Conclusions of the 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)
(Kunming, China, July 16, 2010)

The 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") was held at Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel in Kunming, China under the auspices of the Communist Party of China (hereinafter referred to "the CPC") on Friday, July 16, 2010, on the sidelines of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation which was held during July 13-20, 2010.

The Meeting was convened and chaired by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP. The list of participants is attached as ***Appendix 1***.

At the outset, the Members agreed to focus on the following four agenda items at the Meeting due to the time constraints:

1. Preparations for the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation, including the draft Kunming Declaration
2. Preparations for the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP
3. Establishment of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)
4. Time and venues for future ICAPP programs

They further agreed to continue to consider the other agenda items which had been included in the Annotated Agenda for the 13th SC Meeting (See ***Appendix 2***), including the proposal to apply for U.N. NGO Consultative Status for the ICAPP, and review them at the 14th SC Meeting to be held in Phnom Penh in early December 2010.

New Members of the Standing Committee

As the first business of the Meeting, the Members welcomed two new SC Members. First, the Members congratulated Hon. Ai Ping on his recent promotion to the position of Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC and welcomed him as the new SC Member replacing Hon. Liu Jieyi. They also welcomed Hon. Yutaka Banno, Member of the Diet and Director General of the International Department of the Democratic Party of Japan as the new SC Member replacing Hon. Yukihisa Fujita.

The Members also welcomed the decision reached between the Cambodian People's Party and the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia that the Cambodia People's Party will replace the Funcinpec Party as the SC Member representing Cambodia from the 14th SC Meeting to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on December 1, 2010. Under this arrangement, the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia will participate in SC Meetings as an observer as long as Cambodia maintains its membership in SC, following the formula reached between two major political parties in Japan and Korea respectively to coordinate among themselves to ensure maximum contributions by the political parties in their countries to the ICAPP activities. In this regard, some Members of the SC suggested that the similar formula should be adopted by all the other Members of the SC to make the ICAPP activities more inclusive and credible.

Preparations for the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation

Hon. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the IDCPC, made the report, in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation, on the preparations for the Conference, the program of which had already started with the field trips to Chuxiong and Honghe Prefectures in Yunnan Province. The Members endorsed with appreciation the program of the Conference as prepared by the IDCPC. The program is attached as ***Appendix 3***.

In particular, the Members noted with great appreciation that the special congratulatory messages from H.E. Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the CPC and President of the People's Republic of China, and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations to be delivered at the Opening Ceremony of the Conference on July 17, 2010, would well demonstrate the great emphasis the world leaders were placing on the issue of poverty alleviation. They also noted that, with only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the U.N. Millennium Goals (MDGs), there is still much to be done, and expressed their strong support for the efforts led by U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to accelerate progress towards the MDGs.

In this regard, they agreed to adopt "Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation" at the end of the Conference and submit it to the U.N. Secretary General and request him to circulate it in time to all leaders to participate in the MDG Summit to be held in New York in mid-September this year. The Members deliberated on the basis of the draft prepared by the Organizing Committee of the Conference, which was short, sharp and substantive, and agreed to recommend the attached draft declaration (See ***Appendix 4)*** to the participants in the Conference to adopt.

Preparations for the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP

Hon. SOK An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodia People's Party, Cambodia, made a report on the current state of preparations for the 6th General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "GA") of the ICAPP in his capacity of Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA. The Opening Ceremony of the 6th GA will be held in the morning of Thursday, December 2, 2010 and the Closing Ceremony in the evening of Friday, December 3, 2010. The Delegates and Observers are requested to arrive in Phnom Penh by Wednesday, December 1, 2010 in time for the Welcoming Reception to be held in the evening of the same day. Hon. SOK An's report and the tentative program of the 6th GA are attached as ***Appendixes 5 and 6***.

The Members endorsed the appointment by the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA of Hon. Mushahid Hussain, Secretary General of Pakistan Muslim League, as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of Phnom Penh Declaration to be adopted at the 6th GA. Hon. Mushahid Hussain reported that he would prepare a draft in three contexts, namely (1) 10th anniversary of the ICAPP, (2) geopolitical changes that are taking place, and (3) the historical and political significance of the venue of the 6th GA. He further reported that the initial draft would be circulated to the SC Members in advance for them to have sufficient time to review it before they'd come to Phnom Penh.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, reported to the Members that the official invitations, signed by Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA will be immediately sent out to 317 political parties in 52 countries and 1 territory which are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities in accordance with the ICAPP Charter and understandings reached at the previous SC Meetings. A copy of the invitation and the list of eligible political parties are attached as ***Appendixes 7 and 8.***

Establishment of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum(IMEF)

Hon. Dato Seri Shahadin Bin Kassim, Member of the Executive Council of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, reported that the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) was held in Langkawi, Malaysia during June 4-5, 2010 under the auspice of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) in accordance with the understanding reached at the 12th SC Meeting held in Kathmandu on February 29, 2010. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Bin Kassim, and attended by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Hon. Chung Eui-Yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Muslim League (See ***Appendix 9***).

