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THE LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES GATHERED FOR 8th MEETING OF THE ICAPP WOMEN'S WING in MONGOLIA

The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Women's Wing took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from August 17 to 20, 2024, under the theme "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific."

The event, hosted by Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament and Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism, and Youth of Mongolia, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, saw participation from 60 political leaders and women representatives from 17 political parties across 11 Asian countries.

During the opening session on August 19, speakers highlighted how women, particularly in developing countries, have been disproportionately affected by the Corona pandemic. They emphasized the importance of overcoming diverse barriers that still hinder women's advancement and participation in many parts of Asia. Discussions centered around strategies to empower women, acknowledging that women are a vital asset to economic and social progress and that unlocking their potential is essential for the future of the region.

The meeting featured two key plenary sessions. The first, moderated by Hon. Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, a Mongolian Member of Parliament, included six representatives from various political parties in Asia. These speakers shared their perspectives on pressing issues related to women's rights and empowerment, offering insights into how governments can better support women and increase their participation in decision-making processes.

The second plenary session continued the conversation with seven additional speakers, also moderated by Hon. Bolormaa Enkhbat. The discussions delved deeper into the challenges that women face in the post-pandemic world, proposing solutions such as more inclusive policies and frameworks that would address iniquities and promote equal opportunities for women across the Asia-Pacific region.

The meeting culminated in the adoption of the Ulaanbaatar Statement, which called for member parties to actively explore ways to broaden women's enfranchisement and increase their influence in policy formulation and urged participants to establish a communication network among women leaders in the region, allowing them to share their experiences and collaborate in addressing common challenges.

The closing session featured remarks by Hon. Nomin Chinbat and Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary General of the ICAPP. Both leaders expressed their gratitude to the participants for their valuable contributions to the discussions and reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation in empowering women across the Asia-Pacific.

Meeting with H.E. Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party, President of the Senate of Cambodia

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Standing Committee, held a high-level meeting with H.E. Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and President of the Senate of Cambodia, on September 11, 2024, in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The meeting took place at the Inspire Entertainment Resort and focused on preparations for the upcoming 12th General Assembly (GA) of ICAPP, which is scheduled to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from November 21-24, 2024.

During the meeting, Hon. Chung Eui-yong extended a warm welcome to H.E. Hun Sen, expressing his pleasure in receiving him in the Republic of Korea. He highlighted the vital role the CPP has played in advancing ICAPP's mission of promoting inter-party dialogue and cooperation across Asia. In particular, Hon. Chung Eui-yong acknowledged the significant contributions of Hon. Suos Yara, First Vice Chairman of the CPP Commission on External Relations, in helping organize the 12th GA.

H.E. Hun Sen, who has been a longstanding advocate of ICAPP's goals, expressed his satisfaction in reconnecting with Hon. Chung Eui-yong and underscored Cambodia's active participation in ICAPP activities over the years. He expressed optimism for the success of the upcoming GA and pledged full support from the Cambodian government.

The 12th GA is expected to be a historic event for ICAPP, with Hon. Chung Eui-yong noting that it would be the largest GA in the organization's history. The assembly is anticipated to attract over 300 representatives from political parties, international organizations, and other key stakeholders. Both leaders emphasized the importance of maintaining the non-partisan and neutral nature of the meeting, especially given the ongoing global geopolitical tensions.

H.E. Hun Sen stressed the need for the meeting to remain free from any political bias, particularly in the context of regional and international crises. In response, Hon. Chung Eui-yong reassured H.E. Hun Sen that ICAPP's Charter and its Major Understandings strictly prohibit remarks or discussions related to bilateral disputes or geopolitical conflicts during its meetings. To date, no significant issues have arisen in this regard, a testament to ICAPP's commitment to fostering open, constructive dialogue.

H.E. Hun Sen confirmed that the new Prime Minister of Cambodia, H.E. Hun Manet, would play a central role in overseeing the operational aspects of the 12th GA. H.E. Hun Sen emphasized the importance of supporting Hun Manet's leadership in ensuring a successful and smoothly conducted assembly.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong praised H.E. Hun Manet's esteemed role and expressed confidence in Cambodia's ability to host the assembly at the highest standard. He also commended H.E. Hun Sen's leadership and dedication to ICAPP's mission, while wishing him continued success during his stay in South Korea.

