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## **AFPPD Delegation to Tackle Healthy and Active Ageing in Multistakeholder Forum Towards APEC**

**HO CHI MINH CITY, 10 August 2017** – More than 70 parliamentarians from 23 economies will be in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on August 15, to attend the **Multistakeholder Forum on Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth** as a delegation of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD).

Co-organized by AFPPD, the Government of Japan, Government of Vietnam, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), HelpAge International, and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), the forum is held on the sideline of the third Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Senior Officials' Meeting. In total, over 200 delegates are expected to attend including policymakers, government officials, civil society leaders, business leaders, and academic experts.

The Multistakeholder Forum will address the social, economic and political implications of population ageing in Asia-Pacific, focusing on innovative long-term care and measures to strengthen regional collaboration. By 2050, it is expected that one in four people in Asia-Pacific will be 60 years old or older.

Following the forum, there will be an exhibition on long-term care including a virtual reality experience of dementia. Participants will also conduct a study tour to the Social Protection Centre, the Intergenerational Self-help Club, and the general hospital. These two-day knowledge sharing and learning sessions will culminate in the AFPPD 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing on August 17. Asia-Pacific legislators will formulate recommendations for regional and global actions as a network of parliamentarians to be shared with the APEC and the AFPPD General Assembly in fall.

Several AFPPD parliamentarians who will speak at the forum include Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi (AFPPD Chairperson, Japan), Hon. Minister S.B. Dissanayake (Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare of Sri Lanka), Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont (AFPPD Secretary-General, Thailand), and Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah (Indonesia).

AFPPD will also launch the Vietnamese version of its flagship knowledge product, [\*Briefing Cards for Parliamentarians\*](#), at the Standing Committee meeting. It highlights evidence-based policies and good practices on active ageing, investing in youth, and gender equality and women's empowerment.

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**Background:** As of August 2017, AFPPD is a network of 30 parliamentary committees across the Asia-Pacific region. AFPPD advocates for parliamentary action and change, in support of population and development issues: gender equality and women's empowerment including sexual and reproductive health and rights; investing in youth; active ageing; and population dynamics.

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