At the said meeting, it had been agreed to make the following recommendations to the SC:

1. To establish the Steering Committee of the IMEF composed of ICAPP SC Members from Malaysia and Pakistan and the two Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and nominate Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim as Chairman and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed as Co-Chairman; and
2. To establish the Secretariat of the IMEF with legal formality in Malaysia with the support of the UMNO and designate Datuk Raja Ropiaah Raja Abdullah, Member of the Executive Council of the UMNO and Chairperson of the Women's Wing of Barisan Nacional, as Secretary General, and Dr. Novandri Hassan Basri, as Secretary.

It had also been agreed at the above meeting to recommend the following terms of reference of the IMEF to the SC:

1. To make and update the list of active and prominent humanitarian organizations in Asia with their names, focal points, addresses, email addresses, phone and fax numbers, etc.;
2. To set up user friendly website of the IMEF to introduce its activities, which will also include readily available links to other humanitarian organizations like Care, ICRC, and the United Nations Relief Body;
3. To organize a core group of disaster relief workers, including medical doctors, nurses, relief volunteers, etc, who will be readily available to immediately respond to the emergency calls whenever and wherever a disaster situation occurs in Asia, with the support, and through coordination, of other political parties which participate in ICAPP activities; and
4, To focus not only on immediate relief activities when an emergency occurs, but also to post-disaster relief works, including longer-term rehabilitation and reconstruction, with teams that may stay at the disaster sites for up to 90 days or so on the basis of rotation principle among available volunteers recommended by political parties in Asia, and on media-coordination by disseminating to, and sharing with, all the political parties in the region the IMEF activities and efforts so that maximum participation by the ICAPP

members can be ensured.

In this regard, Hon. Dato Seri Shahadin Bin Kassim also made a proposal to convene an "ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection" in Malaysia back-to-back with the 15th SC Meeting scheduled to be held in Malaysia under the auspices of the UMNO during the first half of 2011.

The Members endorsed the establishment of the IMEF as agreed at the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the IMEF in May 2010 and further agreed to continue their considerations on the proposal to convene the ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection at the 14th SC Meeting in December 2010 on the basis of a more detailed proposal to be prepared by the UMNO.

Time and Venues for Future ICAPP Programs

The Members reconfirmed their decision to convene the 15th SC Meeting in Malaysia under the auspices of the UMNO during May 2011 and the 16th SC Meeting in the Republic of Korea during the second half of 2011, respectively as have been previously agreed upon at the 12th SC Meeting in Kathmandu. They also welcomed the offers made by other SC Members to host ICAPP programs in the future.

Other Issues

The Members reiterated that all representatives of the political parties should refrain from raising any issues directly related to bilateral conflicts or disputes among the countries in the region at all ICAPP meetings. It was highly recommended, however, to seek direct dialogue among political parties in the concerned countries to promote understanding between themselves and prevent such conflicts or disputes from getting further aggravated.

The Members took note of the report by the Secretariat on the procedures for getting U.N. NGO Consultative Status for the ICAPP and agreed to continue their consideration on the proposal at the 14th SC Meeting.

They also requested the Secretariat to continue its efforts to reach out to political parties in Africa with a view to convening a trilateral meeting among political parties in Asia, Latin America and Africa in the near future.

Appendixes:

1. *List of Participants in the 13th SC Meeting*
2. *Annotated Agenda of the 12th SC Meeting*
3. *Program of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation*
4. *Draft Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation*
5. *Report on the Progress of Preparations for the 6th GA*
6. *Tentative Program for the 6th GA*
7. *Copy of Invitation Letter to the 6th GA*
8. *List of Political Parties to be Invited to the 6th GA*
9. *IMEF Report*

List of Participants in the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
Kunming, China, July 16, 2010

Participating Members of the Standing Committee: (17)

● Hon. Chris McDiven, Immediate Past President, Liberal Party, Commonwealth of **Australia** (chris.mcdiven@bigpond.com)

● Hon. Dr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives and Chair of the Advisory Body of Islamic National Menber Society, Kingdom of **Bahrain** (saabdul@hotmail.com)

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● Hon. Ai Ping, Vice Minister, International Department of the Central Committee, Communist Party of China, People's Republic of **China** (aiping@idcpc.org.cn)

● Hon. Manish Tewari, Member of Indian Parliament(Lok Sabha) and National Spokesperson of the Indian National Congress(manishtewari@hotmail.com) on behalf of Hon. Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Department, Indian National Congress (Indira Gandhi), Republic of **India**

● Hon. Iris Indira Murti, Ambassador and International Relations Coordinator, Central Board of the GOLKAR Party, on behalf of Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice President, GOLKAR Party, Republic of **Indonesia** (puterianindya@yahoo.com)

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● Hon. HWANG Jin-ha, Vice Chairman of Policy Committee, Grand National Party, Republic of **Korea** (jinhwang@assembly.go.kr)

● Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for the Northern Region Economic Growth, and Member of Supreme Council, United Malay National Organization(UMNO), **Malaysia** (shahidan@pmo.gov.my)

● Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, on behalf of Hon. Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister and Senior Leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary-General, Pakistan Muslim League (PML), Islamic Republic of **Pakistan (**mushahid.hussain@gmail.com)