Both leaders agreed to further enhance cooperation between ICAPP and the Cambodian People's Party, reaffirming their shared commitment to promoting peace, security, and development through international political cooperation.

ICAPP Mission to Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan

As part of the ICAPP Observation Mission for the parliamentary elections held in Azerbaijan on September 1, 2024, Justice and Development Party (AK Party) Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs, İbrahim Halil Korkmaz, provided observations on the election process. Korkmaz, representing the ICAPP delegation, which included participants from multiple countries, noted that the elections were conducted in a fair, transparent, and peaceful manner.

Korkmaz, who arrived in Baku on behalf of Türkiye's AK Party, was accompanied by representatives from various political parties, including Throng Chevyeasna of the Cambodian People's Party. Their mission was to observe the elections, which were held for the first time in the liberated Karabakh territories across 54 electoral districts. The elections involved approximately 6,500 ballot boxes, with voting taking place across 125 districts throughout the country.

During his address to the press, Korkmaz praised the election process and emphasized the significance of holding parliamentary elections in the Karabakh territories. He expressed satisfaction with the high voter turnout, particularly in the city of Khankendi, where participation reached approximately 50%. The overall voter turnout across Azerbaijan was reported at 38%, with 990 candidates competing for 125 parliamentary seats.

Korkmaz highlighted the seamless logistical preparations that had been made for the elections and observed the professionalism and diligence of both local and international election observers. He noted that no significant irregularities or restrictions were observed during the voting process, which proceeded smoothly despite challenging weather conditions.

Meeting with Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan, Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, met with Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan, Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament, on August 20, 2024 to discuss a range of topics, including Mongolia's political developments and their engagement in the ICAPP's Youth Wing and Women's Wing.

During the meeting, the Chairperson congratulated Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan on his appointment as Speaker and praised Mongolia for successfully hosting the 8th ICAPP Women's Wing meeting. Hon. Amarbayasgalan acknowledged Mongolia's commitment to advancing women and youth participation in politics, citing the MPP's dedication to future ICAPP events.

A key focus of the discussion was Mongolia's recent constitutional amendments made in the June 2024 parliamentary elections in which Mongolia implemented a new electoral system, increasing the number of parliamentary seats from 76 to 126. Both agreed that the new constitutional amendments have promoted gender equality, with women now holding 25% of seats in the newly elected parliament.

Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan emphasized that the amended party laws, incorporating European Union standards, mandate a 60:40 gender balance in political leadership.

Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan reaffirmed Mongolia's commitment to actively participating in ICAPP's future initiatives, particularly through the leadership of Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor and Hon. Nomin Chinbat, who chair the ICAPP Youth Wing and Women's Wing, respectively.

The Chairperson commended Mongolia's efforts in promoting gender equality, particularly in politics. He highlighted the success of the ICAPP Women's Wing meeting, which was conducted as a standalone event, facilitating a more focused and effective discussion among female leaders. He also acknowledged the leadership of Hon. Nomin Chinbat and noted the advanced state of gender equality in Mongolia, which serves as an inspiration for other countries.

In closing, the Chairperson expressed admiration for Mongolia's mature democratic processes, noting the formation of a coalition government despite the MPP's majority. He concluded by expressing a desire for closer relations between Mongolia and the Republic of Korea, citing shared cultural heritage as a foundation for further cooperation.

"I have no doubt that this meeting will provide us with the opportunity to hear the truly diverse voices of women and to exchange their experiences and ideas on how to empower women to more actively engage in political, economic and social activities." *(Opening Remark of Chairperson)*

Meeting with H.E. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Chief of Staff of the Cabinet of Mongolia

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, held a meeting with Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Chief of Staff of the Cabinet of Mongolia, at the Government Palace in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on August 20, 2024.

During the meeting, Hon. Chung Eui-yong extended his congratulations to Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor on his election to the Mongolian Parliament on June 28, 2024, and his appointment as Chief of Staff of the Cabinet.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong also acknowledged the Mongolian government's success in forming a coalition government, recognizing it as a significant achievement in today's global political environment.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong highlighted the success of the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, describing it as highly focused and productive, and emphasized the importance of continuing this practice in future ICAPP meetings.

Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor expressed his gratitude for Chairperson Chung's positive remarks. He acknowledged the considerable effort and support provided by both ICAPP and the Mongolian People's Party in organizing the Women's Wing meeting in Mongolia and conveyed his thanks to Chairperson Chung for his support.

Additionally, he emphasized that the coalition government in Mongolia, established through collaboration among multiple parties, represents a unique framework that offers new opportunities for the country. He also provided insights into the ongoing strategic planning and budgetary discussions within the government.

Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor acknowledged the substantial efforts of the ICAPP delegation in facilitating Mongolia's active participation in ICAPP activities. He reaffirmed his commitment to further enhancing cooperation between Mongolia and ICAPP and expressed optimism about future collaborative endeavors. Additionally, he shared his readiness to contribute actively to ICAPP's initiatives.

Meeting with H.E. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party

On August 19, 2024, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, met with Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

During the meeting, Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson, expressing appreciation for ICAPP's third event hosted in Mongolia within a year. the Chairperson, in turn, congratulated the MPP on its recent victory in the June parliamentary elections, marking their third consecutive win.

During the meeting, the Chairperson emphasized the importance of increasing high-level MPP representatives' participation in the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC), recognizing the critical role SC plays in the organization's decision-making processes. Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug affirmed the MPP's intention to nominate a party representative for the role of ICAPP Vice Chairperson and host future ICAPP events.

Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug further expressed the MPP's readiness to send high-level representatives to the upcoming 12th ICAPP General Assembly (GA) in November.

The discussion was made on geopolitical tensions in the region, which were a concern for both parties. the Chairperson expressed his apprehension regarding these tensions, and Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug noted Mongolia's active diplomatic efforts to maintain positive relationships with its neighbor countries. He emphasized the MPP's willingness to serve as a diplomatic bridge among them.

Communist Party of China Nominates Hon. Sun Haiyan as New Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee

On September 5, 2024, the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) nominated Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of IDCPC, as its new representative as the Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Hon. Sun Haiyan has taken over from Hon. Guo Yezhou, who had previously served as Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

The ICAPP Secretariat distributed the official letter from the IDCPC and the curriculum vitae of Hon. Sun Haiyan to all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

Beijing, 5 September 2024

Dear members of the ICAPP Standing Committee,

We from the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), hereinafter referred to as the IDCPC, would like to inform you that Hon. Ms. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the IDCPC, will replace Hon. Guo Yezhou and represent the CPC as Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee from today onwards.

The CPC and its leadership will continue to support the ICAPP activities that are conducive to promoting exchanges, mutual learning, solidarity and coordination among Asian political parties.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

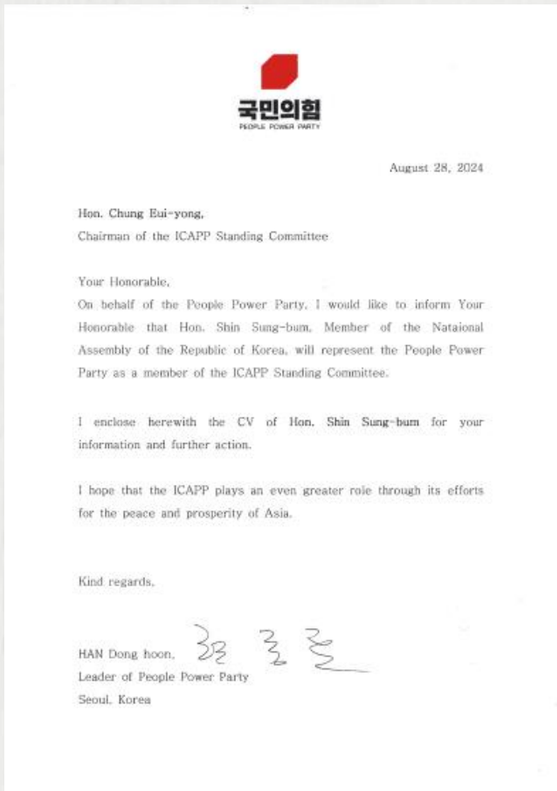
Asian Bureau I
CPC International Department

People Power Party of Republic of Korea Nominates Hon. Shin Sung Bum as New ICAPP Standing Committee Member

On August 28, 2024, the leader of the People Power Party (PPP) of the Republic of Korea, Hon. Han Dong Hoon, officially nominated Hon. SHIN Sung Bum, a Member of the National Assembly and Chair of the Intelligence Committee, as the new representative of the PPP to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Hon. Shin Sung Bum replaced Hon. Ha Tae-keung, the former representative and Member of the National Assembly who served in the Foreign Affairs & Unification Committee.

