



JPFP Newsletter

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JPFP submits an official request to State Minister for Foreign Affairs to increase Japan's FY2025 contributions to UNFPA and IPPF

On 26 July, on behalf of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP), Hon. Kikawada Hitoshi, Secretary General of JPFP, submitted an official request to Hon. Tsuge Yoshifumi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, to increase Japan's FY2025 contributions to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

As the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, or Cairo Conference), a historic turning point for population issues, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, Hon. Kikawada explained that the needs for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) are becoming more diverse and serious, and that despite the urgent need to address SRH issues such as gender-based violence (GBV), child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM), the funding is significantly lacking. He also noted that SRH is essential in the context of Women, Peace and Security (WPS), which is strongly promoted by Japan under the initiative of Foreign Minister H.E. Kamikawa Yoko, and stressed the importance of supporting UNFPA and IPPF, which are main actors in this area.

Ms. Narita Eiko, Chief of UNFPA Representation Office in Japan, and Ms. Fukuda Tomoko, Regional Director of IPPF East & Southeast Asia and Oceania Region (ESEAOR), who were also in attendance, emphasized the critical importance of the Japanese government's support as both organizations address childbirths and unwanted pregnancies during crises and accelerate progress on the SDGs, with many countries lagging behind.

In response to JPFP's request, Hon. Tsuge expressed his appreciation for JPFP's long-standing activities and said that he fully recognized the importance of SRH and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would continue to make proactive efforts to resolve SRH and population issues.



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[Courtesy call on Hon. Tsuge, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, by Hon. Kikawada, Secretary General of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population](#) (Japanese only)

International Parliamentarians' Forum on ICPD30: Sustainable Water Resources and Demographic Resilience for the Interest of Youth

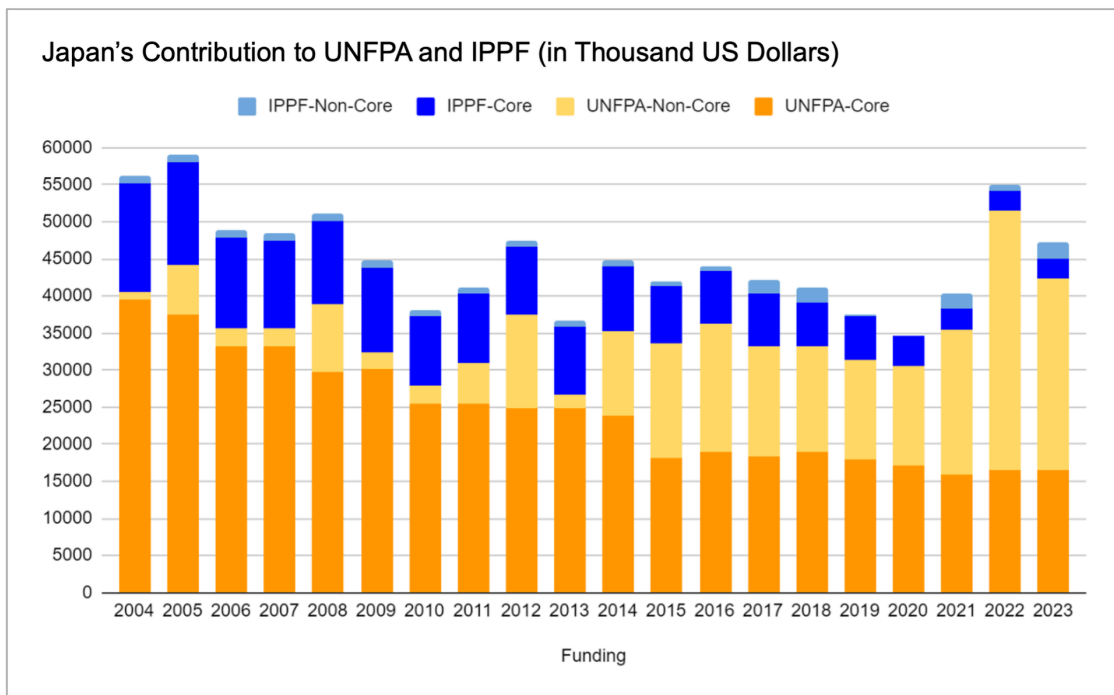
On 10 June, the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) and Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), with host Parliament of Tajikistan, organized an International Parliamentarians' Forum on ICPD 30 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) in cooperation with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Under the theme of “Sustainable Water Resources and Demographic Resilience for the Interest of Youth”, around 450 participants from 15 countries, including H.E. Speaker of the Majlisi Namoyandagon Majlisi Oli (Parliament) of Tajikistan, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan, and H.E. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tajikistan, participated in the Forum to share their experiences and exchange ideas on environmental and demographic issues, and strengthen networks through dialogues.

This Forum was conducted as an official side event of the “Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action ‘Water for Sustainable Development’ 2018-2028” (10-13 June, Dushanbe), in which the Forum attendees participated the following day on 11 June and actively engaged in discussions with other participants.

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