The Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum Executive Committee Meeting was held in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR on Sunday 11 January 2009. Participants included representatives from the 8 of the 9 Executive Committee member countries, namely: Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, New Zealand and Singapore.

The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Thongsing Thammavong, President of the APPF and President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR.

The Executive Committee resolved that:

1. The agenda of the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 1 be approved;

2. The Programme of Activities for the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 2 be approved;

3. Hon. Dr. Saysomphone Phomvihane, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, and Hon. Dr. Kukeo Akhamontri, Vice-Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee be Vice-Chairs of the plenary sessions;

4. Prof. Dr. Boungnong Boupha, Member of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, be the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee;

5. The report on ARF 2008 will be presented by Singapore during the 2nd Plenary Session on 13th January 2009;

6. The draft resolutions submitted by the national delegations to the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in annex 3, be approved;

7. The time limits for speakers at the plenary sessions be 7 minutes for speeches and 5 minutes for participants in the open debate;
8. The Drafting Committee be created, and the necessary working groups be set up;

9. Singapore host the 18th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum from 17-23 January 2010;

10. The question of the enlargement of the APPF Executive Committee’s organization be further considered at the 18th APPF Annual Meeting; the APPF membership, observer status and rules of procedures be discussed on item IV: APPF matters in details later; and the Executive Committee may convene again during the meeting as required.
AGENDA

Introduction of delegations

Adoption of decisions of the Executive Committee

I. Economic and Trade Matters (4 hrs duration)
   1. Global Financial Crisis and APPF Effective Response
   2. APEC 2008 in Peru: Report by Peru
   3. WTO 2008
   4. Sustainable Tourism
   5. Energy Security
   6. Food Security
   7. Others

II. Political and Security Matters (3 hrs duration)
   1. Review of the Political and Security Situation in the Asia Pacific Region and in the World
      • ARF 2008 in Singapore: Report by Singapore
      • Peace and Stability in North East Asia
      • Peace and Stability in South East Asia
      • Middle-East Peace Process
      • Cluster Munitions
      • Terrorism
   2. Others

III. Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation (2:30 hrs duration)
   1. Parliamentary Capacity Building
   2. Handling Climate Change and Environmental Issue
   3. Natural Disaster Management
   4. Poverty Reduction
   5. Gender Issues in Parliament
   6. Others

IV. APPF Matters (3 hrs duration)
   1. APPF in Future (Membership, Observer Status, Rules of Procedures)
   2. Date and Venue of APPF’s 18th Annual Meeting
   3. Others

Adoption of Resolutions and the Joint Communiqué
ANNEX 2

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

(All activities of the Meeting will be held at Don Chan Palace unless otherwise stated)

SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY 2009

- Official arrival day

SUNDAY, 11th JANUARY 2009

Arrival of delegates at Wattay International Airport, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR
Proceed to Don Chan Palace
Check in / Registration of Delegates at Hotel lobby

16:00-18:00 Executive Committee Meeting
Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2nd floor
Dress Code: Casual Attire

18:30-20:30 Welcome Reception
Hosted by the APPF-17 Organizing Committee
Venue: Pool Side, 3rd floor
Dress Code: Casual Attire

MONDAY, 12th JANUARY 2009

06:30-08:30 Breakfast
Venue: Coffee Shop, 1st floor

09:00-09:45 Registration of Delegates

09:00-09:45 Courtesy Call on His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR by leaders of delegation
Venue: Room 5-6 (Oudomxay-Xayabuly) 1st floor
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

10:00-11:00 Inaugural Ceremony
Welcoming Arts Performance
Speeches:
- Opening Address by His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR,
- Message of Honorable Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, APPF Honorary President, delivered by Honorable Mr. Yanagimoto, Acting Head of Japanese Delegation
- Address by Honorable Mr. Lindsay Tisch, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand
- Remarks by Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Photo Session

Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

11:30-12:30 Lunch

Venue: Coffee Shop, 1st floor

13:00-15:00 First Plenary Session

Item I: Economic and Trade Matters

Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 First Plenary Session (cont’d)

