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12TH MEETING OF THE ICAPP GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN PHNOM PENH, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

The 12th ICAPP General Assembly (GA) was successfully held from November 21-24, 2024, in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of the Cambodia. Hosted by Cambodian People's Party (CPP), the event brought together over 249 distinguished participants from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, and international organizations.

The GA commenced with opening remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of ICAPP, who underscored the significance of multilateral cooperation in addressing global challenges. He emphasized ICAPP's role as a unique platform for fostering dialogue among political parties to achieve sustainable peace and development.

H.E. Hun Manet, Vice-President of the CPP, Prime Minister of Cambodia, and President of the 12th ICAPP GA, declared the assembly open. In his keynote address, H.E. Hun Manet highlighted the critical need for peace and reconciliation amidst escalating global rivalries. He reflected on Cambodia's journey to peace, emphasizing the transformative impact of H.E Hun Sen's Win-Win Policy.

H.E. Hun Sen, President of the CPP and Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP GA, delivered special remarks reflecting on Cambodia's unique experience as a two-time host of the ICAPP GA. He reiterated the importance of safeguarding sovereignty and pursuing peace over conflict, drawing from his leadership during Cambodia's reconciliation process.

Congratulatory remarks were delivered by distinguished leaders and guests; H.E. Mrs. Pany Yathotou, Vice President of the Lao PDR; Hon. Andrés Pastrana Arango, former President of Colombia and President of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI); and H.E. Mr. Tran Thanh Man, President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Also a letter was read on behalf of H.E. Ilham Aliyev, Chairperson of the New Azerbaijan Party and President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Under the theme "A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation," the GA held four plenary sessions, featuring numerous speakers. Discussions centered on addressing the root causes of conflict—poverty, inequality, and discrimination—through proactive measures, cultural tolerance, and inclusive governance.

The Phnom Penh Declaration, adopted during the closing session which was chaired by H.E. Hun Manet, reaffirmed ICAPP's commitment to fostering peace, reconciliation, and interparty cooperation. The role of ICAPP in bridging political and ideological divides to address contemporary global challenges was underscored.

The GA concluded with a call to action from H.E. Hun Sen, urging ICAPP member parties to strengthen their networks and enhance interregional cooperation, and the handover of the ICAPP flag to the Republic of Korea, the next host country, symbolized the continuity of ICAPP's endeavors.

42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

The 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) took place on the evening of Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, co-chaired by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP SC.

H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), who was to be elected as Chairman Emeritus of the 12th GA, was present in the meeting as a special guest. In his keynote remarks, H.E. Hun Sen emphasized the importance of peace and reconciliation as core values embodied in the theme of the 12th GA, "A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation." He highlighted that Cambodia, under the leadership of the CPP and Prime Minister H.E. Hun Manet, firmly believes that peace and stability are crucial for national development and prosperity. H.E. Hun Sen's remarks also celebrated the CPP's distinction as the first political party to host the ICAPP General Assembly twice, reiterating Cambodia's commitment to peace and regional stability.

The newly nominated SC members were also introduced and welcomed by the ICAPP Standing Committee: Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC); Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs from the Jatiyo Party of Bangladesh; and Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the People Power Party of the Republic of Korea.

The following decisions were taken at the meeting:

- The 12th General Assembly (GA) will proceed in accordance with the program that has been reported to the SC members by Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, Vice Chairman of the Commission on External Relations, Cambodian People's Party.
- The draft Phnom Penh Declaration and Statements, which have previously been reviewed and amended at the Drafting Committee Meeting that was held prior to the SC meeting, was unanimously adopted.

The SC Members also reviewed the following ICAPP activities since the 40th SC Meeting.

- The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing
- ICAPP mission to observe the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan
- ICAPP mission to the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum in Russia.
- Special Statements issued on the passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of Vietnam and on Terrorist attack in Ankara, Türkiye.

ICAPP's work programs for 2025 including the two SC Meetings, 6th Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum were also discussed.

The SC members have been reported of the consultations to finalize two MOUs on exchange of observers between the ICAPP and IPTP, and between the ICAPP and the AIPA. SC Members endorsed the two MOUs. SC Members also agreed that Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP SC, will sign the MOU with Hon. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Jarwan, President of GCTP, and Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of ICAPP Secretariat will sign the MOU with Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of the AIPA, respectively on November 23, 2024.

