exceeded 40 in 1984<sup>[2]</sup>.

Under JPFP's active leading role, the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) was formed in 1982, followed by the formation of the Inter-American Parliamentarians Group on Population and Development (IAPG) in 1983, which promoted the institutionalization of the network. The 1994 International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ICPPD) in Cairo led to the establishment of the Forum of African and Arab Parliamentarians on Population

and Development (FAAPPD[3]) in 1997, which encompassed the Africa and Arab regions. Then, the 1999 International Forum of Parliamentarians for the Five-Year Evaluation of ICPD (IFP), which was also led by JPFP, provided the impetus for the establishment of the Inter-European Parliamentarians Forum on Population and Development (IEPFPD[4]) in 2000. With that, the network covered all regions of the world.

Through this network, JPFP and its secretariat APDA continue to make sustained efforts at home and abroad by providing parliamentarians with platforms to raise awareness, share experiences, and build partnerships to address population and development issues, as well as to urge the Japanese government and other donors to support these activities. These efforts are resonating across time and countries: at the Africa-Asia Parliamentarians' Dialogue co-hosted by APDA, FPA, and the Parliament of Rwanda in Kigali, Rwanda, in October 2023, a proposal was made and agreed to encourage countries in Africa that do not yet have a parliamentary group on population and issues to create one.



[1] 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](#).

[2] Sato Takashi, 1987, “[Thoughts on Population, Development and Food Issues](#)” (Address at the 1984 First General Assembly of AFPPD).

[3] It is now divided into the African Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FPA) and the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAPPD).

[4] “Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (IEPFPD)” was renamed as “European Parliamentary Forum for Population and Development (EPF)” in 2006.

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Established in 1974, JPFP has the longest history in the world as a supra-partisan parliamentary group on population and development. JPFP, in concert with APDA, has created a network of parliamentarians on

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