



**Minutes of**  
**AFPPD 89th Executive Committee Meeting**  
**13.00-14.30 hrs, 13 November 2020**  
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Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi (MP Japan, AFPPD Chair) chaired the 89th Online Executive Committee Meeting, held at 13.00–14.30 hours on 13 November 2020 from Tokyo, Japan. The following Executive Committee members, or their representatives, and observers attended the meeting:

**Present:**

**Executive Committee Members or representatives (6):**

1. Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, MP Japan, AFPPD Chair, AFPPD Standing Committee Co-Chairperson on Active Ageing
2. Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, MP Thailand, AFPPD Secretary-General
3. H.E. Lork Kheng, MP Cambodia, AFPPD Treasurer
4. Hon. Viplove Takhur, MP India, AFPPD Vice Chair
5. Hon. Gulmira Issimbayeva, MP Kazakhstan, AFPPD Vice Chair
6. Hon. Rep. Edcel Lagman, MP Philippines, AFPPD Vice Chair

**AFPPD Secretariat:**

1. Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami, Interim Executive Director

**Observers:** Hon. Mr. Ouk Damry, MP Cambodia

**National Committee Secretariat Staff / Personal Assistants**

1. Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Executive Secretary, Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD)
2. Ms. Nenita Dalde, Manager, Advocacy and Partnership, Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development Foundation, Inc. (PLCPD)
3. Ms. Vu Thi Binh Minh, Department for Social Affairs, Vietnam National Assembly Office (VAPPD)
4. Dr. Osamu Kusumoto, Executive Director, Asian Population and Development Association (APDA)
5. Ms. Hitomi Tsunekawa, Chief Manager, International Affairs, APDA
6. Dr. Farrukh Usmonov, Assistant Manager of International Affairs/Senior Researcher, APDA
7. Ms. Yoko Oshima, Assistant to AFPPD Interim Executive Director

**Absent:**

**Executive Committee Members (4):**

1. MP Australia (to be nominated, replacing Hon. Ms. Ann Sudmalis), AFPPD Vice Chair
2. Hon. Dr. Liu Qian, MP, Chair, Vice Chair of Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee (ESCPHC)
3. Hon. Dr. Mohammad Vahdati Halan, MP Islamic Republic of Iran, AFPPD Executive Member
4. Hon. Mr. Nguyen Hoang Mai, MP Vietnam, AFPPD Executive Member



## 1) Welcome Address

- a) Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Chair AFPPD

Hon. Takemi welcomed all members of ExCom present, and further called our solidarity as AFPPD, with the new set-up of secretariat office in Tokyo which was decided in October 2019 at the ExCom meeting in KL. He further requested all participants for self-introduction: Hon Ms. Gulmira Issimbayeva (Kazakhstan), Hon Viplove Thakur (India), Hon. Rep. Edcel Lagman (Philippines), Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont (Thailand), Hon. Lork Kheng (Cambodia). He also invited APDA members for self-introduction.

- b) Introduce Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami, Interim Executive Director of AFPPD

Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami briefly introduced herself as former director of UNFPA Tokyo Office and currently Prof. of the Graduate School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health of Nagasaki Univ.

She referred AFPPD's office currently located in APDA's office in Tokyo and today's meeting was organized with the technical assistance of APDA for zoom meeting.

## 2) Agenda

- a) Confirm the Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD, on 23 October 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

\*\*\*The Minutes was self-explanatory and was approved.

- b) Report AFPPD Activities: From November 2019 to October 2020 Report on AFPPD Thai Office

Chair invited Hon. Jetn Sirathranont, MP Thailand, AFPPD Secretary-General to report on the update on the fraud case, including the processes of AFPPD Thai Office which will be closed in future after the settlement of payments. He showed some slides on the civil case against the Bangkok Bank and the criminal case against former staff of AFPPD Thai Office. He also touched the financial statement on 2019 and 2020 which were approved by CPA. The license to operate as the foreign private organization is extended up to 23 October 2021, which allows some time for AFPPD Thai Office for further secretariat work including the final resettlement of funds.



c) Propose AFPPD's legal status in future

Hon Takemi invited Interim Executive Director to briefly explain information about IP. Interim Executive Director explained it is at the stage of obtaining the relevant information around the Implementing Partner (IP) status, because the requirements and qualifications are much stricter than before. For the time being, AFPPD submitted the project proposal through APDA who has IP status.

d) Propose amendment of AFPPD Constitution for transition

Hon Takemi invited Interim Executive Director to explain this agenda. She explained it by reading out the related clause of the Constitution. The main amendment is to delete the part relating to location of the Secretariat as the Thai office, and to put a vague phrase as the General Assembly decides for future. Additional clause is proposed, in order to the National Committees to be strengthened for working closer, to formulate an effective network.

\*\*\*Amendment of AFPPD Constitution was approved.



e) Report Planned Program of Activities for 2020-2021

Hon Takemi Invited Interim Executive Director to report on this agenda.

She referred to COVID-19 situation which hindered the earlier process of the activity plan. The preparatory discussion with UNFPA regarding the project proposal took longer than expected. Final approval has not come yet, but it is the matter of the time. It covers from Nov 2020 to Dec 2021. The funding is coming from Japan Trust Fund (JTF) which is managed by UNFPA Asia and the Pacific. It is composed of two major activities as below:

- ① Strengthen National Committee  
Ageing (research in Nov and online seminar in Dec in 2020)  
Youth (research and seminar in 2021) (Women in 2022)
- ② Strengthen networking  
GA online in May/June 2021 with two ExCom meetings before and after the GA Seminar of policy review on COVID-19 related policies, online, June 2021, to be published in the magazine (5-6 speakers)

Chair commented that all members would be invited to the thematic seminar on Ageing scheduled on 17 December 2020. It is online. The detail information will be sent to you as soon as the official approval arrives at AFPPD.

f) Propose Agenda of 90<sup>th</sup> AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting

Chair called any additional agenda. There were some comments made regarding COVID-19 which affected severely on many countries, and it would be inevitable agenda for MPs to discuss. Chair took note of comments, and referred to the agenda setting in GA which scheduled in May 2021.

g) Form next AFPPD General Assembly May/June 2021

Chair mentioned there would be important organizational work to be done after some blank time for AFPPD.

- (1) The first is to nominate and decide office bearers. Chair would like to consult all members about various ideas prior to the final proposal to be submitted to the GA and of course, prior to the GA, Chair will put this agenda to your review and approval at the ExCom meeting in May 2021.
- (2) The second is about the International Conference to be held in Tokyo, late fall 2021. Chair expected the GA in May 2021 would provide a good discussion opportunity on the main theme of the Conference in Tokyo, as well as how it was to be organized for AFPPD to be strengthened. It will be face-to-face type of meeting, not online, he hopes.



(3) The third and the last for this agenda item is information sharing. Chair of National Committee in China who could not attend this meeting, so who sent me the invitation to AFPPD members, especially Committee members on Ageing, to China as a Study Tour on Ageing, some time in 2022.

h) Any other business with the permission of the Chairperson  
Chair introduced the meeting, which followed the ExCom meeting. That is the renewal ceremony of MoU between AFPPD and Plan Asia which fosters further cooperation for two organizations. He invited any of members who were interested in, to the MoU signing ceremony. It will be signed by Hon Jetn from our side and Ms. Bhagyashri Denge from Plan Asia side. It is also online, with the same Zoom meeting.

89<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD is adjourned.