

April 2025

JPFP General Assembly & PT Meeting Held

On April 18, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) convened its General Assembly, moderated by Hon. Kikawada Hitoshi, Secretary-General of JPFP. The first item on the agenda was the proposal for new executive members, which was presented and unanimously approved. The list of executive members is as follows:

Position	Name	HR/ HC	Party	Position	Name	HR/ HC	Party
Honorary Chair	Fukuda Yasuo	Former Prime Minister					
Chair	Kamikawa Yoko	H.R.	LDP				
Senior Vice-Chair (Acting Chair)	Aisawa Ichiro	H.R.	LDP	Executive Director	Takemi Keizo	H.C.	LDP
Vice-Chair	Saito Tetsuo	H.R.	Komei	Deputy Executive Director	Fukuyama Tetsuro	H.C.	CDP
Vice-Chair	Nagahama Hiroyuki	H.C.	CDP	Deputy Executive Director	Ogushi Masaki	H.R.	LDP
Vice-Chair	Abe Tomoko	H.R.	CDP	Deputy Executive Director	Sasaki Sayaka	H.C.	Komei
Vice-Chair	Hayashi Yoshimasa	H.R.	LDP	Director	Tajima Kaname	H.R.	CDP
Vice-Chair	Abe Toshiko	H.R.	LDP	Director	Kawada Ryuhei	H.C.	CDP
Vice-Chair	Makishima Karen	H.R.	LDP	Director	Kunimitsu Ayano	H.R.	LDP
Vice-Chair			DPFP	Director	Fukazawa Yoichi	H.R.	LDP
Vice-Chair			JIP	Director	Terata Shizuka	H.C.	Independent
Secretary-General	Kikawada Hitoshi	H.R.	LDP	Director	Ito Takae	H.C.	DPFP
Deputy Secretary-General	Ishida Masahiro	H.C.	LDP	Director	Aoyagi Hitoshi	H.R.	JIP

H.C.: House of Councillors

H.R.: House of Representatives

LDP: Liberal Democratic Party

CDP: Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan

Komei: New Komeito

JIP: Nippon Ishin / Japan Innovation Party

DPFP: Democratic Party For the People

As the next agenda item, Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Chair of JPFP, proposed the establishment of a new project team (PT) aimed at deepening understanding of "life safety education"¹ from an international perspective. With the approval of the attending members, it was decided that Hon. Abe Toshiko would serve as Chair and Hon. Horiuchi Noriko as Acting Chair of the PT on Life Safety Education.

Following the General Assembly, the first meeting of the newly established Life Safety Education PT was held, facilitated by Hon. Horiuchi Noriko in her capacity as Acting Chair. In her opening remarks, Hon. Abe Toshiko emphasized the importance of life safety education, stressing the need for society as a whole to address the issue after carefully assessing what can be done.

Prof. Asai Haruo, Professor Emeritus at Rikkyo University, served as the inaugural lecturer and delivered a presentation on the current situation and challenges surrounding life safety education. Prof. Asai explained that life safety education involves understanding the dignity of life and developing the ability to respect both oneself and others. He further emphasized the importance of understanding the beginning of life, building healthy interpersonal relationships to prevent both the perpetration and victimization of sexual violence, and addressing human rights issues related to sexuality.

In closing, Hon. Kamikawa expressed her expectations that the PT would continue to deepen discussions on life safety education from multiple viewpoints, identify and address issues necessary for implementation in schools, and advance the initiative toward national rollout under the leadership of Hon. Abe.

¹ "Life Safety Education" is an educational approach aimed at learning the value of life, understanding the misconceptions and behaviors underlying sexual violence, as well as the impacts of sexual violence, in order to develop attitudes that value life, respect oneself and others, and uphold the dignity of each individual, in accordance with one's developmental stage. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. (Translated by APDA)



TICAD Feature Article #3

Successful Case of the Uganda Parliamentarians Forum on Food Security, Population and Development

The Asian Population and Development Association (APDA; JPFP Secretariat) has partnered with the African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA) and national parliamentary caucuses on population and development to implement various initiatives across Africa. In Uganda, APDA has worked in close collaboration with the [Uganda Parliamentarians Forum on Food Security, Population and Development \(UPFFSP&D\)](#), established in 1995. Together, we have co-organized conferences, workshops, and study visits over the years to advance the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) agenda, with support from the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Through these activities, UPFFSP&D has made significant progress, particularly in addressing issues such as teenage pregnancy and female genital mutilation (FGM).

One of the most notable achievements was the enactment of the FGM Act in 2010, which outlawed the practice. UPFFSP&D's played an important role in this outcome through advocacy activities both within and outside Parliament, radio campaigns, and collaboration with traditional leaders. These efforts influenced public attitudes and behaviors, leading to the passage of the law. UPFFSP&D has also addressed challenges such as teenage pregnancy, child marriage, and school dropout.

In cooperation with civil society organizations, the Ugandan parliamentarians carried out community outreach activities targeting teachers, parents, religious and cultural leaders, and both in-school and out-of-school youth. As a result, whereas in the past, pregnant or breastfeeding students had no choice but to drop out of school, new policies were adopted to reintegrate girls affected by teenage pregnancies back into the school system and enable them to continue their education.

Furthermore, UPFFSP&D has contributed to the passage of critical legislation on food security and HIV prevention, and has successfully advocated for an increase in the national health budget. Recognizing the importance of investing in education, youth empowerment, and support for gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, UPFFSP&D continues its efforts to strengthen policy and legal frameworks to address these issues.



FPA and UPFFSP&D's visit to Reproductive Health Uganda (IPPF Member Association) on 22 February 2025

IPPF Lebanon Project Receives \$500,000 from Japan to Protect Maternal and Reproductive Health

On 12 March 2025, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) launched a new project titled *“Preventing Maternal and Reproductive Health Morbidities and Mortalities Among Crisis-Affected Populations, IDPs, Syrian Refugees, and Host Communities in Lebanon”*, which is funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by IPPF Member Association, SALAMA (The Lebanese Association for Family Health). This project addresses these needs by providing quality, clinic-based SRH services for women, youth, and other marginalized groups to reduce SRH-related mortality and morbidity and to improve care for survivors of gender-based violence. (Full text available on the [IPPF website](#))

JPPF

Established in 1974, JPPF has the longest history in the world as a supra-partisan parliamentary group on population and development. JPPF, 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.

[Read more](#)

APDA

APDA since its establishment in 1982 has served as the secretariat of JPPF.

[Read more](#)

Supported by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)



♥ DONATE

APDA is a certified public entity for the Medal with Dark Blue Ribbon. This is awarded to individuals or organizations that donate substantial funds to a certified public entity for the benefit of the public.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Secretariat of Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF)

Asian Population and Development Association (APDA)

2-19-5-8F, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku,

Tokyo 105-0003 Japan

TEL: +81-3-5405-8844 FAX: +81-3-5405-8845

E-mail: apda@apda.jp Website: <https://www.apda.kitai>

[Editorial responsibility: APDA]



Designed with BEE