

**Minutes of  
AFPPD 91st Executive Committee Meeting  
13:45-14:45 Hrs, 25 November 2021**



**<Online>**



# 91<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

25 NOVEMBER 2021

13:45-14:45 (TOKYO TIME)

 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm the Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD held on 19th April 2021</li><li>• Report AFPPD Activities: From May to October 2021 by Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami, Interim Executive Director</li><li>• Proposed Strategic Communications Plan</li><li>• Propose Collaborative Work with Member NCs for Organizing Thematic Meetings in 2022 (Ageing/Gender/Youth)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss Activities for 2022</li><li>• Announce the APDA/AFPPD 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in 15-16 February, 2022</li><li>• Propose Agenda of 92<sup>nd</sup> AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting, February 2022</li><li>• Any other matter with the permission of the Chair</li></ul>
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## A. Confirm the Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD held on April 19, 2021

The minutes has been circulated with the members and they had the chance to check the document. Hon. Prof. Takemi requested the official approval of the minutes. The members of AFPPD approved the minutes and Prof. Ikegami said that the minutes will be uploaded on the website.

The highlights are as follows:

- Election of new office bearers

Chair: Japan Vice Chairs: 1. Australia 2. China 3. India 4. Philippines 5. Kazakhstan Secretary General: Thailand Treasurer: Cambodia	Members of the Board: 1. Malaysia 2. Viet Nam 3. Tonga
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- Amendment to the AFPPD Constitution, “*the AFPPD Secretariat shall be located at a place to be decided by the General Assembly of the AFPPD. The AFPPD Secretariat will function as executing agency of the AFPPD programs under the supervision of the Chair and the Secretary General. Some functions and the role of AFPPD Secretariat can be shared by National Committee Secretariat for effective implementation of activities.*” This amendment has been adopted.

## B. Reporting of completed activities: May-October 2021

These activities are all conducted online due to COVID-19. These are completed as planned.

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation of Youth research paper into Japanese and Russian Version</li> </ul>
24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Assembly (Online)</li> <li>• Online Meeting on COVID-19 Vaccination (The article is published in Japanese.)</li> </ul>
7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Meeting on Ending Child Marriage: Exploring Pathways in Ending Child Marriage: A Dialogue of Parliamentarians from Asia Pacific, Philippine Congress, and Philippine Bangsamoro Transition Authority</li> </ul>
28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Communication Capacity Building to NCs Secretariat / Staff</li> </ul>
8 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Communication Capacity Building to AFPPD NCs Secretariat/ Staff</li> </ul>
20 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Communication Capacity Building to APDA/AFPPD Secretariat/ Staff</li> </ul>
26 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Communication Capacity Building to NCs</li> </ul>
24 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminar on the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Youth</li> </ul>
28 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) to AFPPD NCs (1)</li> </ul>
1 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) to APDA/AFPPD Secretariat/ Staff</li> </ul>
5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) to AFPPD NCs (2)</li> </ul>
19 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Seminars on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) to AFPPD NCs (3)</li> </ul>

## C. Proposed Strategic Communications Plan 2022-2024

Prof. Ikegami mentioned that the draft Strategic Communications Plan 2022-2024 will not be presented in details since it has been circulated among the members. She has requested the members to read and review the draft and send in their comments by the end of December 2021. The goal is to have it finalized and have the plan ready for the General Assembly in 2022.

Below are the highlights of the plan:

### Strategic Communications Plan 2022-2024

*Overall Goal:* Catapult the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) into becoming the foremost knowledge hub on policies on population and development in the Asia-Pacific Region by reinvigorating the public’s knowledge, particularly the perception of

parliamentarians in member countries, on the work and advocacy the AFPPD has produced in the past years, as well as moving forward.

*Strategy objectives:*

- [1] Conduct an intensive information campaign primarily targeting parliamentarians in the 33 member countries to introduce AFPPD’s new branding and drive quality recruitment.
- [2] Increase awareness of key stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academe, government ministries, etc. on the contents of the AFPPD knowledge product repository, and show how said knowledge products can be used in various settings (for the academe, for legislators, for CSOs).
- [3] Popularize the nature and work of AFPPD through the development of products for various online platforms e.g., website, Facebook, IG and twitter, etc. Develop a social media campaign with slogans per issue and during international commemorations.
- [4] Provide avenues for real-time exchange with parliamentarians through study tours, visits, and various forms of gatherings/consultations to enrich their knowledge on how to handle various population and development-related challenges and formulate solutions to said challenges.
- [5] Capacitate on strategic communications the standing national committee secretariats to strengthen their ability to support members of parliament on pressing issues.

