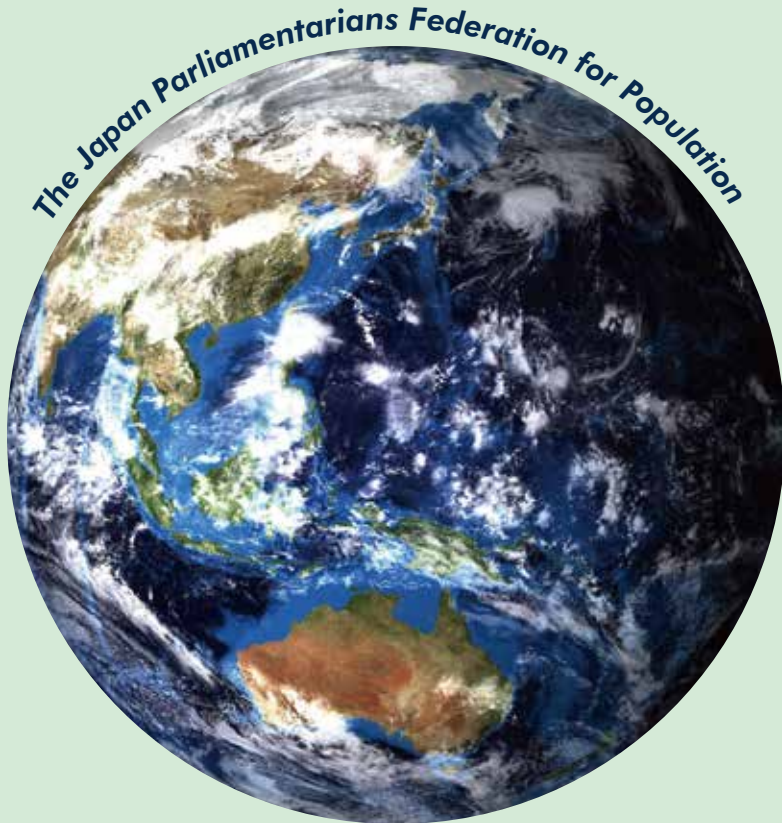


JPPF

国際人口問題議員懇談会



Since 1974

JPPF and population issues



Population issues are intricately related to individual life choices, and the solution should never be forceful and should be sought by fostering public understanding. It is thus parliamentarians' role to responsibly formulate and promote population policies and programmes that are acceptable and appropriate to the citizens.

In 1973 a group of Japanese parliamentarians led by former Prime Minister Hon. Nobusuke Kishi visited several countries around Asia to study their population issues. These parliamentarians saw for themselves that rapid population increases presented a considerable obstacle to the social development and economic growth of developing countries, and they became strongly aware of the importance that Japan's international cooperation efforts would have in this area.

Strongly moved to act by population issues and accompanying crises in natural resources and food security, those Japanese parliamentarians established the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF), the world's first supra-party organization, in April 1974 with the objective of enhancing Japan's international cooperation in this area and passing on to the world the lessons learned from Japan's demographic and socioeconomic experiences.

Considering the earth's finite resources and carrying capacity, addressing population issues is a fundamental prerequisite for achieving sustainable development. JPPF has worked in close cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other UN agencies, as well as leading NGOs like the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and has proactively supported the creation of parliamentary fora on population and development to respond to their unique regional contexts and needs.

At present, JPPF enjoys solid partnerships with regional parliamentary fora and national committees on population and development and convenes international/inter-regional conferences to support legislative and policy actions related to these issues and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

International cooperation from Japan



JPPF has actively led numerous international conferences and other events on population and development at home and abroad in partnership with parliamentary fora in all the regions around the world. These activities have led to successful development in many countries. In Asia, JPPF actively participates in the activities of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), which has been chaired by a line of distinguished Japanese parliamentarians.

