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Program for the
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07:00-07:03 **Opening Session**

- Opening Remarks by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Philippines**

07:03-07:06 - Welcoming Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Director of the National Security Office, Republic of **Korea**

07:06-07:09 - Briefing by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

07:09-08:35 **Plenary Session I**

- All SC Members will be allocated three (3) minutes each initially for their remarks in the order of email requests received by the ICAPP Secretariat. SC Members who did not sign up to speak will have to wait for their turns until everyone on the Speaker List has finished.

08:35-09:35 **Plenary Session II**

- After everyone on the Speaker List has finished, SC Members may have an additional two (2) minutes to comment or respond if they choose to do so.

09:35-09:38 **Closing Session**

- Conclusion by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

09:38-09:41 - Closing Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Director of the National Security Office, Republic of **Korea**

09:41-09:44 - Closing Remarks by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Philippines**

List of Speakers for the
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1. Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, former Thailand Trade Representative, former Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, *Pheu Thai* Party, **Thailand**

2. Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas, Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanon**

3. Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the ACC, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of **Cambodia**

4. Ms. Xu Min, Deputy Director General of the Asian Bureau of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, on behalf of Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**

5. Hon. Rajan Bhattari, Chief of the International Department and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of **Nepal**

6. Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the Democratic Party of Korea, Member of the Science, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies), Broadcasting and Communications Committee, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarian's Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

7. Hon. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**

8. Hon. Sujata Koirala, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of **Nepal**

9. Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to H.E. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party, **Lebanon**

10. Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Member of the Central Committee, Union Solidarity and Development Party, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Myanmar**

11. Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament from the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, **Malaysia**

12. Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman of *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party),

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Member of Parliament of Bursa, **Turkey**

13. Hon. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of the Foundation for Islamic Development, former Vice President of Iran, and Member of the Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, **Iran**

14. Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

15. Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman of the Patron Council of *Golkar* Party, former Minister of Manpower and former Minister of Housing and Settlement, **Indonesia**

16. Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, **Pakistan**

17. Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party, Vice President of the Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

18. Hon. Nguyen Thi Hoang Van, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on behalf of Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Member of the Central Committee, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

19. Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Member of Parliament and former Executive Director of Democrat Party, **Thailand**

20. Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka, Member of Parliament and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), **Sri Lanka**

21. Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairman of the AEPF and Member of the European Parliament, **Czech Republic**

Annotated Agenda
for the 35th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
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I. Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 21-04 on 22 February 2021, Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Member of the Central Committee of USDP and former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2011 to 2016, has replaced Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin as the representative of USDP in the ICAPP SC. Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin has been appointed as the Union Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the State Administration Council in Myanmar as of 1 February 2021.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 21-06 on 25 March 2021, the party which was previously known as Nepal Communist Party changed its name to Communist Party of Nepal (UML). In addition, Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of Nepal and Central Committee Member of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), has replaced Hon. Jhala Nath Khanal, former Prime Minister of Nepal, as the party representative to the ICAPP SC.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 21-11 on 19 April 2021, Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Member of Parliament and former Executive Director of Democrat Party, Thailand, has replaced Hon. Chamni Sakdiset, Advisor to H.E. Jurin Laksanawisit, Party Leader of Democrat Party, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand.

As was mentioned during the 34th SC meeting, in May 2020, the Secretariat was informed that Hon. Anand Sharma had replaced former SC Member, Hon. Karan Singh as the new Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress (INC). The Secretariat has reached out to the INC for an official letter confirming the appointment of Hon. Anand Sharma as the new representative to the ICAPP SC. In response, the INC notified the Secretariat that the nominee may change upon internal discussions. The Secretariat is waiting to hear back on INC's final nomination.

The updated list of SC Members is attached as ***Appendix I***.

On the Passing Away of Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 21-10 on 16 April 2021, Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of Parliament and Member of the Presidium of the Bangladeh *Awami* League and former Minister of Law and Justice of Bangladesh, passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 14

April 2021. A condolence statement was issued by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP. The statement expressed deep sorrow and condolences at the news and highlighted Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru's achievements as a statesman par excellence who dedicated himself to public service and the pursuit of justice. Also, it underlined his positive contributions to the ICAPP in promoting dialogue and cooperation among political parties in Asia. The Secretariat is willing to forward any messages of condolences from ICAPP Members to Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru's family and the Bangladesh *Awami* League office.