*Core Messages*

- [1] The AFPPD has served as a robust venue for exchanges in advocacy experiences and best practices in serving vulnerable segments of the population including women, children and youth, and the ageing population in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- [2] AFPPD aids parliamentarians in its 33 member countries in policy-making by nurturing an enabling environment that bridges the technical and technological gaps amongst its members, specifically by providing technical assistance to them through various capacity-building activities.
- [3] The AFPPD has a comprehensive repository of knowledge products with particular focus on population and development, that can be utilized to inform and shape public policy in the Asia-Pacific. Particularly for the current context, the AFPPD has a set of materials especially designed to address the pandemic.
- [4] The multiple burdens of public health, increasing gender inequality, youth unemployment and underemployment, and insufficient social protection for the ageing population, which remain rampant in the Asia-Pacific Region drive the AFPPD to continue serving its strategic role as a parliamentarians’ forum for population and development advocacy.

**D. Proposed Collaborative Work with National Committee Members for Thematic Meetings 2022: Ageing, Gender, and Youth**

Gender	Youth	Ageing
India and Philippines can host succeeding meetings in 2022	India and Philippines can host succeeding meetings in 2022	

Member of Tajikistan NC in her speech at AFPPD's Online Meeting on Nairobi Commitments Follow-up under COVID-19 on 26 November invited AFPPD to conduct thematic meeting (any of three pillars) in the country in 2022. In addition, the Secretariat of AFPPD Malaysia contacted AFPPD, expressing

the NC's willingness to host Ageing thematic meeting in Malaysia in 2022. Earlier, Pakistan NC contacted AFPPD Secretariat, proposing to host one of the related thematic meetings.

Prof. Ikegami recognized that these meetings might not be possible to be held in person but AFPPD has financial resources to support these activities, especially at the latter part of the year. Please inform the Secretariat for any interest to host and in organizing these thematic meetings.

Mr. Manmohan of India, expressed that apart from COVID-19, the members should also focus on fulfilling its Nairobi Commitments. He is open on working with the organizing team especially on the issues of adolescents; ageing is not yet a pressing phenomenon in India. He said that they are open to collaborate on whichever issue the AFFPD wants to host with them.

Prof. Ikegami raised that a revision in the Constitution was approved in the previous General Assembly. The main purpose of this revision was to further promote the collaboration not only within the Secretariat but between the AFPPD Secretariat and National Committee Secretariat. We are now in the implementation of collaborative ways of organizing the meeting. Second, there is already an actual and concrete proposal from India that the National Committee can organize the thematic meetings. She recalled that since the Philippines and AFPPD have organized a thematic meeting on prevention of girls' and child marriage, she asked whether another seminar on gender can be organized by the Philippine National Committee.

Mr. Romeo Dongeto, NatCom of Philippines, responded that they are interested in organizing a forum or seminar on gender and young people and the issues they are facing, such as teenage pregnancy and challenges to access to SRH. Hon. Prof. Takemi mentioned that the NatCom of the Philippines can clarify the topic and give suggestions in collaboration with the AFPPD Secretariat. He requested the Philippines to send a proposal to the AFPPD.

Hon. Prof. Takemi announced that anyone can propose to host an activity but must submit the concept note to the secretariat for their review and appropriate action.

For in-person meetings in February 2022, Prof. Ikegami presented the proposed activities to be organized by AFPPD which include: 2-day meetings in Tokyo in February 15-16, 2022 (which she hopes can be organized in-person depending on COVID-19 situation). This is a big conference and also aims to invite Members of the Parliament from Africa and Middle East as well. In addition, there will also be a 1-day Executive Committee meeting before the 2-day meetings on February 14, 2022.

Hon. Damien Drum, MP, Australia, AFPPD Vice-chair, thanked Hon. Prof. Takemi and recognized there are many issues to collaborate on. He is looking forward to the many opportunities to work together on common issues. Hon. Prof. Takemi noted that with COVID-19, there are indeed many issues that countries share. In addition to that, MPs have the new role as key player in global governance issues, specifically on gender, age, and youth issues, and our capacities as to be strengthened. Hon. Drum expressed that AFPPD has the full support of the Australian government.

Hon. Prof. Takemi mentioned that for the upcoming 40th Anniversary of AFPPD in February 2022, the Secretariat will draft an agenda to be sent to all the members of the Executive Committee for their comments on which topics should be taken on and how those can be discussed.