7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

The 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum was held concurrently with the 12th GA on November 23, 2024, under the theme "Fighting Fake News in the Digital Age to Maintain Peace." The forum brought together representatives from 28 political parties across 18 countries and 15 journalists from 14 countries in the region.

The speakers emphasized the pressing need to address the challenges posed by the rapid spread of fake news in the digital age. They underscored the detrimental effects of misinformation on democracy, political stability, and public trust.

The discussions highlighted the importance of fostering media literacy to empower citizens to critically evaluate information and navigate the digital landscape effectively, and the need for stronger collaboration between governments, media organizations, and technology platforms to develop strategies for countering disinformation.

3rd Meeting of Asian Culture Council

The 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Asian Culture Council (ACC) was held on November 23, 2024, alongside the 12th GA, with representatives from 30 political parties across 20 countries addressing the theme "Combating Corruption for Sustainable Development."

Speakers discussed the pervasive challenges of corruption and its detrimental impact on social equity and sustainable development. They emphasized the need for stronger legal frameworks, enhanced transparency, and international cooperation to effectively combat corruption. The discussions also underscored the importance of restoring public trust and fostering a culture of accountability.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Phnom Penh Statement, which highlighted the necessity of collective efforts to build integrity and ensure accountability as foundational pillars for sustainable development across the region.

Roundtable Meeting Between Asia, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and Europe

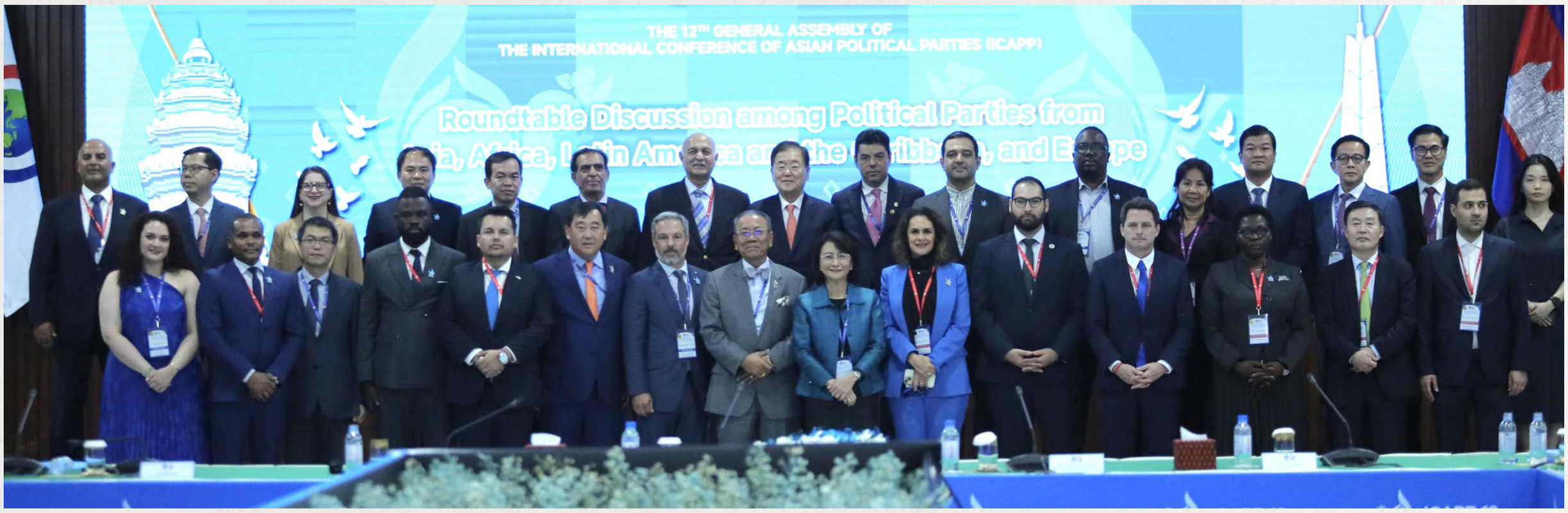
In parallel with the 12th ICAPP GA, the Roundtable Meeting brought together political leaders from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe to discuss pathways to peace and reconciliation. The meeting underscored the transformative power of inclusive dialogue and multilateral cooperation in addressing shared global challenges.