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● Hon. CHUNG Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General, **ICAPP Secretariat (**euiyongchung@gmail.com)

Special Participants: (4)

●Asian Parliamentary Assembly (1)
- Hon. Hady Nejad Hosseinian, Secretary General of APA

● Cambodia (1)
- H.E. SOK An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Member of the Standing Committee of the **Cambodian People's Party** and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP (an_sok@camnet.com.kh)

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● Korea (1)
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- Mr. Sok Keang, Member of CPP, Advisor to the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Mr. Sao Sopheap, Member of CPP, Advisor to the Office of the Council of Ministers
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● **FUNCINPEC Party of Cambodia (3)**
- Dr. Jiang Mingjun, Advisor
- Mr. Tee Ching Seng, Advisor
- Mr. Kuy Marindy, Personal Secretary

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- Ms. Yuka Uchida, Staff at the International Department

● **Korea (2)**
- Mr. PARK Jin-ho, Director of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union
- Ms. KANG Jee-hyun, Deputy Director of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union

● **Philippines (2)**
- Mr. Jose de Venecia III, Economic Adviser to PDP Laban Party
- Mr. Bonifacio Nakpil, Assistant to Hon. Jose de Venecia

● **Vietnam (2)**
- Two staff members of the Communist Party of Vietnam

● **ICAPP Secretariat (2)**
- Amb. LEE Sun-jin, Advisor
- Mr. LEE Chung-min, Program Coordinator (lcm.kugsis@gmail.com)

Non-Participating Members of SC: (2)

● Hon. Ahmadov Ali Javad, Member of Parliament, Deputy Chairman and Executive Secretary of New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan** (secretariat@yap.org.az)

● Hon. Hossein Kashefi Vahdati, President of Iran Parties House(IPH), Islamic Republic of **Iran**

Draft Annotated Agenda for the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

(Kunming, China, Friday, July 16, 2010)

I. Preparation for the 6th General Assembly

1. Report from the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly

At the 12th Standing Committee (SC) Meeting held in Kathmandu on February 29, 2010, it was agreed by the SC Members (hereinafter referred to as "the Members") to change the venue and the time of 6th GA after concerns raised by some of the Members over security situation in Karachi, Pakistan. In this respect, a proposal was offered by Hon. Sok An, Member of Standing Committee of Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to host the 6th General Assembly (GA) of the ICAPP in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in early December 2010, in collaboration of the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia. The offered had also been confirmed by H.E. Keo Puth Reasmey, President of the Funcinpec Party. The Members welcomed and unanimously endorsed the proposal.

On May 27, 2010, H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister and Chairman of Cambodian People's Party (CPP), formally acknowledged the SC's endorsement to the proposal to hold the 6th GA in Cambodia. It was further noticed that the 6th GA will be convened during December 1 to 4, 2010 under the main theme of "Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow." Prime Mister's letter is attached as ***Appendix I.***

In this regard, extensive consultations had been conducted in Phnom Penh during July 4 to 5, 2010, between the ICAPP delegation, headed by the Co-Chairmen of the SC, and the members of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA, headed by H.E. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA. During these consultations, a tentative program for the 6th GA has been agreed as seen in ***Appendix II***.

There will be more detailed report on the current status of preparations and other arrangements for the 6th GA by Hon. Sok An, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA.

2. List of Political Parties to be Invited to the 6th GA

According to the latest survey conducted by the ICAPP Secretariat, there are 317 political parties in 52 countries and 1 territory in the region, as of the end of May 2010, which had met the criteria for eligibility to be invited to the ICAPP activities including the GA. The latest list is attached as ***Appendix III.***

3. Draft of Phnom Penh Declaration

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League, has been recommended by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Phnom Penh Declaration, which is to be adopted at the closing ceremony of the 6th GA. In this regard, Hon. Mushahid Hussain will make his initial suggestions on the elements to be included in the final declaration, for discussion among the SC members.

II. Issues relating to the Standing Committee

1. New Members and Replacement of Members of the SC

As had been notified earlier by the Secretariat, Hon. Ai Ping, formerly Director General of

the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), had been recently promoted to the position of Vice Minister of the IDCPC, and appointed as the Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee representing the Communist Party of China, replacing Hon. Liu Jieyi.

At the 12th SC Meeting, the SC had acknowledged the arrangements between the two main political parties in Japan and Korea, that as long as these countries retain membership in the ICAPP SC, the representatives of the political parties holding the largest number of seats in their respective Parliaments at the time of their membership in the SC would represent the countries at the SC as its Members, while the representatives of the political parties holding the second largest number of seats in the Parliaments would attend the SC Meetings as observers to coordinate among themselves and ensure maximum contributions by the political parties in these countries to the ICAPP activities. In this regard, the SC Members are invited to consider encouraging similar arrangements to other SC Members with regard to representation of their respective countries in the ICAPP SC.

2. Time and Venue for Future Standing Committee Meetings

At the 12th SC Meeting, it was agreed to hold the 14th SC Meeting during the 6th GA to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in late 2010. The Members also welcomed the offers made by Malaysia and the Republic of Korea to host the 15th and 16th Meetings of the SC respectively in 2011. SC Members from Russia, Bahrain and Azerbaijan have also expressed their willingness to host the SC Meetings in the future.

