Report of the ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament

(Strasbourg, March 12-14, 2024)

An ICAPP mission visited the European Parliament (EP) in Strasbourg during March 12-14, 2024 to meet the representatives of the political party groups in the EP to further promote cooperation between the ICAPP and the political party groups in the EP. The list and the program of the mission are attached as ***Appendixes 1 and 2***.

During the visit, the members of the ICAPP mission were invited to attend a regular meeting of the ECR (European Conservatives and Reformists) Group which was held in the evening of March 12 in a conference hall in the European Parliament and attended by about 40 members of the ECR Group, including Hon. Nicola Procaccini, Co-Chair, Hon. Jan Zahradil, Vice Chair, and Hon. Gabriel Beszlej, Secretary General of the ECR Group. Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP SC, made a PPT presentation on the ICAPP's history and activities. The copy of the PPT presentation is attached as ***Appendix 3***.

The members of the ICAPP had six meetings with representatives of four largest political party groups in the EP, i.e. the European People's Party (EPP) Group, Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Renew Europe Group and the ECR Group on March 13. At the meetings, they exchanged views on how to further promote cooperation between the ICAPP and the political party groups in the EP and discussed how to organize the 6th Meeting of Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF).

The representatives of political party groups in the EP all welcomed the visit by the ICAPP mission to the EP. They also appreciated the ICAPP's initiative to hold regular meetings with political party groups in the EP, and agreed to more proactively participate in the future meetings and activities of the AEPF.

As for the 6th Meeting of the AEPF, which had been tentatively agreed to be held in Brussels in September 2024, most of the European representatives were of the view to postpone it to late 2024 or early 2025 for administrative and budgetary reasons. They said that, since the new session of the EP will start in September following its elections in June, the newly formed political party groups in the EP will need more time for preparations. Some of them also suggested the possibility of holding the next meeting of the AEPF in other capital cities in Europe, including Rome.

Appendixes:

1. List of the ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament
2. Program of the Mission
3. PPT Presentation on the ICAPP