

Minutes of
AFPPD 98th Executive Committee Meeting
27 April 2025 || 09:00am || Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 after the Secretariat declared the presence of a quorum with eight (8) out of eleven (11) members of the Executive Committee present – Cambodia, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Tonga, and Vietnam. Representatives from Australia, India, and Philippines were absent, but they executed the limited power of attorney (LPA) to Japan, which serves as the Chairperson of AFPPD. In addition, observers such as parliamentary officers from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan (APDA), and Philippines participated.

I. Welcome Message

Through a video message, AFPPD Chair Hon. Prof. Takemi Keizo, welcomed the members and expressed appreciation for their commitments. Moreover, he expressed gratitude to CAPPD and AFPPD Malaysia for making enormous efforts to accommodate the Secretariat of AFPPD in their respective countries.

During his 12 years of service as AFPPD Chair, the Forum has undertaken internal reforms such as strengthening constitution and organizational policies, among others. He also led the conduct of a series of events committed to achieving the ICPD PoA, specifically its 25 and 30 year-commitments, and advanced AFPPD's vision further so that parliamentarians can become agents of positive change. Following his announcement to retire as the Chair, Hon. Prof. Takemi thanked all parties involved in the advancement of AFPPD's regional and global agenda.

Hon. Prof. Takemi proceeded to nominate his successor, Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, MP Japan, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Justice of Japan, as the new Chairperson of AFPPD. There was no objection.

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, MP Japan, AFPPD's new Chairperson, presided over the meeting. She welcomed all the participants to the 98th meeting of the Executive Committee and expressed her positive anticipation to the proceeding discussions. The agenda was circulated to all the participants prior to the meeting for their consideration.

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko then gave the floor to **Dr. Farrukh Usmonov**, Interim Executive Director of AFPPD, to facilitate the discussion.

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 97th Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. Farrukh Usmonov then presented the minutes of the 97th Executive Committee Meeting, which was held on 7 October 2024 in Bali, Indonesia. A copy of the report was distributed to the members of the Executive Committee ahead of the 98th Executive Committee Meeting and uploaded on AFPPD’s website.

With no member having any objection to or comments on the Minutes of the 97th Executive Committee Meeting, the minutes was approved.

The following agenda of the 98th Executive Committee Meeting was also approved:

- a. Report on AFPPD activities: October 2024 to April 2025
- b. Hosting of the AFPPD Secretariat
- c. Other

III. Report on AFPPD activities: October 2024 to April 2025

Dr. Usmonov updated the ExCom members on the activities implemented by AFPPD for the period of October 2024 to April 2025. His update covers the following activities:

Date	Activities	Remarks
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFPPD Regional Conference, Bali Indonesia, 7-9 October . • The AFPPD’s 97th ExCom meeting, Bali Indonesia, 7 October. • AFPPD E-Newsletter #6 (Autumn edition) 	<p>Info on AFPPD website https://afppd.net/event/201007/</p> <p>Posted on Facebook</p> <p>Infor on AFPPD website https://afppd.net/afppd/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Asian_Forum_Newsletter_06.pdf</p>
November 2024	Submitted AFPPD’s 2024-2025 project proposal to the UNFPA Asia- Pacific Regional office (APRO)	
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation letter to attend 15th General Assembly, 98th and 99th ExComs, Standing Committee on Active Ageing were sent to the all members. • Communication with UNFPA: Meeting between Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi Chair of AFPPD and Ms. Shoko Arakaki, Director of the UNFPA Humanitarian Response Division (10 December). • Season Greetings E-Cards were sent to the member-states and the partners. 	<p>Information was posted on Facebook too.</p> <p>Posted on AFPPD Website and Facebook.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNFPA Audit for AFPPD's activities in 2023-2024 (December 13) was successful. • Letter sent (by Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, Former Prime Minister of Japan, Chair of APDA, Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Chair of AFPPD, Hon. Yoko Kamikawa Chair of JPFP) to Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of UNFPA to extend partnership with AFPPD. Reply received in January 2025. 	
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative report 2024 program was submitted to the donors. • UNFPA and AFPPD (through APDA) signed new Work Plan for 2025. • New project proposal for 2024-2025 was approved. • National-level workshop on "Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Women and Girls", Bishkek Kyrgyzstan, 17 January. 	<p>Submitted to UNFPA APRO No financial findings</p> <p>Report on website: https://afppd.net/event/250117/</p>
February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit for prospective office inspection/observation, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. • Online seminar between AFPPD Secretariat and UNFPA APRO and Country offices, 12 February. • National-level workshop on "SDGs and ICPD 30 Commitments for Parliamentarians of Nepal", Kathmandu Nepal, 22 February. • Training for Parliamentarians of Turkmenistan on implementation of a comprehensive gender approach to further improve legislation to protect women from domestic violence, Ashgabat Turkmenistan, 18-20 February 	<p>Posted on Facebook</p> <p>Nepal report: https://afppd.net/event/february-22-2025-kathmandu-nepal/</p> <p>Turkmenistan report: https://afppd.net/event/ashgabat-turkmenistan-18-20-february-2025/</p>
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFPPD E-Newsletter #7 (Winter edition). • Online meeting between AFPPD Secretariat and the secretariat officers of the member-states, 24 March. • Visit for prospective office inspection/observation, Phnom Penh Cambodia, 31 March 	<p>https://afppd.net/afppd/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Asian-Forum-Newsletter-07-3.pdf</p>