3. New Joint Initiative by ICAPP and COPPPAL to Reach Out to Africa

As requested by the Members at the 12th SC Meeting, the ICAPP Secretary General tried to establish contacts with major political parties in Africa, including the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa, and coordinate efforts with them with a view to convening the first trilateral meeting among political parties in Asia, Latin America and Africa in near future.

In this regard, the Secretariat has received an official response from Hon. Gwede Mantashe, Secretary General of the ANC, on June 9, 2010, which stated that the proposal would be soon referred to the International Relations Committee of the ANC for consideration and formal recommendation.

4. Second Joint Session with the COPPPAL CB

At the 12th SC Meeting, the Members agreed to hold the 2nd Joint Session between the ICAPP SC and the Coordinating Body (CB) of the COPPPAL on the margins of the 6th GA to be held in Cambodia and requested the Secretary General to prepare an agenda for the session in collaboration with the COPPPAL Secretariat. The Members were also invited to participate in the annual Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL to be held in Mexico and El Salvador during the latter part of 2010.

5. First Joint Session with the Executive Council of the APA

During the 12th SC Meeting, the Members acknowledged with appreciation the participation in the Meeting by Hon. Dr. Hadi Nejad Hosseinian, Secretary General of the APA, and considered ways to form partnership, synergy and cooperation for Asian integration between the ICAPP SC and the Executive Council (EC) of the APA. No official response from the APA has been sent to the Secretariat up to this date.

III. Other ICAPP Activities

1. ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation

The ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation is to be held in Kunming, the Capital City of Yunnan Province of China, during July 14-18, 2010 under the auspice of the Communist Party of China. The tentative program of the conference is attached as ***Appendix IV***.

In this regard, it was proposed to adopt the "Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation" at the end of the conference and to submit it to both the 65th General Assembly of the United Nations and the 6th GA of the ICAPP. The draft declaration is attached for the review by the SC Members as ***Appendix V***.

2. Establishment of ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)

Hon. Dato Seri Shahadin Bin Kassim, Member of Supreme Council of the United Malay National Organization, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of Pakistan Muslin Leauge, jointly proposed to launch a new ICAPP humanitarian initiative, named the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) during the 12th SC Meeting.

In this regard, the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the IMEF was held in Langkawi, Malaysia during June 4-5, 2010. The report of the meeting is attached for the review and endorsement by the SC Members as ***Appendix VI.***

3. Application for UN NGO Consultative Status

Recently, the ICAPP Secretariat has contacted the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations and checked the possibility of obtaining an UN NGO Consultative Status in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

Among other requirements for obtaining consultative status are the following:

- Applying organization's activities must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC;
- The organization must have been in existence (officially registered) for at least 2 years in order to apply;
- The organization must have a democratic decision making mechanism; and
- The major portion of the organization's funds should be derived from contributions from national affiliates, individual members, or other non-governmental components.

In addition, according to the UN procedures, applications received between the 1st of June 2010 and 1st of June 2011 will be taken up in the year 2012. When an application becomes part of the agenda of the NGO Committee, two representatives of the organization is invited to be present during the session.

NGO's with consultative status will be accredited for participation in the relevant international conferences convened by the United Nations and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of the said conferences. They may also participate and submit statements to the various meetings convened by nine ECOSOC functional commissions, including Commission on Sustainable Development and Commission for Social Development.

4. Programs to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP

Since year 2010 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the ICAPP, SC members are invited to consider if there should be other programs suitable for celebration of the

occasion.

IV. Other Issues

The SC Members can raise any other relevant issues under this item.

Appendixes:

I. Letter from H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia
II. Tentative Program of the 6th GA
III. List of Political Parties Eligible to be invited to the 6th GA
IV. Tentative Program of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation
V. Draft of Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation
VI. Report of the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the IMEF

Program of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation
Kunming, China, July 13-20, 2010

Tuesday, July 13

Arrival and Registration of Delegates
- Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel in Kunming

Wednesday, July 14

08:30-20:30 **Group A: Field Trip to Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province**
- Briefing at Chuxiong Prefecture
- Tour of Longchuan Township in Nanhua County followed by Lunch
- Tour of Miyilu Holiday Valley and Chahe Village
- Tour of Reconstruction Project in Guantun Village
- Tour of Valley of Dinosaurs at Lufeng Country followed by Dinner

08:30-17:00 **Group B: Field trip to Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province**
- Tour of Xisan Township in Mile County
- Tour of Mayi Village and Keyi Village followed by Lunch
- Tour of Kunming Shilin Solar Energy Photovoltaic Power Station

Thursday, July 15

08:30-17:00 **Group A: Field trip to Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province**

08:30-20:30 **Group B: Field Trip to Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province**

Friday, July 16

09:00-13:00 **The 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Meeting**
- Venue: Conference Room, Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel
- For Standing Committee Members only

18:30 **Welcoming Banquet by Mr. Bai Enpei, Member of the Central Committee of the CPC and Secretary of CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee**
- Venue: Banquet Hall, Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel

