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JPFP Meeting UNFPA and IPPF Activity Reports and Submission of Request

On 17 July, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) held a meeting and received reports from its long-standing partners, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), on activities and achievements supported by Japan. At the outset, Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Chair of JPFP, emphasized the importance of international cooperation that goes beyond humanitarian assistance to support people in rebuilding their lives and moving toward self-reliance amid increasingly protracted conflicts and humanitarian crises. She also stressed the importance of leveraging the respective strengths of diverse partners through public-private partnerships and other forms of collaboration to enhance the quality and sustainability of assistance.

UNFPA introduced a blended finance initiative in Tanzania, supported by Japan's supplementary budget, which combines the production, sale, and distribution of menstrual products with employment opportunities for single mothers and improved access to education for girls during menstruation. IPPF reported on its work in Afghanistan, where antenatal care, delivery care, family planning, nutrition support, and other services are provided, contributing to improved health among communities with limited access to healthcare.

Following the reports, UNFPA and IPPF submitted a request to JPFP calling for the continuation and strengthening of Japan's support in the fields of population and SRHR. This was followed by an exchange of views on Japan's role and future priorities for international cooperation, including the importance of collaboration across sectors and among organizations.



JPFP Project Team Meeting on Life Safety Education Held

On 8 July, JPFP Project Team on Life Safety Education convened a meeting, which featured a presentation by Ms. Kokubu Satoko, President of College Madoka in Shizuoka Prefecture. She explained that sexuality education extends far beyond teaching biological facts—it encompasses essential life skills, including personal hygiene, healthy habits, respect for one's own body and the bodies of others, and understanding of individuals with diverse physical characteristics. It also involves cultivating empathy and respect and equipping children with the knowledge necessary for life.



AFPPD Standing Committee Meeting on Investing in Youth: Youth Empowerment for Inclusive Growth

On 4–5 June, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA; JPFP Secretariat) and the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), together with the National Assembly of Lao PDR, convened a meeting of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth meeting, entitled “Youth Empowerment for Inclusive Growth”, in Vientiane, Lao PDR. More than 60 participants from 10 countries, including member parliamentarians of the Standing Committee, government officials, UNFPA, PFHA (IPPF Member Association), Y-PEER and other stakeholders, attended the meeting.

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