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JPFP's Project Team on Life Safety Education: Policy Dialogue and Study Visit in Korea

The JPFP's Project Team on Life Safety Education conducted a policy dialogue and study visit in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 31 August to 1 September, together with the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA; Secretariat of JPFP). Participants included Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Chair of JPFP; Hon. Terata Shizuka, Executive Director of the JPFP Project Team; Hon. Otsuji Tomomi, Deputy Executive Director of the Project Team; Hon. Nishioka Yoshitaka, Hon. Nomura Miho, and Hon. Kobayashi Sayaka, Members of Parliament; as well as media representatives and other stakeholders.

On the first day, the delegation visited the LALA Sexual Culture Research Institute, a private organization specializing in sexuality education. The delegation observed experiential learning activities designed to help children, according to their age and stage of development, express their feelings, respect others, and develop the ability to make their own decisions. Participants exchanged views on collaboration with schools and parents, the division of roles between public and private organizations, and challenges related to securing qualified personnel and financial resources. The delegation then visited the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and paid a courtesy call on Vice Speaker H.E. Nam In-soon. Members of the Korean Parliamentary League on Children, Population, and Environment (CPE), of which Vice Speaker H.E. Nam serves as Vice-Chair, also joined the meeting. Discussions focused on policies concerning children and young people in Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The second day began with a lecture and policy dialogue led by Professor Shin Ki-young of the Institute for Gender Studies at Ochanomizu University. The session explored similarities and differences in gender politics and policymaking in Japan and the Republic of Korea, deepening participants' understanding of the social debates surrounding gender and the context in which related policies are developed. The delegation subsequently visited the Aha! Seoul Youth Sexuality Culture Center, a Seoul municipal center established in 1999 under a city ordinance and operated by Seoul YMCA under contract since 2001. During the visit, participants learned about the center's comprehensive approach, combining sexuality education for children and young people, training for parents and teachers, and counseling and support services. The policy dialogue and study visit provided a valuable opportunity to deepen understanding of the similarities and differences between Japan and the Republic of Korea and to draw insights from Korea's experience that can help inform further efforts to advance Life Safety Education in Japan.



AFPPD Annual Regional Conference: Parliamentary Leadership for the Future

On 3–4 September, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), together with the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), held the Annual Regional Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. More than 100 participants from 23 countries attended, including the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, the President of the Senate of Australia, ministers, parliamentarians, the Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia, senior government officials, civil society representatives, and experts. The Conference reaffirmed AFPPD's commitment to further advancing its work in the region and beyond through dialogue and cooperation to address shared population and development challenges.

Alongside the Conference, an inauguration ceremony was held for the new AFPPD Secretariat office, which had relocated from Tokyo to Kuala Lumpur. The new office is expected to serve as an important hub for strengthening cooperation among parliamentarians, fostering partnerships, and further advancing AFPPD's work. The Conference was held with the support of the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), UNFPA, and IPPF.



Activities for Strengthening National Committees on Population and Development: Uganda

On 10–11 July, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA; Secretariat of JPFP), in cooperation with the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Food Security, Population and Development (UPFFSP&D), co-organized an orientation meeting on population and development issues in Kampala, Uganda, for Members of the 12th Parliament, elected in January this year. The meeting was held in conjunction with World Population Day on 11 July. A total of 52 parliamentarians and representatives of partner organizations attended the meeting. It served as a platform to enhance parliamentarians' understanding of key issues in Uganda, including population dynamics, food security, health, gender, and employment, and to engage in active exchanges of views on future policy and budgetary initiatives. This programme was supported by the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).



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