The condolence statement is attached as ***Appendix II***.

Next Meeting of the SC

The next SC meeting is to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, back-to-back with the 11th General Assembly (GA), which was previously scheduled for 17-20 September 2021, but expected to be rescheduled to the second part of October based on the *AK Parti*'s new proposal.

II. Review of the ICAPP Activities Since the 34th SC Meeting in November 2020

Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing: Education and Social Protection Mechanisms for Youth During and After COVID-19

The Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing was held online over the Zoom platform on 3 February 2021. The conference was attended by 33 political parties from 24 countries.

The 1st session of the conference focused on the topic of "Enabling continuity in learning for youth" and the 2nd session, on "Expanding social protection mechanisms for young people who have lost their jobs or experienced income reductions." The sessions began with keynote presentations by experts from international organizations: Ms. Jenelle Babb, Regional Advisor, Education for Health and Wellbeing, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Bangkok, presented in the 1st session, and Mr. Markus Ruck, Senior Specialist on Social Protection, International Labour Organization (ILO) Decent Work Team for East and South East Asia and the Pacific, spoke in the 2nd session.

The participants discussed the disruptions in youth education and employment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They called for a coherent response system, and stressed the need for social protection measures catered to the marginalized youth.

The program, list of participants and statement from the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing are attached as ***Appendixes III-1, III-2 and III-3***.

Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing: Women's Empowerment During and After COVID-19

The Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing was held online over the Zoom platform on 24 February 2021. The conference was attended by 32 political parties from 22 countries.

The 1st session of the conference focused on the topic of "Women's economic insecurity" and the 2nd session, on "Gender-based violence." The sessions began with keynote presentations by experts from international organizations: Ms. Maria Holtsberg, Regional Advisor for Humanitarian Action and Disaster Reduction at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific, presented in the 1st session, and Ms. Cai Cai, Chief of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), spoke in the 2nd session.

The participants acknowledged the economic challenges faced by women and noted the severity of the rise in gender-based violence. They called for immediate policy measures to improve women's economic stability and equip more efficient emergency response systems to prevent violence against women.

The program, list of participants and statement from the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1, IV-2 and IV-3***.

2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC): Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During COVID-19 and Beyond

The 2nd Meeting of the ACC was held online over the Zoom platform on 19 March 2021. The meeting was attended by 25 political parties from 19 countries.

The 1st session of the conference focused on the topic of "Investment in culture and creativity" and the 2nd session, on "Promotion of culture-innovation nexus." The sessions began with keynote presentations by experts from international organizations: Mr. Sardar Umar Alam, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Cambodia, and Dr. Piseth Keo, Vice-President of Asian Vision Institute (AVI), presented in the 1st session. Ms. Sandrine Capelle-Manuel, Multi-Country Office Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Cambodia, and Dr. Masanori Nagaoka, Programme Specialist for Culture at the UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh, spoke in the 2nd session.

On the occasion of the conference, H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia and Honorary Founding Chairman of the ACC, H.E. Mohammad Jusuf Kalla, former Vice-President of Indonesia, and H.E. K.P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of Nepal, sent congratulatory messages to the participants and wished them a successful meeting.

The participants discussed the current situation of the cultural and creative industries (CCI). They expressed their commitment to policy measures and investments in infrastructure that

would enable CCI sectors to successfully adapt to the evolving demands for cultural products.

The program, list of participants and declaration from the 2nd Meeting of the ACC are attached as ***Appendixes V-1, V-2 and V-3***. The congratulatory messages from H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, H.E. Mohammad Jusuf Kalla, and H.E. K.P. Sharma Oli are attached as ***Appendixes V-4, V-5, and V-6***.

III. ICAPP Work Program for 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to limit in-person activities of the ICAPP. Given such circumstances, the SC needs to revisit the ICAPP work program for the remainder of 2021:

a. *2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic (Online Conference, May 2021)*
b. *6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, September 2021)*
c. *11th GA and the "20th Founding Anniversary" Event (Istanbul, Turkey, October 2021)*
d. *36th Meeting of the ICAPP SC (Istanbul, Turkey, October 2021)*
e. *4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP (Istanbul, Turkey, October 2021)*
f. *5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Istanbul, Turkey, October 2021)*
g. *2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council (Istanbul, Turkey, October 2021)*
h. *4th Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (Prague, Czech Republic, November 2021)*
i. *Special Conference on Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties (Baku, Azerbaijan, 26 November or 3 December 2021)*

The ICAPP work program for the remainder of 2021 is attached as ***Appendix VI***.