Representatives reflected on their nations' experiences and shared insights into building peace through justice and solidarity. Hon. Gonzalo Mardones of Chile's Democrats Party recounted his country's transition from dictatorship to democracy, emphasizing that "peace can only be achieved by ensuring that no voice is excluded," citing Chile's efforts to unite over 20 political factions in the pursuit of reconciliation.

Hon. Sofía Carvajal Isunza, representing Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and COPPPAL, highlighted the importance of South-South collaboration and multilateral cooperation in combating inequality and fostering sustainable development. "Peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is a state of justice and dignity," she affirmed, advocating for reconciliation and strong democracies as the foundations of lasting peace.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Phnom Penh Statement, which emphasized the pivotal role of political parties in fostering peace and reconciliation. It reaffirmed their responsibility to facilitate dialogue, promote inclusivity, and connect communities through peaceful fora, while committing to addressing modern challenges and advancing peaceful coexistence among nations.

Signing of MOU Between ICAPP – IPTP, and ICAPP – AIPA



On November 23, 2024, the ICAPP signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP) and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), reaffirming its commitment to fostering international cooperation, peace, and inter-parliamentary collaboration.

The initiative to formalize partnerships with the IPTP and AIPA was proposed by representatives of political parties from ASEAN countries earlier in 2024. After receiving endorsements from the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC), the ICAPP Secretariat engaged in a series of correspondences starting in May 2024 to finalize the agreements.

The IPTP, established in 2018 as the legislative arm of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP), is headquartered in Malta and brings together over 100 participating nations. By organizing biannual plenary sessions, it tackles critical global issues such as extremism, climate change, and food security. Through partnerships with regional parliamentary organizations and international entities, including the United Nations, the IPTP works to foster tolerance, promote peaceful coexistence, and strengthen collaboration among national parliaments.

AIPA, founded in 1977, represents the legislative arms of ASEAN's ten member states. Operating from its headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia, under Secretary-General H.E. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, AIPA plays a vital role in advancing ASEAN's objectives of regional integration, sustainable development, and good governance. AIPA's annual General Assemblies provide essential platforms for dialogue and consensus-building among parliamentarians of Southeast Asian nations.

In the afternoon of November 23, 2024, in the presence of distinguished participants and guests from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, signed the MOU with Hon. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Jarwan, President of the GCTP, and Hon. Suos Yara, President of IPTP.

Simultaneously, Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP Secretariat, formalized the partnership with Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary-General of AIPA by signing the MOU.

The two MOUs outline the framework for mutual exchanges of observers between ICAPP, IPTP, and AIPA during significant events hosted by these organizations. The agreements emphasize the importance of sharing best practices in parliamentary processes, promoting collaborative initiatives to address common challenges, and fostering deeper mutual understanding among members.

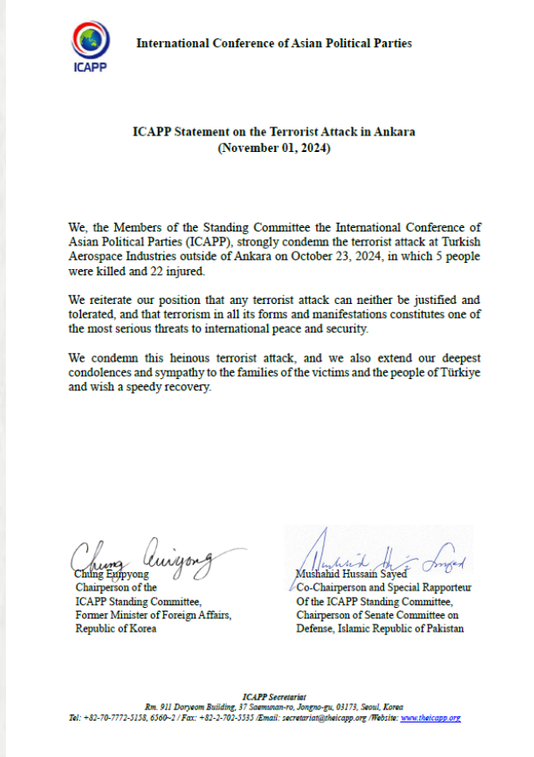
These agreements reflect ICAPP's efforts to build stronger ties with international parliamentary bodies and support coordinated actions in promoting regional and global peace, tolerance, and development.

