

## Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the G7 Hiroshima Summit (Report #2)

The Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF), Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), and Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) co-hosted the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the 2023 G7 Hiroshima Summit (GCPPD2023) in Tokyo on 25-26 April. As the outcome document, a "[Declaration](#)" was adopted and submitted directly to H.E. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan.

The key elements of population issues addressed in the GCPPD2023 and its Declaration, including "enhancing gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment and effective participation and leadership", "sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)", and "focusing on the needs of vulnerable groups, such as women and girls, youth, ageing persons, persons with disabilities", were also included in the G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué that was issued at the G7 Hiroshima Summit.



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## JPPF Briefing Meeting for GCPPD2023

On 11 April, JPPF held a briefing meeting for the GCPPD 2023 and received briefings on each session topic, in particular relating to the Japanese situation, from the following Ministries:

Session 1 “World Population hits 8 Billion” and Session 5 “The Parliamentarians Network” by Director of Global Health Strategy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Session 2 “Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment” by Director of General Affairs Division, Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office

Session 3 “Investing in Youth” by Counsellor (Youth Support and Career Development) to the Director-General for Human Resources Development, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

Session 4 “Ageing Population and Healthy Longevity” by Director of Division of the Health for the Elderly, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, MHLW

At GCPPD, many JPPF members shared Japan's experience with participants from other countries and deepened the discussions. Hon. Takuma Miyaji and Hon. Yoshinori Suematsu made a presentation in Session 3 and Session 5 respectively, while Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi (Chair of AFPPD and Executive Director of JPPF), Hon. Yoko Kamikawa (Chair of JPPF), Hon. Ichiro Aisawa (Senior Vice Chair of JPPF), Hon. Hitosni Kikawada (Secretary General of JPPF) and Hon. Ayano Kunimitsu served as a moderator or a session chair. Hon. Dr. Toshiko Abe and Hon. Shinsuke Okuno made comments during the discussion.

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## IPPF Director General and others make a courtesy visit to JPPF officials

Dr. Alvaro Bermejo, Director General of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Ms. Tomoko Fukuda, Regional Director of IPPF East and South East Asia and Oceania Region (ESEAOR), and Ms. Yuri Taniguchi, Chief of IPPF Strategic Partnerships and Development (S. E. Asia), visited Japan on the occasion of the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Toward the G7 Hiroshima Summit (GCPPD2023).

During their stay, they paid a courtesy visit to JPPF Executive Members: Hon. Yasuo Fukuda (JPPF Honorary Chair and APDA Chair), Hon. Yoko Kamikawa (Chair), Hon. Ichiro Aizawa (Senior Vice-Chair), Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi (Executive Director), Hon. Hitoshi Kikawada (Secretary General), Hon. Dr. Toshiko Abe (Deputy Executive Director), Hon. Ryuhei Kawada (Director), and Hon. Karen Makishima (Vice Chair of JPPF Gender Issues Committee). Dr. Bermejo reported on IPPF's grassroots level activities on sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), adding that they will continue to make every effort in this area and expressing their gratitude for Japan's continued support.



## JPPF

Established in 1974, JPPF has the longest history in the world as a supra-partisan parliamentary group on population and development. JPPF, in concert with APDA, has created a network of parliamentarians on population and development, through which a diverse range of knowledge and experience has been shared to accomplish concrete results.

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