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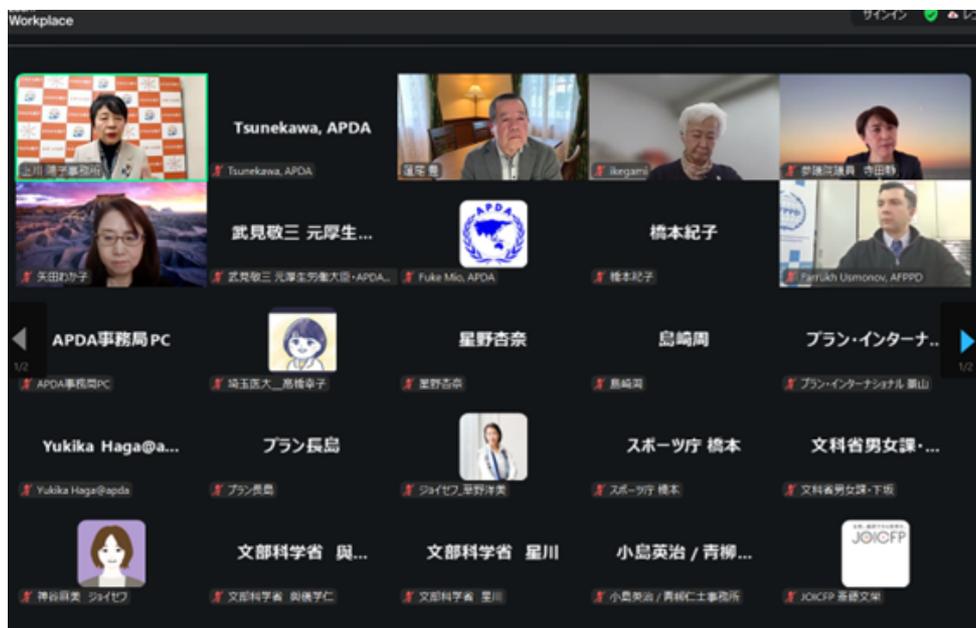
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JPFP Life Safety Education PT Meeting Highlights Aomori's Pioneering Approach

On 19 January, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) Project Team (PT) on Life Safety Education (LSE) held an online meeting focused on Aomori Prefecture's Pioneering School Obstetrician-Gynecologist (OB/GYN) Adolescent Health Education System". In her opening remarks, Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Chair of JPFP, underscored the critical role of LSE/comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in safeguarding the human rights of future generations. She also expressed strong expectations that the meeting would provide valuable insights drawn from Aomori Prefecture's extensive and long-standing practical experience.

The guest speaker, Dr. Hasuo Yutaka, Director of the Aomori Women's Healthcare Institute and an OB/GYN, introduced Aomori's School OB/GYN Adolescent Health Education System, a groundbreaking initiative launched in 1981 and the first of its kind in Japan at the time. Under this system, OB/GYNs are officially appointed as school doctors to deliver adolescent health and sexuality education to all prefectural high schools, with funding provided by the prefectural government. The program is structured around four core pillars: lectures for students, consultations with teaching staff, seminars, and training sessions for educators. Since its inception, Dr. Hasuo has consistently conveyed the message "Cherish Your Mind and Body", emphasizing from a practitioner's perspective the importance of protecting one's own physical and mental health, as well as respecting others.

Participants deepened their understanding of several noteworthy features of the initiative, including the fact that prefectural budgetary support has been sustained for more than 45 years, that adolescent health and sexuality education has been systematically embedded in the school curriculum, and that the program is implemented through close collaboration among the Prefectural Board of Education, the Medical Association, the Nursing Association, and the Midwives Association.



Progress in Legal and Policy Development in the Arab Region: Jordan

Since 2017, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) has been continuously working to strengthen collaboration among Arab and Asian parliamentarians and promote legal and policy development related to population and development issues. Significant progress has been confirmed in key laws, policy formulation, and institutional reforms in this field, according to surveys conducted by the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAPPD) among parliamentarians in several Arab countries. These achievements have been realized based on recommendations adopted at the Arab-Asia parliamentarians' meetings organized by APDA and FAPPD, through the dedicated efforts of participating parliamentarians and FAPPD's close coordination. The support provided by the Government of Japan underpinning these activities has been highly appreciated and acknowledged by the Arab countries.

Prominent Laws and Legislation Related to Population and Development in Jordan (2021–2025).

1. Children

- Child Rights Law No. (17) of 2022 was enacted in 2022 and entered into force in early 2023, becoming a comprehensive legal framework for the protection of children's rights in Jordan. It regulates children's rights in the following areas:
 - protection from violence, abuse, and exploitation;
 - education and basic healthcare;
 - freedom of expression and the right of the child to be heard in matters affecting them; and
 - clarification of the responsibilities of governmental entities toward children.

2. Women

- Amendments were introduced to the Jordanian Constitution affirming the State's obligation to empower women, protect them from violence and exploitation, and

expand their political and economic participation. Provisions were incorporated into the Political Parties Law and Election Law to enhance women's representation in the House of Representatives, including increasing the quota and ensuring women's presence on party lists.

- The National Strategy for Women (2020–2025) was developed to promote women's empowerment in the economic, social, and political spheres. It is supported by implementation plans aligned with international commitments, including United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

3. Labour

- Legislation related to labour and social protection witnessed significant improvements aimed at strengthening the rights of working women, including the extension of maternity leave, the provision of financial support for childcare, and other measures to protect the rights of working mothers.

4. Persons with Disabilities

- Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities No. (20) of 2017 constitutes the main legal framework in Jordan for the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and remains in force throughout the period 2020–2026. It provides for non-discrimination, equal opportunities in education, employment, and public life, and guarantees the provision of reasonable accommodations and an accessible environment. The law is implemented through executive instructions and regulations issued subsequently to operationalize its provisions in employment, education, and support services.
- Regulations and Legislation on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities (2021) were issued, obliging certain establishments to employ a specified percentage of persons with disabilities within their workforce.

5. Social protection

- Social Security and Retirement Law provides retirement pensions and health insurance coverage for older persons as part of the beneficiary groups under the national social protection system.



In cooperation with Dr. Mohammed Al-Smadi, Secretary General of FAPPD

IPPF Renovates Its New Logo to Strengthen Solidarity

In recent years, the global environment surrounding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) has become increasingly challenging. Against this backdrop, IPPF has adopted a Charter of Principles and introduced a new logo as a renewed expression of its identity. The Charter articulates seven core principles—dignity, equality, justice, pleasure, community, integrity, and resilience—clearly reaffirming IPPF’s commitment to advancing bodily autonomy, justice, and inclusion, while encouraging broad participation.

The new logo, centered on a bold fire-red color, symbolizes IPPF’s strong determination to stand together and act in solidarity to realize SRHR for all.

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.

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