Special Statement Issued to Condemn Terrorist Attack in Ankara, Turkiye

In the aftermath of the terrorist attack on October 23, 2024, targeting the headquarters of Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) in Kahramankazan, near Ankara, the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) Standing Committee issued a resolute statement of condemnation. The heinous attack claimed the lives of seven individuals and left 22 injured, shaking the local community and the broader region.

In the statement issued by the ICAPP Standing Committee through Update (24-60) on November 4, 2024, the ICAPP Standing Committee members extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye.

The Statement also underscored the ICAPP's unwavering commitment to peace, security, and stability across the globe, and reaffirmed the ICAPP's mission to promote dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaborative solutions to safeguard the well-being of the communities worldwide.



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ICAPP Statement on the Terrorist Attack in Ankara
(November 01, 2024)

We, the Members of the Standing Committee the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), strongly condemn the terrorist attack at Turkish Aerospace Industries outside of Ankara on October 23, 2024, in which 5 people were killed and 22 injured.

We reiterate our position that any terrorist attack can neither be justified and tolerated, and that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

We condemn this heinous terrorist attack, and we also extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye and wish a speedy recovery.

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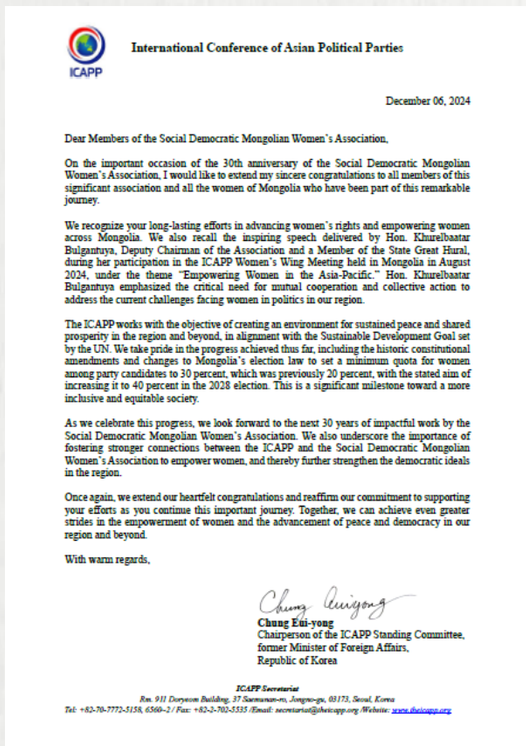
Congratulatory Letter sent to Members of the Mongolian Social Democratic Women's Association

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Mongolian Social Democratic Women's Association of the Mongolian People's Party, the ICAPP extended congratulations and recognition for the association's invaluable work in empowering women and promoting gender equality.

Since its founding in 1994, Mongolian Social Democratic Women's Association has played a critical role in advancing women's rights and political representation in Mongolia.

ICAPP expressed appreciation for the leadership of Ms. Khurelbaatar Bulgantuya, President of Mongolian Social Democratic Women's Association, whom underscored the importance of regional cooperation to address challenges faced by women in politics in her speech at the 8th ICAPP Women's Wing Meeting in August 2024.

As the Mongolian Social Democratic Women's Association looks forward to the next 30 years, ICAPP reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the association's ongoing efforts to advance gender equality and strengthen democratic ideals across the Asia-Pacific region.



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December 06, 2024

Dear Members of the Social Democratic Mongolian Women's Association,

On the important occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Social Democratic Mongolian Women's Association, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all members of this significant association and all the women of Mongolia who have been part of this remarkable journey.

We recognize your long-lasting efforts in advancing women's rights and empowering women across Mongolia. We also recall the inspiring speech delivered by Hon. Khurelbaatar Bulgantuya, Deputy Chairman of the Association and a Member of the State Great Hural, during her participation in the ICAPP Women's Wing Meeting held in Mongolia in August 2024, under the theme "Empowering Women in the Asia-Pacific." Hon. Khurelbaatar Bulgantuya emphasized the critical need for mutual cooperation and collective action to address the current challenges facing women in politics in our region.