IV. Preparations for the 11th GA and Other Joint Meetings

Plans for the 11th GA and the "20th Founding Anniversary Event," 36th SC Meeting, ICAPP Media Forum, Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP, and 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council

During the 34th SC Meeting, the *AK Parti* renewed its offer to host the 11th GA in Istanbul, Turkey during 17-20 September 2021. The party also maintained its offer to organize the ICAPP Media Forum, the Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP, and the 36th SC Meeting as joint meetings. In addition, the *AK Parti* expressed its interest in hosting the next TOPIC Council Meeting together with the 11th GA if the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) can no longer host it in Tunis, Tunisia. Since the 34th SC Meeting, the CAPP has not renewed its commitment to host the next TOPIC Council Meeting. As such, through a letter dated 18 January 2021, the Secretariat made a proposal to the *AK Parti* to host the next

TOPIC Council Meeting on the sidelines of the 11th GA.

Also, at the last SC Meeting, the United Russia Party raised concerns about the tentative dates for the 11th GA. Since the State *Duma* elections are taking place in mid-September, it mentioned that it will be difficult for the Russian political parties to attend. In this regard, the Secretariat encouraged the United Russia Party and the *AK Parti* to have a discussion on this matter.

Through a separate message to the Secretariat on 12 April 2021, the *AK Parti* accepted the Secretariat's proposal to host the next TOPIC Council Meeting on the sidelines of the 11th GA. Also, it expressed its willingness to host the 11th GA and other joint meetings in the second part of October so that more ICAPP Members may be able to attend. The *AK Parti* agreed to provide further details on its new proposal to SC Members during the 35th SC Meeting.

SC Members previously supported the idea of organizing an event at the 11th GA to commemorate the ICAPP's "20th Founding Anniversary." In this regard, at the last SC Meeting, an SC Member suggested a peace lecture honoring Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the SC. The same SC Member also proposed the idea of inviting a keynote speaker such as the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, to speak about the challenges for Asia during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

V. Activities of the ICAPP-Affiliated Bodies

The 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF)

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-11, the 4th AEPF Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic was postponed to 21-23 May 2021 after consultations with the Bureau of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) and the SC Members. Since then, the Secretariat has continued to communicate with the ECR on future plans for the meeting.

On 26 March 2021, a video call was organized between Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Jan Zahradil, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament and Co-Chairman of the AEPF. During the meeting, Hon. Zahradil proposed to postpone the 4th AEPF Meeting until the 1st or 2nd week of November 2021, given the unfavorable situation in Europe due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hon. Cho acknowledged the difficulties of hosting an in-person conference in May, and agreed to monitor the situation further. In addition, he invited Hon. Zahradil to participate in the 35th SC Meeting to provide brief updates to the SC Members on potential plans for the next AEPF meeting.

During the call, Hon. Zahradil also raised the issue of extending his Co-Chairmanship until the next AEPF Meeting, as he has been unable to carry out the AEPF activities due to the pandemic. The Secretariat is of the opinion that it would be practical and appropriate to extend the term of the AEPF Bureau until the end of 2021 in light of the current circumstances.

The 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing

During the 34th SC meeting, the Mongolian People's Party renewed its offer to host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the Women's Wing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in October 2021. Since then, the party has proposed 6-8 September 2021 as the new dates for these meetings through separate communication to the Secretariat.

VI. ICAPP Special Conferences

The 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

During the 34th SC Meeting, SC Members agreed to organize a follow-up conference on the COVID-19 pandemic given the importance of international cooperation during the crisis. As such, an SC Member suggested organizing the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2021, which marked one year since the global outbreak of the pandemic. However, due to the logistical difficulties of scheduling multiple ICAPP meetings in the first quarter, the Secretariat had to postpone the conference to May 2021. After receiving feedback from SC Members at the last SC meeting, the following tentative topics have been chosen for the video conference:

1. Building an enhanced global emergency response system, including the effective procurement and distribution of vaccines
2. Achieving an inclusive global recovery across all countries and groups of society

The updated draft concept paper of the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic is attached as ***Appendix VII***.