One of JPPF's notable achievements was the role it played in the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action in 1994. JPPF led the International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ICPPD) in Cairo, Egypt, in conjunction with the ICPD and prepared a draft of the ICPPD Declaration, which was adopted and then largely incorporated in the Preamble and Principles of the ICPD Programme of Action, shaping its guiding philosophy.

The idea of establishing the Forum of Africa and Arab Parliamentarians burgeoned from this ICPPD. Following that, the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum was formed after the International Forum of Parliamentarians on ICPD Review (IFP) in 1999, which was also led by JPPF.

JPPF has also made significant breakthroughs in high-level intergovernmental meetings. Under Japan's G8 presidency in 2008, the G8 International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development was held in Tokyo immediately before the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit. In 2016, the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the G7 Ise-Shima Summit (GCPPD) was held in Tokyo, contributing to building international consensus among parliamentarians on matters significant to this high-level meeting. The outcome of the GCPPD was largely adopted in the G7 Leader's Declaration, which signified the importance of Japan's global health contribution as well as re-established the voices of parliamentarians as the collective representation of people.

Establishing global partnership



Through its international activities, JPPF has underscored the importance of good governance, transparency and accountability towards the citizens in respective countries and clarified the concrete roles and responsibilities to be taken by parliamentarians. This is also important in reaffirming democratic ground promoting "global partnership", which is key to realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). JPPF has taken initiatives in this effort.

Major contributions

JPPF works closely with its Secretariat, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), through its research projects and activities to identify challenges in the field of population and development and has contributed to addressing these issues by making recommendations to governments and parliaments in Japan and beyond.

● Uganda, Zambia and Kenya

The Japan Trust Fund (JTF) projects to strengthen the capacity of parliamentarians have highlighted the significance of promoting accountability and transparency to the citizens in order to address population issues and have identified concrete strategies for parliamentarians. This series of projects has led to the enactment of legislation by Uganda and Zambia that mandates the tabling of reports on ODA projects in their national parliaments, while these projects contributed to the constitutional revision in Kenya.

● Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Djibouti

JPPF and APDA supported the establishment of the National Committees on Population and Development in Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Djibouti and more. These committees have strengthened parliamentarians' efforts in legislation, resource mobilization, knowledge-sharing, advocacy and so forth. As an exemplary case, the Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and

Development (VAPPD) worked on introducing and revising legislation in line with the ICPD Programme of Action and greatly contributed to halving the country's total fertility rate (TFR) during 10 years after its foundation.

● Kazakhstan

APDA's agricultural research discovered structural problems in the agricultural system of Kazakhstan, and this finding was reported to the Public Health Committee of the Senate of Kazakhstan through JPFP, which prompted the Ministry of Finance to make structural reforms to the taxation system of the country and led to increases in food production.

● Cambodia

APDA's survey in Cambodia pointed out an increasing risk of HIV infection at an infrastructure project site of Japan's ODA. JPFP embedded HIV/AIDS prevention programmes into the project, which prevented the rise of HIV infection. Known as the best practice in Japan's ODA, the same strategy has been applied to other countries such as Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.



Sri Lanka



Zambia



Morocco



Uganda

Sharing successes from Japan to the World

Against the backdrop of Japan's post-war experiences in struggling with population and development challenges, JPFP is working under its founding principle to "create societies where people can live with dignity" and its pioneering spirit has been replicated in other parts of the world. This was also envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs.

As a precursor of parliamentarians' activities on population and development, Japan has been playing a leadership role in this field and its international cooperation is expected to grow further through JPFP activities.

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Former Prime Minister



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Hon. Sadakazu Tanigaki
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Hon. Shintaro Abe
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs



Fourth Chair
1991–2007

Hon. Dr. Taro Nakayama
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs



Seventh Chair
2019–Incumbent

Hon. Yoko Kamikawa
Former Minister of Justice

History

- 1952** Foundation of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
 • Hon. Shidzue Kato, MP Japan, was one of the eight founding members.



