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JPFP Meeting: UNFPA and IPPF Activity Report

On 5 December, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) held a meeting, where the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) reported on their activities funded by Japan.

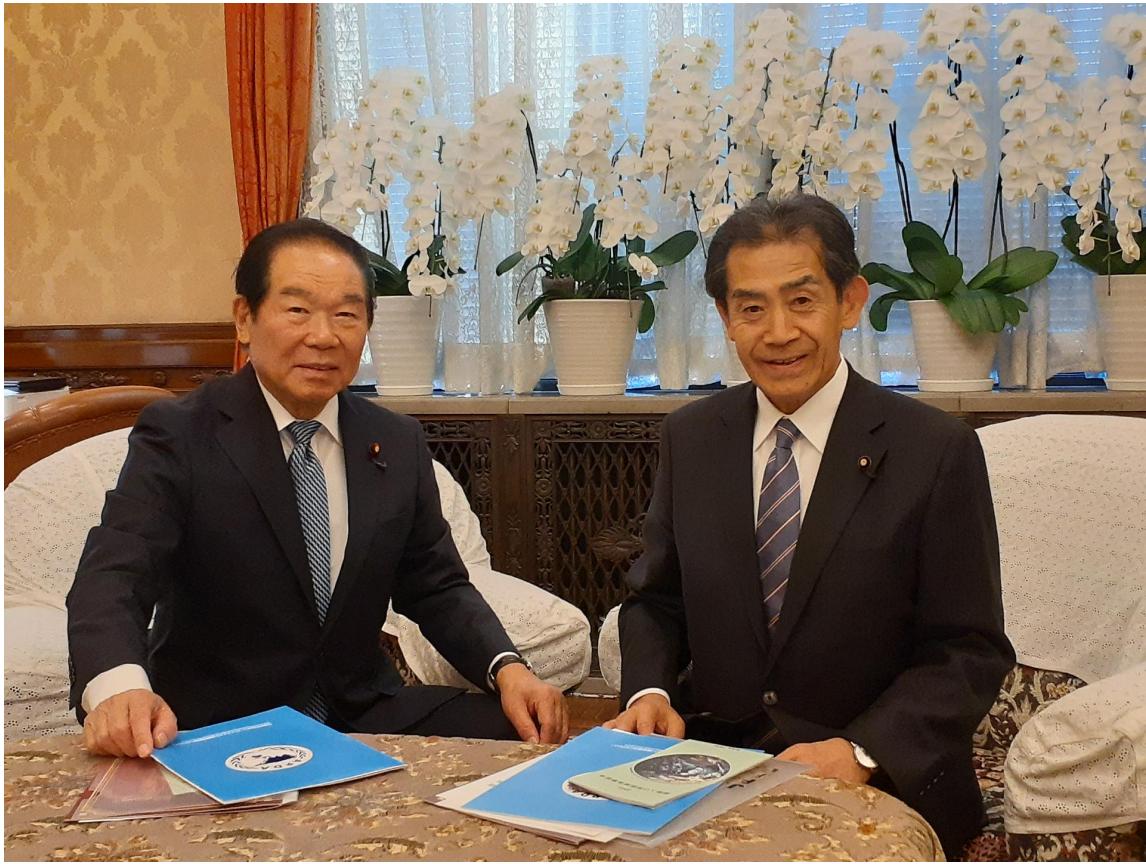


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Preparations begin for JPFP's 50th Anniversary

JPFP, together with the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) and Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), is planning to hold a celebration for JPFP's 50th anniversary next spring. Preparations for

this event have begun, and Hon. Aisawa Ichiro, Acting Chair of JPFP, met with H.E. Nukaga Fukushiro, Speaker of the House of Representatives.



Toward JPFP's 50th Anniversary #7

Parliamentary Networks and Achievements

JPFP's efforts in driving parliamentary activities that tackle population and development issues led to the establishment of regional fora and national committees (NCs) in various regions and countries and to the creation of transnational networks. It was JPFP's intention that through the networks, parliamentarians effectively shared experiences, good practices, and lessons learned and promoted international cooperation to address challenges they faced.

These activities have seen significant progress and triggered successful developments in numerous countries. As an example, a group of parliamentarians in Vietnam established the Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (VAPPD) in 1992 after they were invited to Japan by JPFP and APDA in the same year. Since then, VAPPD worked on legislation concerning population and reproductive health in accordance with the ICPD Programme of Action, which contributed to halving its population increase in 10 years^[1].

Also, in 2013, APDA conducted study visits, in which parliamentarians from Asia and Africa observed firsthand projects on skills development and poverty reduction in

Cambodia. These parliamentarians were motivated to apply Cambodia's initiative to their own countries^[2], and Ugandan parliamentarians launched a skills development project of this sort in their country, greatly helping young people earn a living and reduce poverty. In Kyrgyzstan, a regional meeting in 2001 led to the development of the first law on water pollution prevention^[3].

Today, efforts to develop legislation and mobilize budgets for maternal health and other population areas are ongoing in many countries, including Djibouti, Tanzania, and Egypt, through the work of parliamentarians affiliated with the networks on population and development.



Hon. Doi Takako, MP Japan, shaking hands with Hon. Dr. Nguen Thi Ngoc Phuong, Deputy Chair of the National Assembly of Vietnam, who headed the parliamentary delegation to Japan in 1992.

[1] APDA (2010), “[The 26th Meeting Minutes](#)” (Closing Address by Hon. Nohno Chieko, MP Japan)

[2] APDA (2013), “[Asian and African Parliamentarians' Capacity Development on the Integration of Population Issues into National Development Frameworks](#)”.

[3] APDA (2002), “[Population and Development Issue No. 79: Spring & Summer](#)”

(Japanese).

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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 population and development, through which a diverse range of knowledge and experience has been shared to accomplish concrete results.

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