Hon. Deepender comments on the proposed collaborative work in organizing thematic meeting. These may include imbalance sex ratio in India, sexual and reproductive health of adolescents, support system, environment and climate change, social and behavioral communication change, and gender-based violence. These are their suggestions for the thematic meeting in March 2022 that can be held in India. Hon. Prof. Takemi requested for India to choose and proposed the topic to AFPPD so preparation can be started.

## E. Proposed Agenda of the 92nd Executive Committee Meeting

Prof. Ikegami presented the tentative agenda on 14 February 2022:

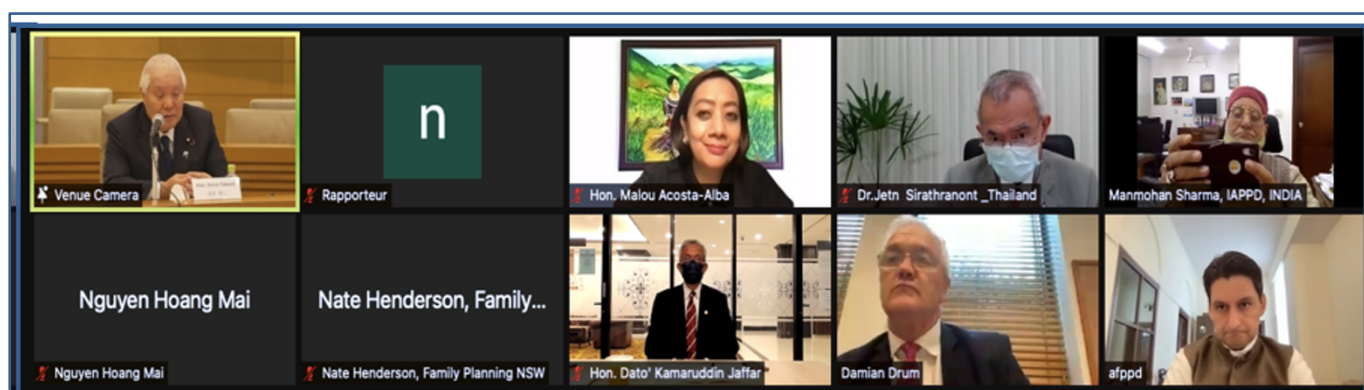
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## F. Closing

Prof. Ikegai requested the members to give comments on the draft Strategic Communications Plan by the end of December to be included for revision.

Hon. Prof. Takemi closed the meeting, thanked the members for their participation, and look forward to the in-person meeting in February in Tokyo.

## PHOTOS



## Participants list

No	Country	Title	Name	Position
<b>AFPPD National Committees on Population and Development</b>				
1	Australia	Hon.	Damien Drum	MP, Vice Chair of AFPPD
2	China			(Absence)
3	India	Hon.	Deepender Hooda	MP, Vice Chair of AFPPD
4	Japan	Hon. Prof.	Keizo Takemi	MP, Chair of AFPPD, Executive Director of JFPF
5	Philippines	Hon.	Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba	MP, Chair of the House Committee on Women and Gender Equality and PLCPD's Chairperson for the House of Representatives
6	Kazakhstan			(Absence)
7	Thailand	Hon. Dr.	Jetn Sirathranont	MP, Secretary General of AFPPD
8	Cambodia			(Attorney)
9	Malaysia	Hon.	Dato' Kamaruddin Jaffar	MP, Member of AFPPD
10	Malaysia	Hon.	Wong Chen	MP, AFPPD MALAYSIA
11	Viet Nam	Hon.	Nguyen Hoang Mai	MP, Member of AFPPD, Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for social affairs (PCSA) term XV (2021-2026)
12	Tonga			(Absence)
<b>National Committee Secretariat</b>				
13	Australia	Mr.	Nate Henderson	Manager International Programme Family Planning NSW
14	India	Mr.	Manmohan Sharma	Executive Secretary of IAPPD
15	Malaysia	Ms.	Nur Diyana Indah binti Khudri	International Affairs & Protocol Division Parliament of Malaysia
16	Philippines	Ms.	Nenita Dalde	Manager, Advocacy and Partnership
17	Vietnam	Ms.	Vu Thi Binh Minh	Department for Social Affairs, Vietnam National Assembly Office
<b>Asian Forum for Parliamentarians' on Population and Development (AFPPD)</b>				
18	Japan	Prof. Dr.	Kiyoko Ikegami	Interim Executive Director
19	Japan	Ms.	Yoko Oshima	Assistant to Interim Executive Director
20	Japan	Ms.	Eri Osada	Staff