Special Conference on Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties

During the 34th SC meeting, the New Azerbaijan Party offered to host a Special Conference on Peace and Cooperation, "Peace and Cooperation Dialogue," in Baku, Azerbaijan in the middle of 2021.

Since then, the New Azerbaijan Party has suggested 26 November or 3 December 2021 as the new dates for the conference through separate communication to the Secretariat. The party

has also proposed to rename the conference to the “Special Conference on Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties.”

VII. Other Issues

Political Situation in Myanmar

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 21-02 on 22 February 2021, given the urgent situation in Myanmar, a statement was issued by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP. The statement called for a restoration of democracy and stability as well as a resolution of tensions among all parties through peaceful dialogue. Lastly, it reaffirmed strong support to the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of democracy, peace, and the rule of law.

The statement on Myanmar by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, is attached as ***Appendix VIII***.

Launch of the ICAPP Newsletter

The Secretariat newly launched the ICAPP newsletter this month. The newsletter will be distributed amongst the ICAPP Members, conference participants and experts in the public and international affairs sectors on a quarterly basis. The Secretariat believes this initiative will further strengthen the ICAPP network and keep the ICAPP Members up-to-date on new developments within the organization. It is also hopeful that the newsletter will serve as an effective communication channel with external groups such as international organizations, governments, media, NGOs, think tanks and all other parties who are interested in engaging with the ICAPP.

The ICAPP newsletter issued this month (April 2021) is attached as ***Appendix IX***.

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Appendix I

Updated List of SC Members

As of 19 April 2021

- Liberal Party, **Australia**
- Labour Party, **Australia**
- Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister, and Deputy Chairman and Executive Secretary of the *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**
- Bangladesh *Awami* League, **Bangladesh**
- Hon. Rahgir Almahe Ershad, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh National Parliament, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party**, Bangladesh**
- Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of **Cambodia**
- HRH Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh, former First Prime Minister, former Chairman of the National Assembly, and President of *FUNCINPEC* Party, **Cambodia**
- Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**
- *Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*), **India**
- Indian National Congress, **India**
- Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*), Member of Parliament in Commission 1 (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), **Indonesia**
- Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman, Patron Council of the *Golkar* Party (Party of Functional Groups), former Minister of Man Power, former Minister of Housing and Settlement, and former Chairman of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the House of Representatives, **Indonesia**
- Hon. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of Foundation for Islamic Development, former Vice President and Member of Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, **Iran**
- Hon. Mohammad Reza Sarmadi, Deputy Secretary General of International Relations and Member of the Central Committee of Islamic Labour Party, **Iran**
- Liberal Democratic Party/*Komeito* Party, **Japan**

- Democratic Party For the People (DPFP), **Japan**

- Hon. Bauyrzhan Baibek, First Deputy Chairman of the *Nur Otan* (Democratic People's) Party, **Kazakhstan**

- Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the Democratic Party of Korea, Member of the Science, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies), Broadcasting and Communications Committee, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarian's Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Hon. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament and former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), **Malaysia**

- Hon. Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Secretary-General of Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), **Malaysia**

- Democratic Party of **Mongolia**

- Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to Secretary General of Mongolian People's Party, Vice President of Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

- Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Member of the Central Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Party (UMNO) and former Deputy Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Myanmar**

- Hon. U Mahn Johnny, former Member of Parliament and Member of the Central Committee, National League for Democracy (NLD), **Myanmar**

- Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Chief of the International Department and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of **Nepal**

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament and Central Committee of the Nepali Congress Party, **Nepal**

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairman and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairman of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-*N*), **Pakistan**

- Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Philippines**

- Hon. Dr. Andrey A. Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs, **Russia**

- Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka, Member of Parliament and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dilan Perara, former State Minister of Highways, Member of Parliament from the Sri Lanka *Podujana Peramuna* (SLPP), **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Co-Chairperson of ICAPP Women's Wing, former Thailand Trade Representative and former Minister Attached to Prime Minister's Office, *Pheu Thai* Party, **Thailand**

- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Executive Director of the Democrat Party and former Member of Parliament, **Thailand**

- Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) and Chairman for Foreign Affairs of the Party, Member of Parliament for Bursa, former Minister of the Interior of **Turkey**

- Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman for External Relations of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Vietnam, **Vietnam**

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Director of the National Security Office, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

Appendix II

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Condolence Statement on the Passing Away of His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru

16 April 2021

We are deeply saddened by the news that His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of the Presidium of the Bangladesh *Awami* League, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, passed away on 14 April 2021 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru was a statesman par excellence who dedicated himself to public service and the pursuit of justice. Throughout his career, he made important and lasting contributions to the establishment of parliamentary democracy and the rule of law in Bangladesh.