IV. Hosting AFPPD Secretariat

Dr. Farrukh Usmonov then reiterated the process of selecting the new host of the AFPPD Secretariat, and the process of regaining the Implementing Partner status of UNFPA. He shared his visit to Malaysia and Cambodia to personally do an ocular visit to the potential sites. Prior the ExCom meeting, the AFPPD Secretariat shared the detailed proposals from the two countries.

Dr. Farrukh Usmonov requested the two country candidates (Cambodia and Malaysia) to proceed with their presentations.

Hon Lork Kheng, MP Cambodia, Vice-Chair of CAPPD presented the Cambodia's proposal to host AFPPD Secretariat, which included, among others, office space and other facilities dedicated for AFPPD Secretariat, the possibility of registering AFPPD as an international organization, and to check with relevant authorities the process of obtaining a diplomatic status.

Hon Howard Lee Chuan How, MP Malaysia, presented Malaysia's proposal to host the AFPPD Secretariat. His presentation included two office spaces and other facilities for AFPPD Secretariat, financial support from the Government of Malaysia amounting to One Million USD spread across five years, registration of AFPPD as an international organization, and the possibility of acquiring a diplomatic status for the Executive Director. However, Hon. Howard made it clear that said diplomatic status does not provide immunity from any legal actions that may arise from AFPPD's operations in Malaysia.

There was a question from the representative of the PLCPD Secretariat on the process of recruiting international staff of AFPPD Secretariat (how and how many). Both Cambodia and Malaysia indicated that there will be possible recruitment of international staff, but the details will be discussed upon the final assignment of the AFPPD Secretariat host.

Upon finishing the presentations and discussions, Dr. Farrukh Usmonov requested both Cambodia and Malaysian delegations to leave the meeting room so that the members could vote.

The ballots, a total of eight, were distributed among the four delegates present in the 98th Executive Committee meeting, while the three ballots intended for Australia, India and the Philippines were given to the Chair by virtue of their LPA. Each delegate filled out and casted their ballots into a box. After counting the ballots in front of the ExCom members, the result showed that Malaysia won by a majority of votes.

Dr. Farrukh Usmonov asked the delegates of Cambodia, and Malaysia to return to the meeting room, and requested Mr. Samidjo of Indonesia, as a rapporteur of the Executive Committee Meeting to announce the result of the voting. Mr. Samidjo announced that the voting indicates that Cambodia got one (1) vote and Malaysia got seven (7) votes.

Thus, Malaysia, based on the 98th Executive Committee meeting, is confirmed to be the host of AFPPD Secretariat.

V. Other matters

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Prepared by: the AFPPD Secretariat
Date: 19 May 2025

Approved during the 100th ExCom Meeting
Date: 3 September 2025

Attendees:

1	Hon.	Lork Kheng	Cambodia	MP
2	Hon.	Li Bin	China	MP
3	Hon.	Kamikawa Yoko	Japan	MP
4	Hon.	Stambekov Yerian	Kyrgyzstan	MP
5	Hon.	Howard Lee Chuan How	Malaysia	MP
6	Hon.	Prapon Tangsrikertikul	Thailand	MP
7	Hon	Lord Tu'ivakano	Tonga	MP
8	Hon	Nguyen Hoang Mai	Vietnam	MP
Absent				
1.	Hon.	Lisa Chesters	Australia	MP
2.	Hon.	Deepender Hooda	India	MP
3.	Hon.	Risa Hontiveros	Philippines	MP
Observers				
1	Ms.	Mith Chanlinda	Cambodia	CAPPD Coordinator
2	Hon	Li Wei	China	MP
3	Mr.	He Tuo	China	NC Officer
4	Mr.	Sun Lei	China	NC Officer
5	Mr.	Bing Feng	China	NC Officer
6	Ms.	Cui Yue	China	NC Officer
7	Mr.	Samidjo	Indonesia	Rapporteur
8	Dr.	Kiyoko Ikegami	Japan	APDA
9.	Mr.	Nenita Dalde	Philippines	PLCPD Officer
AFPPD				
1	Dr.	Farrukh Usmonov	Japan	Interim Executive Director of AFPPD
2.	Ms.	Mio Fuke	Japan	APDA/AFPPD Officer

Nothing follows