The announcement was shared with all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, along with an official letter from Hon. Han Dong Hoon and the curriculum vitae of Hon. Shin Sung Bum.



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PEOPLE POWER PARTY

August 28, 2024

Hon. Chung Eui-yong,
Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee

Your Honorable,
On behalf of the People Power Party, I would like to inform Your Honorable that Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the Nataional Assembly of the Republic of Korea, will represent the People Power Party as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

I enclose herewith the CV of Hon. Shin Sung-bum for your information and further action.

I hope that the ICAPP plays an even greater role through its efforts for the peace and prosperity of Asia.

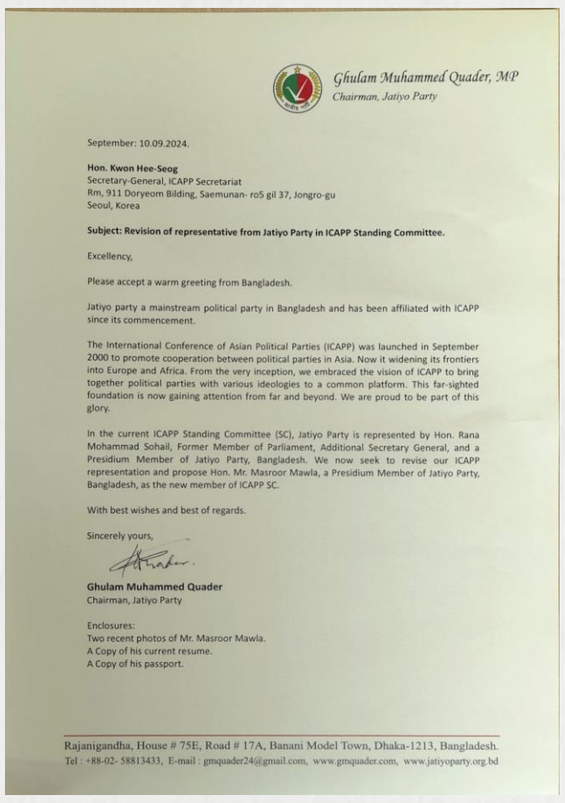
Kind regards,

HAN Dong hoon,
Leader of People Power Party
Seoul, Korea

Jatiyo Party of Bangladesh Nominates Hon. Masroor Mawla as New ICAPP Standing Committee Member

On September 15, 2024, the Jatiyo Party of the People's Republic of Bangladesh announced the appointment of Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium Member, as the new representative of the Jatiyo Party to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Hon. Mawla replaces Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail in this important role. An official letter from Hon. Ghulam Mohammed Quader, Chairman of the Jatiyo Party, along with the curriculum vitae of Hon. Masroor Mawla, was circulated to all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee.



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Chairman, Jatiyo Party

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Subject: Revision of representative from Jatiyo Party in ICAPP Standing Committee.

Excellency,

Please accept a warm greeting from Bangladesh.

Jatiyo party a mainstream political party in Bangladesh and has been affiliated with ICAPP since its commencement.

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched in September 2000 to promote cooperation between political parties in Asia. Now it widening its frontiers into Europe and Africa. From the very inception, we embraced the vision of ICAPP to bring together political parties with various ideologies to a common platform. This far-sighted foundation is now gaining attention from far and beyond. We are proud to be part of this glory.

In the current ICAPP Standing Committee (SC), Jatiyo Party is represented by Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail, Former Member of Parliament, Additional Secretary General, and a Presidium Member of Jatiyo Party, Bangladesh. We now seek to revise our ICAPP representation and propose Hon. Mr. Masroor Mawla, a Presidium Member of Jatiyo Party, Bangladesh, as the new member of ICAPP SC.

With best wishes and best of regards.

Sincerely yours,

Ghulam Muhammed Quader
Chairman, Jatiyo Party

Enclosures:
Two recent photos of Mr. Masroor Mawla.
A Copy of his current resume.
A Copy of his passport.

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