He was a man of many achievements. As one of the most prominent lawyers in his country, he served as the Minister of Law and Justice in the first cabinet of Sheikh Hasina, and as a five-time Member of Parliament. Also, he is known to have commanded freedom fighters in Burichang in Comilla district during the Bangladesh Liberation War.

His Excellency had a big heart for the people of Bangladesh and served his community with remarkable generosity and leadership. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided food assistance to many families in need using personal funds, inspiring others to come forward during the crisis.

His leadership also shone through at the many ICAPP conferences he participated in. As the representative of the Bangladesh *Awami* League in the ICAPP Standing Committee, he brought his wisdom, insights and keen understanding to the table, making a positive impact on the promotion of dialogue and cooperation among political parties in Asia.

On behalf of the ICAPP, we extend our most sincere condolences to his beloved family and the people of Bangladesh during this time of sorrow. His Excellency Abdul Matin Khasru will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues in the ICAPP.

Jose de Venecia, Jr.
Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Philippines

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Appendix III-1

Program of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing

Date: Wednesday, 3 February 2021
Time: 06:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. GMT

GMT ***Session***

06:00 ***Opening Session***

- Welcoming remarks by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines (3 minutes)
- Opening remarks by Co-Chairpersons of the ICAPP Youth Wing (3 minutes each)
  - Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament from United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), Malaysia
  - Hon. Ramin Mammadov, Member of Parliament (*Milli Majlis*) and Acting Chairman of Youth Union of New Azerbaijan Party, Azerbaijan

06:10 ***First Session on Youth Education***

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP)

- Keynote presentation by an expert from UNESCO (10 minutes)
  - Ms. Jenelle Babb, Regional Advisor, Education for Health and Wellbeing, UNESCO Bangkok, Regional Bureau for Education for Asia and the Pacific
- Q&A Session (10 minutes)
- Presentation by representatives of 20 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

07:30 ***Second Session on Youth Employment***

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP)

- Keynote presentation by an expert from ILO (10 minutes)
  - Mr. Markus Ruck, Senior Specialist on Social Protection, ILO Decent Work Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific
- Q&A Session (10 minutes)
- Presentation by representatives of 20 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

08:50 ***Closing Session***

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP)

- Adoption of the statement (3 minutes)
- Closing remarks by Co-Chairpersons of the ICAPP Youth Wing (3 minutes each)
  - Hon. Ramin Mammadov, Member of Parliament (*Milli Majlis*) and Acting Chairman of Youth Union of New Azerbaijan Party, Azerbaijan
  - Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament from United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), Malaysia

~09:00 ***End***

Appendix III-2

List of Participants of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing

Political Parties (24 Countries, 33 Political Parties)

1. **Azerbaijan**
   1) **New Azerbaijan Party** (1)
   - Hon. Ramin Mammadov, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, Member of Parliament (*Milli Majlis*) and Acting Chairman of the Youth Union of the New Azerbaijan Party

   2) **Civil Solidarity Party** (1)
   - Mr. Yousif Khantemir, Chairman of the Youth Organization of the Civil Solidarity Party

2. **Bangladesh**
   3) **Bangladesh *Awami* League** (1)
   - Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of Parliament and Member of the Presidium of the Bangladesh *Awami* League, former Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of Bangladesh

3. **Bhutan**
   4) **Bhutan United Party (*Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa*)** (1)
   - Hon. Dorjee Wangmo, Member of Parliament from the Bhutan United Party (*Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa*)

   5) **Bhutan Peace and Prosperity Party *(Druk Phuensum Tshogpa)*** (1)
   - Hon. Ugyen Dorji, Member of Parliament from the Bhutan Peace and Prosperity Party *(Druk Phuensum Tshogpa)*

4. **Cambodia**
   6) **Cambodian People's Party (CPP)** (2)
   - Hon. Soken Sok, Member of the CPP's Committee and President of the CPP's Youth Working Group at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
   - Mr. Kimsor Oeng, Member of the CPP's Committee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

