



International Day of Older Persons

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In celebration of the **2017 International Day of Older Persons**, the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is pleased to share messages from some of the members of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Active Ageing. This year's theme is "**Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society.**"

STANDING COMMITTEE MESSAGES



Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi

MP, Japan

AFPPD Chairperson

Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing

"Participation, contribution, and satisfaction based on healthy life expectancy are the **foundation of active ageing** in every community. Let us build a society of deep and shared bonds with older persons."



H.E. Mr. Jigme Zangpo

Speaker of Parliament, Bhutan

"On behalf of the Parliament and the senior citizens of Bhutan, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my special appreciation to AFPPD for celebrating the International Day of Older Persons. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to pledge **to campaign, educate and nurture the young people** to understand the values of older persons and make the best use of this wealth of skills and knowledge through positive engagements. Once again, I wish the celebration of International Day of Older persons a great success."



Hon. Mr. Nguyen Hoang Mai

MP, Vietnam

AFPPD Executive Committee Member

"The elderly are **invaluable treasures of our society** and they should be taken care of in the best conditions. The elderly should be honoured and gloried as 'invaluable treasures' due to their prestige, knowledgeability and life-long experiences, and as they continue their valuable contributions to the development of our society."



Hon. Mr. A.S.M. Feroz
Chief Whip and MP, Bangladesh

"Older persons are an indispensable part of the society. They need extra care, service and affection from their nearest ones. We all need to be attentive to every older person in our family. We, as parliamentarians, can also contribute to achieving **a better future for our older persons.**"



Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah
MP, Indonesia

"Our fate and future young generation depend greatly on our daily routine work as policy makers. This routine work has to shape the ideal policies to achieve our common objectives and goals in **addressing ageing population issues** which define our commitment and determination."



Hon. Mr. Laxmi Narayan Yadav
MP, India

"Yes, youth is beauty yet age is grace. Youth is reverie and age is experience. Youth is tide and age is calm. Work, **work in the living age**, say not you are tired or retired."