Report on the ICAPP Special Workshop and Tour of *Jeju* Island

(*Jeju*, Republic of Korea, December 8-10, 2023)

Overview of the Program

The ICAPP Secretariat hosted a program of the ICAPP Special Workshop and the Tour of *Jeju* Island, Republic of Korea during December 8 to 10, 2023. The workshop and the tour were participated ambassadors to the Republic of Korea from three (3) countries and the working-level officials from nine (9) political parties which are represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee.

The program was consisted of a welcoming lunch hosted by the Governor of *Jeju* Special Autonomous Province, a special workshop on ICAPP activities, a dinner hosted by the Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, a visit to *Jeju* Peace Institute, and the tour of historic and tourist sites on *Jeju* Island.

The list of participants and the program are attached herewith as **Enclosures 1 and 2**.

Outcome of the Special Workshop

During the ICAPP Special Workshop held in the evening of December 8, 2023, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, warmly welcomed the participants and briefly outlined the main objective of the ICAPP as achieving "unity in diversity" in Asia, and explained main principles of the ICAPP as "openness, inclusiveness, mutual respect and cooperation, and non-intervention."

Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, provided a brief overview of the current activities and future programs of the ICAPP. He explained that the ICAPP has continued to advance, holding regular assemblies such as the General Assembly and the meetings of the Standing Committee, and other special conferences and workshops on specific issues. He also explained the activities of seven affiliated groups under the Standing Committee, including the ICAPP Business Council (IBC), ICAPP Media Forum, ICAPP Women's Wing, ICAPP Youth Wing, and Asian Cultural Council (ACC).

Secretary General Kwon also briefed tentative program of the ICAPP activities in 2024 as follows:

- 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing in February 2024 in Mongolia
- 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council back to back with the 41st Meeting of the Standing Committee in late March in Bangkok, Thailand
- 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in the summer in Mongolia
- 6th Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) in September in Brussels, Belgium
- 42nd Meeting of the Standing Committee and the 12th General Assembly in November

in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The exchange of views on the future ICAPP activities among the participants was followed in a very frank and friendly atmosphere, and the following suggestions were made among others:

- Expanding the number of political parties represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee and the number of observers from the political parties in other continents to the future ICAPP activities
- Holding a special conference in Moscow or Kazan, Russia during 2024, or 43rd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee in Moscow during the first half of 2025. (All participants positively responded with appreciation to such proposals made by Ms. Valeriya Gorokhova from United Russia Party)
- Holding a special conference in 2024 on a topic to be suggested by the ICAPP Standing Committee in Baku, Azerbaijan during 2024 (All participants positively responded with appreciation to the proposal made by Ms. Hulya Mammadli from New Azerbaijan Party)
- Placing more emphasis on deliberating global challenges, such as climate change and geopolitical issues, at the future ICAPP meetings, with a view to seeking closer coordination among diverse political entities in the region
- Recognizing the vulnerability of youth to misinformation, in particular, and putting more emphasis on their education and empowerment in future ICAPP activities
- Recognizing Asia's leadership in economic growth and innovation in the world, and incorporating “Asian Century” and “an Asian community” as key slogans of the ICAPP in every report of the ICAPP’s future activities
- Networking among diverse political entities in the region as a means to minimize conflicts and differences between nations, and comprehending the challenges for effective political response

The ICAPP Secretariat also shared the information regarding the parliamentary or presidential elections to be conducted in several countries in the region during the first half of 2024, and its plan to monitor closely and share their results, and consider possibilities to dispatch ICAPP monitoring missions upon request.

- Bangladesh (January 28th), Azerbaijan (February 7th), Pakistan (February 8th), Indonesia (February 14th), Iran (March 1st), Russia (March 17th), Republic of Korea (April 10th), India (April-May), and Mongolia (June)

Enclosures:

1. **Program**
2. **List of Participants**