Saturday, July 17

09:15- **Opening Ceremony of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation**
- Venue: Convention Hall, Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel
- Chair: Mr. Wang Jiarui, Chairman of the Organization Committee of the Conference and Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China(IDCPC)
- Congratulatory Message from H.E. Hu Jintao, General Secretary of

the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China

- Opening Remarks by Mr. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Congratulatory Message from H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations
- Opening Remarks by H.E. Hui Liangyu, Member of Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China
- Congratulatory Remarks by H.E. D.M. Jayaratne, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
- Congratulatory Remarks by H.E. Suthep Thaugsuban, Vice Prime Minister of Thailand
- Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Bai Enpei, Member of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee

11:00 -13:00 **Session I**

- Chair: Mr. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the IDCPC
- Keynote Speech by Mr. Zhang Lei, Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Social Mobilization of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP)

14:30-17:30 **Session II**

- Chair: Mr. Mushahid Hussain, Rapporteur of the Conference and Secretary General of Pakistan Muslim League
- Keynote Speech by Dr. Wu Zhong, Director General, International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC)

18:00 -20:00 **Session III**

- Chair: Mr. Mushahid Hussain
- Keynote Speech by Mr. Zhou Zhenqiu, Deputy Director, Shanghai Municipal Office of Cooperation and Exchanges

Sunday, July 18

09:00-10:15 **Closing Ceremony**

- Venue: Convention Hall, Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel
- Chair: Hon. Ai Ping of Vice Minister of IDCPC and Vice Chairman of the Organizing Committee
- Adoption of Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation
- Closing Remarks by Mr. Li Jiheng, Deputy Secretary of CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee
- Briefing on the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP by H.E. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly
- Vote of Thanks by Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee

10:45-12:00 **Press Conference**

- Venue: Golden Dragon Hotel, Kunming
- Chair: Mr. Li Jun, General Director, Research Bureau, IDCPC
- Participants: Mr. Jose de Venecia, Jr. and Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Mr. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the IDCPC

13:00-16:30 **Move from Kunming to Beijing by Special Chartered Plane**

- Check-in at Wanshou Hotel in Beijing

18:30 **Reception Dinner by Mr. Wang Jiarui, Member of the Central Committee of the CPC, Minister of the IDCPC and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation**

- Venue: Functional Room, Wanshou Hotel

Monday, July 19

15:30-16:30 **Meeting with H.E. Xi Jinping, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice President of the People's Republic of China**

- Venue: Great Hall of the People

Tuesday, July 20

Departure of Delegates from China

Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation

We, the leaders and representatives of 58 governing and opposition political parties from 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific, together with African political parties and international organizations such as the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), gathered at the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Conference on Poverty Alleviation held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, under the auspices of the Communist Party of China (CPC) from 13 to 18 July, 2010.

We emphasize that poverty alleviation and common development signify a lofty dream of humankind, shared responsibility of the international community, deserve high priority in Asian and other developing countries in the world, as well as an historical mission for the political parties across Asia and the developing world. We express our strong support for the efforts led by the United Nations to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

We appeal to all political parties, governments, parliaments, NGOs, the civil society organizations and the international community to pursue MDGs with single-minded determination to alleviating poverty. Reflecting the diversity of Asia as its strength, delegates exchanged ideas, experiences and discussed innovative undertakings in pursuit of the goal of poverty alleviation. These ideas include initiatives: an *Asian Anti-Poverty Fund*, an *Asian Micro-Finance Fund*, and final implementation of relevant UN-approved proposals such as Debt-Swaps for financing MDGs. The meeting also lauded the international cooperation in the field of development and poverty reduction, as well as debt relief undertaken by several nations.

We express our admiration for China's success in lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty within the span of a generation. This is a unique economic and social achievement in human history, for which the Communist Party of China and its wise leadership deserve due credit.

Finally, we express our appreciation to H.E. Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations for their gracious messages of congratulations to the Conference. We express our most sincere gratitude to the leaders of the Communist Party of China and the Government of People's Republic of China for hosting this historic Conference. We also thank the government and the people of Yunnan Province for their support and warm hospitality.

Adopted on 18 July, 2010 in Kunming, China

Report by H.E. Sok An, Member of the Standing Committee, Cambodian People's Party, and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly of ICAPP

At the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
Kunming, China, July 16, 2010

"The State of Preparations for the 6th General Assembly"

- *Honorable Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee,*
- *Honorable guests and distinguished participants,*

Today, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), I have the honor to report to you on the progress of our preparations for the above-mentioned Assembly.

As you may be aware, as per resolution of the 12th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in February 2010, the Cambodian People's Party, in collaboration with the FUNCINPEC Party, will host the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP under the theme of *"Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow" with special emphasis on economy, energy and environment.* The General Assembly is to be organized in Phnom Penh from 1 to 4 December 2010 during which period the 10th anniversary of the ICAPP will also be celebrated.

However, before touching on the details of our preparations, I would like to recall that we started the process of our bid for hosting such an important Assembly during the visit of Honorable Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General, to Cambodia from 28 to 31 January 2010. Following the decision of the ICAPP Standing Committee made in Kathmandu and in close consultation with the ICAPP Secretariat, Honorable Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of Pakistan League paid a visit to Cambodia from 7 to 10 April 2010 and held consultation with us so as to kick start the preparations. During his visit, Honorable Mushahid Hussain Sayed had kindly confirmed his agreement to Chair the Drafting Committee of the 6th General Assembly.