The ICAPP works with the objective of creating an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region and beyond, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal set by the UN. We take pride in the progress achieved thus far, including the historic constitutional amendments and changes to Mongolia's election law to set a minimum quota for women among party candidates to 30 percent, which was previously 20 percent, with the stated aim of increasing it to 40 percent in the 2028 election. This is a significant milestone toward a more inclusive and equitable society.

As we celebrate this progress, we look forward to the next 30 years of impactful work by the Social Democratic Mongolian Women's Association. We also underscore the importance of fostering stronger connections between the ICAPP and the Social Democratic Mongolian Women's Association to empower women, and thereby further strengthen the democratic ideals in the region.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and reaffirm our commitment to supporting your efforts as you continue this important journey. Together, we can achieve even greater strides in the empowerment of women and the advancement of peace and democracy in our region and beyond.

With warm regards,

Chung Eui-yong
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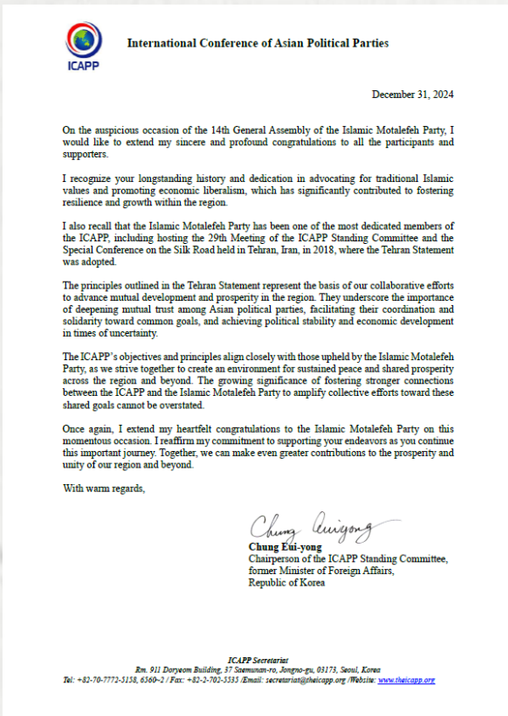
Congratulatory Letter sent to 14th General Assembly of Islamic Motalefeh Party of Iran

ICAPP extends its congratulations to the Islamic Motalefeh Party on the occasion of its 14th General Assembly, recognizing the party's commitment to promoting economic resilience and traditional values.

The Islamic Motalefeh Party has been a dedicated member of ICAPP, notably hosting the 29th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the Special Conference on the Silk Road in Tehran in 2018, where the Tehran Statement was adopted.

ICAPP reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Islamic Motalefeh Party in its continued efforts to foster peace and prosperity, in acknowledgment of shared vision of two organizations to build stronger connections and advance collective goals, and ICAPP looks forward to further collaboration in the years ahead.



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December 31, 2024

On the auspicious occasion of the 14th General Assembly of the Islamic Motalefeh Party, I would like to extend my sincere and profound congratulations to all the participants and supporters.

I recognize your longstanding history and dedication in advocating for traditional Islamic values and promoting economic liberalism, which has significantly contributed to fostering resilience and growth within the region.

I also recall that the Islamic Motalefeh Party has been one of the most dedicated members of the ICAPP, including hosting the 29th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the Special Conference on the Silk Road held in Tehran, Iran, in 2018, where the Tehran Statement was adopted.

The principles outlined in the Tehran Statement represent the basis of our collaborative efforts to advance mutual development and prosperity in the region. They underscore the importance of deepening mutual trust among Asian political parties, facilitating their coordination and solidarity toward common goals, and achieving political stability and economic development in times of uncertainty.

The ICAPP's objectives and principles align closely with those upheld by the Islamic Motalefeh Party, as we strive together to create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity across the region and beyond. The growing significance of fostering stronger connections between the ICAPP and the Islamic Motalefeh Party to amplify collective efforts toward these shared goals cannot be overstated.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Islamic Motalefeh Party on this momentous occasion. I reaffirm my commitment to supporting your endeavors as you continue this important journey. Together, we can make even greater contributions to the prosperity and unity of our region and beyond.