16:00-16:30 Courtesy Call on His Excellency Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE, the President of Lao PDR by leaders of the delegation

Venue: Presidential Office (Ho Kham)
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

18:30 Gathering at the Lobby
18:45 Leave hotel for Lao International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center (Lao ITECC)

19:00-21:00 Dinner

Hosted by His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, and President of APPF-17

Venue: Lao ITECC
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2009

06:30-08:45 Breakfast

Venue: Coffee Shop, 1st floor

09:00-10:30 Second Plenary Session

Item II: Political and Security Matters

Venue: Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

09:00-10:30 Drafting Committee Meeting

Venue: Convention Hall, Zone B, 2nd floor
Attire: Lounge Suit/National Dress

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Second Plenary Session (cont’d)

11:00-12:30 Drafting Committee Meeting (cont’d)
12:30-14:00 Lunch  
**Venue:** Coffee Shop, 1st floor

14:00-15:30 **Third Plenary Session**  
**Item III: Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation**  
**Venue:** Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor  
**Attire:** Lounge Suit/National Dress

14:00-15:30 **Drafting Committee Meeting (cont’d)**  
**Venue:** Convention Hall, Zone B, 2nd floor  
**Attire:** Lounge Suit/National Dress

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:00 **Third Plenary Session (cont’d)**  
16:00-17:00 **Drafting Committee Meeting (cont’d)**

18:30 Gathering at the Lobby  
18:40 Leave for the International Cooperation and Training Centre (ICTC)

19:00-21:00 **Dinner**  
Hosted by **His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh**, the Prime Minister of Lao PDR  
**Venue:** ICTC  
**Attire:** National dress/Smart Casual

**WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY 2009**

06:30-08:45 **Breakfast**  
**Venue:** Coffee Shop, 1st floor

09:00-16:00 **Outdoor / Excursion programs**  
**Dress Code:** Casual Attire

09:15 • Delegates and accompanying persons leave hotel for visit to:  
- Hophrakeo and Sisaket Museum  
- That Luang Stupa  
- National Assembly Building

12:30 Luncheon hosted by **Mr. Soukkaseum Bodhisane**, Deputy-Chair of Lao National Tourism Authority  
**Venue:** Mekong Restaurant II  
**Attire:** Smart Casual

14:00 • Return to hotel  

**Sport Activity**  
* **Bowling**

14:30 Leave hotel for Lao ITECC

17:00 • Return to hotel
Evening:  *Embassy night/Private dinner and free time*

**THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2009**

06:30-08:45  Breakfast  
*Venue:* Coffee Shop, 1st floor

09:00-10:30  **Fourth Plenary Session**  
*Item IV: APPF Matters*  
*Venue:* Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor  
*Attire:* Lounge Suit/National Dress

09:00-10:30  **Drafting Committee Meeting and Joint Communiqué**  
*Venue:* Convention Hall, Zone B, 2nd floor  
*Attire:* Lounge Suit/National Dress

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-12:30  **Fourth Plenary Session (cont’d)**  
11:00-12:30  **Drafting Committee Meeting and Joint Communiqué (cont’d)**

12:30-14:00  Lunch  
*Venue:* Coffee Shop, 1st floor

14:00-15:30  **Final Plenary Session**  
- Adoption of Resolutions
  - Adoption and signing of the Joint Communiqué by Heads of Delegations

**Closing Ceremony**  
- Transfer of duty in hosting the 18th Annual Meeting to the Parliament of Singapore by President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR
  - Acceptance Address by the Speaker of Parliament of Singapore, Head of the Singaporean Delegation
  - Closing Address by **His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong**, President of APPF, President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR  
    *Venue:* Convention Hall, Zone A, 2nd floor  
    *Attire:* Lounge Suit/National Dress

15:30-15:45  Coffee break

16:15-17:00  **Press Conference**  
*Venue:* Convention Hall, Zone B, 2nd floor

Evening:  *Private dinner and free time*
FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2009

06:30–08:45 Breakfast

Venue: Coffee Shop, 1st floor

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