Subsequently, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN sent letters dated May 27 in his capacity as Vice President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and dated May 31, 2010 in his capacity as Head of the Royal Government of Cambodia to Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP to officially confirm the Government's support for hosting the 6th General Assembly in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Concurrently, the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly was formally established on May 31, 2010. The Committee with 31 members is headed by myself and it has one Secretariat and three Sub-Commissions (Logistics and Hospitality, Document and Research, and Security and Safety). FUNCINPEC Party has been requested to assign her representative to participate in the Committee as vice-chairman. Since its inception, the Committee met twice on June 6 and July 1, 2010 and had discussed the detailed preparations for the 6th General Assembly.

Moreover, Honorable Jose de Venecia, Honorable Chung Eui-yong, and Honorable

Mushahid Hussain Sayed visited Phnom Penh from 3 to 7 July 2010 during which period we had held extensive discussion and consultation on the tentative program, the preparation of the background documents, protocol, and logistical arrangements for the forthcoming Assembly and the ICAPP 10th Anniversary.

More specially, the progress of the preparations for the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP and its sideline events is as follows:

Tentative Program for the 6th General Assembly and its Sideline Events

1. The whole program for the 6th General Assembly and its sideline events is scheduled to take place from the afternoon of December 1 to the afternoon of December 4, 2010.

2. The 14th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee would be convened on the eve of the 6th General Assembly. The Meeting will be chaired by Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP. The meeting is to adopt the agenda of the General Assembly and to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Bureau of the 6th General Assembly. It is understood that the Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP wish to nominate Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Vice President of the CPP, as Chairman of the 6th General Assembly. Six dignitaries will be elected as Vice-Chairmen of the Assembly at the same occasion.

3. Samdech Techo HUN SEN will open the 6th General Assembly, on December 2 at 09:00hrs, in his capacity as Chairman of the General Assembly.

4. It is agreed that Special Workshops on *"Women Politicians"* and *"Young Political Leaders"* will be held in parallel with the 2nd Session between ICAPP Standing Committee and COPPPAL Coordinating Body, in the afternoon of December 2.

5. Only ICAPP Standing Committee Members will attend the 2nd Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and COPPPAL Coordinating Body. ICAPP Secretariat will prepare content of the meeting and invite participants to the Session. Organizing Committee will handle the ground works (hotel accommodation and other logistics).

6. H.E. Say Chhum, Chairman of the Permanent Committee, will host lunch on December 2 on behalf of CPP. FUNCINPEC Party will host the luncheon on December 3. Farewell dinner reception will be hosted by Honorable Co-Chairmen Jose de Venecia and Chung Eui-yong on December 3.

7. The draft of *"Phnom Penh Declaration"* will be presented to the Standing Committee Members prior to the 14th Meeting. The draft document will then be made available to the Assembly's participants before the end of the first day of the General Assembly (December 2) and all delegations will be asked to provide written comments to the Drafting Committee in the morning of December 3.

8. Documents on *"Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow," "Women Politicians"* and *"Young Political Leaders"* will be jointly prepared by the Organizing Committee and the Drafting Committee for circulation to the invited political parties. These documents will be used as background papers for the General Assembly and the two special workshops.

9. During the Closing Ceremony, on December 3, *"Phnom Penh Declaration"* will be read by the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee followed by remarks of Hon. Chung Eui-yong announcing new list of Standing Committee Members and the closing remarks of Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Press Conference will be conducted upon closing of the General Assembly.

Special Program to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP

10. The 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP will be celebrated at the Gala Dinner on December 2 which is to be hosted by Samdech Techo HUN SEN. It is suggested that founding members and former members of the ICAPP Standing Committee be invited to join the General Assembly and particularly in the 10th Anniversary Ceremony. Similarly, the Organizing Committee recommends the ICAPP Secretariat to extend special invitations to heads of states and governments who have been involved in the ICAPP and other dignitaries may be recommended by the ICAPP Standing Committee.

11. Some founding members and VVIPs may be invited to make a brief toast at the 10th Anniversary. Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the ICAPP Secretary General will announce Medal Awards for the dignitaries at the same Ceremony.

12. During Gala Dinner with the 10th Anniversary Celebration, cultural shows of the performance teams from various countries in the region will be conducted so as to show the diversity of Asian culture. The whole event will take place at the magnificent Mekong's riverbank on the Diamond Island City.

Other Logistics

13. The General Assembly and its sideline events will take place at Diamond Island City on December 2 and 3. All ICAPP Standing Committee Members and other VVIPs will be accommodated at Cambodiana Hotel. While, the other delegates will be respectively accommodated at Naga World Hotel. The Organizing Committee shall accommodate two rooms for each delegation. Moreover, airport transfer and convenient local transportation will be provided to all participants of the General Assembly.

14. Special immigration lane for ICAPP delegates will be arranged in Phnom Penh International Airport for facilitating the immigration process. Upon the request of the Organizing Committee, the Royal Government of Cambodia has confirmed her agreement to grant visa fee exemption for all General Assembly's participants.