With warm regards,

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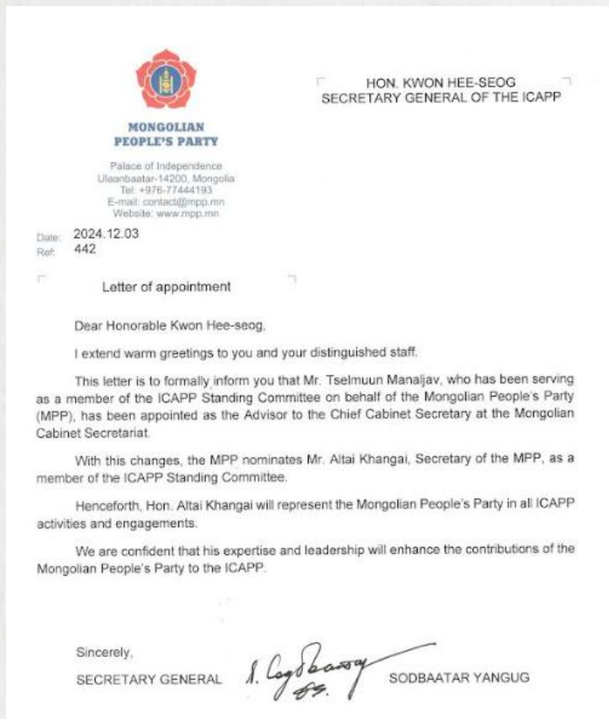
Mongolian People's Party of Mongolia Nominates Hon. Altai Khangai as New ICAPP Standing Committee Member

On December 03, 2024, the Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) of Mongolia,, Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, officially nominated Hon. Altai Khangai, Secretary of the MPP, as the new representative of the MPP to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Hon. Altai Khangai replaced Hon. Tselmuun Manlaijav, who was appointed as the Advisor to the Chief Cabinet Secretary at the Mongolian Cabinet Secretariat.

The announcement was shared with all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, along with an official letter from Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug and the curriculum vitae of Hon. Altai Khangai.



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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ICAPP

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Letter of appointment

Dear Honorable Kwon Hee-seog,

I extend warm greetings to you and your distinguished staff.

This letter is to formally inform you that Mr. Tselmuun Manaijav, who has been serving as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee on behalf of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), has been appointed as the Advisor to the Chief Cabinet Secretary at the Mongolian Cabinet Secretariat.

With this changes, the MPP nominates Mr. Altai Khangai, Secretary of the MPP, as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Henceforth, Hon. Altai Khangai will represent the Mongolian People's Party in all ICAPP activities and engagements.

We are confident that his expertise and leadership will enhance the contributions of the Mongolian People's Party to the ICAPP.

Sincerely,
SECRETARY GENERAL SODBAATAR YANGUG

Appointment of Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum, to the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Vice Chairperson of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) Media Forum, has been appointed as Sri Lanka's Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports, and Civil Aviation. He officially assumed his ministerial duties on November 20, 2024, at the Ministry of Ports, emphasizing his commitment to developing a people-centric, efficient, and modernized public service.

In addition to his ministerial role, Hon. Rathnayake has been appointed as the Leader of the House of Parliament. This appointment was made during the inaugural Cabinet meeting chaired by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on November 19, 2024.

Appointment of Hon. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, to Advisor for Green Outbound Investments of China

Hon. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, has been appointed as an Advisor for Green Outbound Investments of China.

The ICAPP SC members has congratulated Hon. Mustafa Hyder Sayed on this achievement. In his role, Hon. Mustafa Hyder Sayed is anticipated to enhance China's green outbound investment strategies, focusing on building sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships with partner countries, and further strengthen economic ties and drive inclusive development initiatives under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

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Privileged and humbled to be nominated to be a part of 13 foreign advisors to the Ministry of Environment and Ecology of China under the umbrella of the Belt and Road Green Development Alliance that will help Chinese financing institutions and regulatory bodies navigate green outbound investments from China to Belt and Road countries. The preclude was this was unveiled by President Xi Jinping in October of 2023 during the 3rd Belt and Road Forum and it's inception took place last week in Beijing.

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