- 1969** Foundation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA; later renamed as United Nations Population Fund)
 • Hon. Nobusuke Kishi, former Prime Minister, and other leading Japanese politicians supported the establishment.



- 1974** Foundation of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP)

Hon. Nobusuke Kishi, former Prime Minister of Japan, became the first Chair of JPFP.

- 1979** The International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ICPPD), Colombo, Sri Lanka

Hon. Nobusuke Kishi, Chair of JPFP, received the UN Peace Medal.

Hon. Takeo Fukuda, former Prime Minister, became the second Chair of JPFP.

- 1981** The Asian Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ACPPD), Beijing, China, made the resolution to establish AFPPD, as well as APDA as its institutional base.

Hon. Takeo Fukuda, Chair of JPFP, received the UN Peace Medal.



- 1982** Foundation of APDA, chaired by Hon. Tatsuo Tanaka
 • The Secretariat of JPFP was transferred from JOICFP to APDA.

Launch of AFPPD
 • Hon. Takashi Sato, Executive Director of JPFP, became the first Chair of AFPPD.

Establishment of the Global Committee of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD)
 • Hon. Takeo Fukuda, Chair of JPFP, became the first Chair of GCPPD.

Establishment of the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (IAPG)

- 1983** Establishment of the InterAction Council (OB Summit)
 • Hon. Takeo Fukuda, former Prime Minister of Japan and Chair of JPFP, became Honorary Chair.

- 1984** The International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ICPPD), Mexico City, Mexico, in conjunction with the Fourth World Population Conference

- 1985** Hon. Takashi Sato, Executive Director of JPFP and Chair of AFPPD, received the UN Peace Medal.

- 1988** Hon. Shidzue Kato, former Director of JPFP, received the UN Population Award.

- 1990** Hon. Shintaro Abe, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, became the third Chair of JPFP.

- 1991** Hon. Dr. Taro Nakayama, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, became the fourth Chair of JPFP.

- 1993** Hon. Shin Sakurai, Executive Director of JPFP, became the second Chair of AFPPD.



1994 The International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (ICPPD), Cairo, Egypt, in conjunction with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)



1995 The International Meeting of Parliamentarians on Population and Social Development (IMPPSD), Copenhagen, Denmark, in conjunction with the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD)

The International Meeting of Parliamentarians on Gender, Population and Development (IMPGPD), Tokyo, Japan, prior to the Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW)



1996 The International Parliamentary Meeting on Food Security, Population and Development (IPMFSPD), Geneva, Switzerland, toward the FAO World Food Summit (WFS)

1997 Establishment of the Forum of African and Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAAPPD)



1999 The International Forum of Parliamentarians on ICPD Review (IFP), The Hague, the Netherlands

2000 Foundation of the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (IEPPFD)

Hon. Yoshio Yatsu, Executive Director of JPFP, became the third Chair of AFPPD.



2005 Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, former Chief Cabinet Secretary, became the fourth Chair of AFPPD.

2006 The International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI/ICPD), Bangkok, Thailand, presided over by Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, Chair of AFPPD



2007 Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, former Chief Cabinet Secretary, became the fifth Chair of JPFP.

2008 The G8 International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Sustainable Development, Tokyo, Japan, officially opened by Prime Minister H.E. Yasuo Fukuda



2009 UN Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, New York, U.S., delivered by Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, former Prime Minister, Chair of AFPPD and JPFP

2010 AFPPD received the UN Population Award, accepted by Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, former Prime Minister, Chair of AFPPD and JPFP.



2013 Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Executive Director of JPFP, became the fifth Chair of AFPPD.

Hon. Sadakazu Tanigaki, former Minister of Justice, became the sixth Chair of JPFP.

2016 The Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit (GCPPD), Tokyo, Japan
• Prime Minister H.E. Shinzo Abe delivered an opening speech.



2019 Hon. Yoko Kamikawa, former Minister of Justice, became the seventh Chair of JPFP.