15. Chartered flights will be arranged by the Organizing Committee and provided by the Royal Government of Cambodia for a special tour to Angkor Wat on December 4. Leaders and members of the delegation will be requested to confirm their participation in the special tour by filling out registration form.

16. Through the coordination of the Organizing Committee, safety and security of the delegates will be provided by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

Honorable members of the ICAPP, we expect that the 6th General Assembly will be the largest gartering in the ICAPP history during which period we will also commemorate the 10th Anniversary. Therefore, in order to mark significant progress of the ICAPP, the Organizing Committee and ICAPP Secretariat are expecting the participation of the Secretary General of the United Nations, in the Opening Ceremony of the 6th General Assembly and the 10th Anniversary Ceremony.

Likewise, we wish to invite you all to the aforementioned General Assembly. We hope that you will schedule your arrival in Phnom Penh that allows you to be able to participate in the welcoming dinner reception which is scheduled to take place in the evening of December 1.

On behalf of the Cambodian People's Party and in my capacity as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, I would like to assure you that, in close consultation with the ICAPP Secretariat, we will try our best to advance the progress of our preparations, in terms of both content and logistics, so as to make sure that the General Assembly will be held in a successful manner.

Thank you.

Tentative Program of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP
(Phnom Penh, Cambodia, December 1 to 4, 2010)

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Afternoon Arrival and Registration of Delegates
- Cambodiana Hotel and Naga World Hotel

15:00-17:00 **CDI (Centrist Democrat International) Leaders' Meeting**
- Venue:

19:00-21:00 **Welcoming Dinner Reception** to be hosted by H.E. Sok An, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA and Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Venue:

21:30-23:30 **14th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee**
- Venue : Cambodiana Hotel

Thursday, December 2, 2010

06:30-08:00 Breakfasts at Cambodiana Hotel and Naga World Hotel
08:00-08:15 Departure for the Venue of the 6th GA by Shuttle Bus
08:15-08:45 Arrival and Registration of Delegates
- Venue: Diamond Island City

09:00 Arrival of H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
09:00-10:30 **Opening Ceremony**
- Venue: Main Convention Hall, Diamond Island City
- Opening Remarks by H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia
- Congratulatory Remarks by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Congratulatory Remarks by H.E. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations (*to be confirmed*)
- Congratulatory Remarks by Other Dignitaries
- Election of the Officers of the Bureau of the 6th GA

10:30-11:00 Group Photo Taking and Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 **First Session of the Plenary Meeting**
- Keynote Speeches by Heads of Delegations or Observers

12:30-14:00 **Lunch** hosted by H.E. Say Chhum, Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP)
14:00-16:45 **Second Session of the Plenary Meeting**
- Keynote speeches by Heads of Delegations and Observers (*continued*)

16:45-17:00 Coffee Break
17:00-18:00 **Special Workshop for Women Politicians**
- Venue: Room____, Diamond Island City
- Chairperson: H.E. Ms Khoun Sudary, Member of the Standing Committee, CPP
- -Keynote Speaker: H.E. Ms Ing Kanthaphavi, Minister of Women Affairs

17:00-18:00 **Special Workshop for Young Political Leaders**
- Venue: Room____, Diamond Island City
- Chairperson: H.E. Sean Borat
- Keynote Speaker: H.E. Hun Manet

17:00-18:00 **Second Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body**
- Venue: Room____, Diamond Island City
- Participants: Members of the ICAPP SC and COPPPAL CB

19:30-22:00 **Gala Dinner** in celebration of the 6th GA and the 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP hosted by H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of

Cambodia and Chairman of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP
- Venue: Diamond Island City

Friday, December 3, 2010

06:00-08:00 Breakfast at Cambodiana Hotel and Naga World Hotel
08:00-09:00 **Meeting of the Drafting Committee**
- Venue: Room____, Diamond Island City
- Chairman: Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of Pakistan Muslim League

08:00-08:15 Departure for the Venue of the 6th GA by Shuttle Bus
08:15:08:45 Arrival of Delegates
09:00-10:30 **Third Session of the Plenary Meeting**
- Keynote Speeches by Heads of Delegations and Observers (*continued*)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 **Fourth Session of the Plenary Meeting**
- Keynote Speeches by Heads of Delegations and Observers (*continued*)

12:30-14:00 Lunch hosted by H.E. Keo Puth Reasmey, President of the Funcinpec Party
- Venue:

14:00-17:00 **Fifth Session of the Plenary Meeting**
- Keynote Speeches by Heads of Delegations and Observers (*continued*)

17:00-17:30 **Closing Ceremony**
- Adoption and Reading-out of the Phnom Penh Declaration
- Congratulatory Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP
- Closing Remarks by H.E. Sok An, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA and Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia

17:30-18:00 **Press Conference**
- Venue: Room____, Diamond Island City
- Participants: Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA, Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairman of the Drafting Committee, Representative of the COPPPAL

19:30-21:30 **Farewell Dinner** hosted by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr. and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Venue: Diamond Island City

22:00-23:00 **14th Meeting of the Standing Committee** (*continued, if necessary*)
- Venue: Cambodiana Hotel

Saturday, December 4, 2010

06:30-07:30 Breakfast at Cambodiana Hotel and Naga World Hotel
07:30 Departure from Hotels to Phnom Penh International Airport (PPIA) by Bus
08:00 Arrival at PPIA
08:30 Departure from PPPIA by Special Chartered Flights
09:10 Arrival at Siem Reap International Airport (SRIA)
09:30-12:00 **Special Tour of Angkor Complex**
- Tour Sites: Angkor Wat, Bayon, Taprum, etc.

12:30-14:30 Lunch hosted by H.E. Say Chhum, Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the Standing Committee, CPP
- Venue: Hotel Prasat Bei

16:00 Departure from SRIA
16:50 Arrival at PPIA

Departure of Delegates from Cambodia

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties
(ICAPP)

July 16, 2010

Your Excellency,

It is with a great pleasure for us to invite you and representatives of your party to attend the 6th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties(ICAPP) to be held under the main theme of "***Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow***" in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from ***Wednesday, December 1 to Saturday, December 4, 2010.***

We are pleased to inform you that the 6th General Assembly will be hosted by the Cambodian People's Party in collaboration with the FUNCINPEC Party. We are confident that the assembly will be another occasion to further promote the ICAPP objectives of strengthening democracy and raising the standard of living in our region through expanded cooperation among political parties. Delegations to the 6th General Assembly are encouraged to include women and young politicians to participate in Special Workshops on Woman Politicians and Young Political Leaders.

Hotel accommodation and local transportation for up to two representatives from each political party participating in the Assembly will be provided by the hosts. All participants are cordially requested to arrive in Phnom Penh before the evening of ***Wednesday, December 1, 2010*** for registration and also to attend a welcoming dinner reception, slated for the same evening.

It is our sincere hope that the delegation of your party will participate in the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP. Please confirm your participation at your earliest convenience by filling out and returning the attached application form not later than October 15, 2010 to ***Secretariat of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly at Cambodian People's Party, #203, Norodom Boulevard, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (phone: 855-12-445-566/855-12-375-071, fax: 855-23-212-517/855-23-725-001, email: cambodia.icapp@gmail.com).*** Attached are an application form, travel advisory for delegates, the tentative program, and the procedures of the assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Jose de Venecia, Jr.
Founding Chairman and
Co-Chairman of the
ICAPP Standing Committee
and President emeritus of
the Lakas-CMD Party
Manila, Philippines

CHUNG Eui-yong
Co-Chairman of the
ICAPP Standing Committee
and Secretary General of
the ICAPP Secretariat
Seoul, Republic of Korea

SOK An
Chairman, Organizing
Committee of the 6th General
Assembly, and Deputy Prime
Minister and Member of the
Standing Committee of the
Cambodian People's Party
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Report on the Results of the First Steering Committee Meeting of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) Langkawi, Malaysia, June 4-5, 2010

In accordance with an understanding reached at the 12th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Kathmandu, Nepal on February 29, 2010, the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) was held in Langkawi, Malaysia during June 4-5, 2010 under the auspice of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO). The meeting was chaired by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim, Member of the Executive Council of the UMNO and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and attended by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Hon. Chung Eui-Yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Muslim League.

At the meeting, it was agreed to make the recommendation to the 13th Meeting of ICAPP Standing Committee to be held in Kunming, China in July 2010 to endorse the launching of the IMEF as follows:
To establish the Steering Committee of the IMEF composed of ICAPP SC Members from Malaysia and Pakistan and the two Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and nominate Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim as Chairman and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed as Co-Chairman; and
To establish the Secretariat of the IMEF with legal formality in Malaysia with the support of the UMNO and designate Datuk Raja Ropiaah Raja Abdullah, Member of the Executive Council of the UMNO and Chairperson of the Women's Wing of Barisan Nacional, as Secretary General, and Dr. Novandri Hassan Basri, as Secretary;

It was further agreed to recommend the following terms of reference for the IMEF:
To make and update the list of active and prominent humanitarian organizations in Asia with their names, focal points, addresses, email addresses, phone and fax numbers, etc.;
To set up user friendly website of the IMEF to introduce its activities, which will also include readily available links to other humanitarian organizations like Care, ICRC, and the United Nations Relief Body;
To organize a core group of disaster relief workers, including medical doctors, nurses, relief volunteers, etc, who will be readily available to immediately respond to the emergency calls whenever and wherever a disaster situation occurs in Asia, with the support, and through coordination, of other political parties which participate in ICAPP activities; and
To focus not only on immediate relief activities when an emergency occurs, but also to post-disaster relief works, including longer-term rehabilitation and reconstruction, with teams that may stay at the disaster sites for up to 90 days or so on the basis of rotation principle among available volunteers recommended by political parties in Asia, and on media-coordination by disseminating to, and sharing with, all the political parties in the region the IMEF activities and efforts so that maximum participation by the ICAPP members can be ensured.

Upon the endorsement on the launching of the IMEF at the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the IMEF Secretariat will prepare and circulate an information sheet among other political parties requesting to indicate what type of support they can provide in time of emergency, including the list of readily available volunteers from their countries.