5. **Cyprus**
   7) **Progressive Party of Working People (*AKEL*)** (1)
   - Mr. Seviros Koulas, General Secretary of *EDON* (United Democratic Youth Organization) of *AKEL*

6. **India**
   8) ***Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*)** (1)
   - Hon. Dr. Vijay Jolly, President of Delhi Study Group, Senior Indian *BJP* Leader

7. **Indonesia**
   9) ***Golkar* Party** (2)
   - Ms. Diana Widyastuti, Member of the Central Executive Board of *Golkar* Party
   - Mr. Lucky Ali Moerfiqin, Member of the Election Winning Body of *Golkar* Party

8. Iran

10) **Islamic *Motalefeh* Party** (2)

- Mr. Mohammad Mahdi TinaiTehrani, Deputy of the International Department of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party
- Mr. Mohamed Amin TinaiTehrani, Point Person for Youth in the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party

9. Japan

11) **The Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP)** (2)

- Hon. Shu Sakurai, Member of the House of Representatives, Deputy Director of the International Division of CDP
- Ms. Yoko Furuyama, Deputy Director of the Secretariat of the International Division of CDP

12) **Japanese Communist Party** (1)

- Ms. Hiromi Yoshimoto, Member of the International Commission, Central Committee of the Japanese Communist Party

10. Korea, Republic of

13) **Democratic Party of Korea** (1)

- Hon. Kyung Tae Jang, Member of the National Assembly from the Democratic Party of Korea

14) **People Power Party** (1)

- Hon. Seung Hee Hwang Bo, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party

11. Laos

15) **Lao People's Revolutionary Party (Lao PRP)** (6)

- Hon. Somphone Sichaleune, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of Lao PRP
- Mr. Khamefeuang Phanthaxay, Acting Director General of the Research and Information Department of Lao PRP
- Mr. Thongsavath Phanthavong, Director of the Multilateral Relations Division, Research and Information Department of Lao PRP
- Mr. Thathsaphone Lerththavone, Director of the ASEAN Division, International Relations and Cooperation Department of Lao PRP, Member of the Lao Youth Union
- Ms. Vilatda Chansomphou, Desk Officer of the Multilateral Relations Division, Research and Information Department of Lao PRP
- Ms. Khanhpaseuth Svengsucksa, Desk Officer of the Multilateral Relations Division, Research and Information Department of Lao PRP

12. Lebanon

16) **Free Patriotic Movement (FPM)** (1)

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas, Free Patriotic Movement Party

17) **Future Movement Party** (1)

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor to the former Prime Minister Saad Hariri for Development Affairs, Member of the Future Movement Party

13. Malaysia

18) **United Malays National Organisation (UMNO)** (2)

- Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, Member of Parliament from UMNO, former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister of Malaysia
- Hon. Dato' Dr. Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki, Chief of UMNO Youth

19) **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA)** (2)

- Hon. Datuk' Siaw Ting Wong (Nicole), National Youth Chief of MCA
- Mr. Kwok Xheng Ho (Ryan), Youth Spokesperson and Member of the Central Committee of MCA

14. Maldives

20) **Maldivian Democratic Party** (1)

- Ms. Rifqa Shiham, Youth Wing Representative of Male' City, Maldivian Democratic Party

15. Mongolia

21) **Mongolian People's Party (MPP)** (1)

- Mr. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Head of the Department of International Relations of MPP

16. Myanmar

22) **Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)** (3)

- Mr. Nay Win Aung, Head of Branch, International Relations Department of USDP
- Ms. Nyein Hsu Wai, Deputy Chief of the Youth Executive Committee of USDP
- Ms. Ei Moh Moh Kyaw, Member of the Youth Executive Committee of USDP

17. Nepal

23) **Nepal Communist Party** (2)

- Hon. Jhala Nath Khanal, Senior Leader of the Nepal Communist Party, former Prime Minister of Nepal
- Mr. Yogendra Bahadur Shahi, Member of the Provincial Committee and Karnali Province Planning Commission (KPPC) of the Nepal Communist Party

24) **Nepali Congress Party** (2)

- Dr. Tara P Banjade, President of the Nepal Union China Chapter, Director of *Girija Prasad Koirala* Foundation
- Dr. Prabhu Budhathoki, Member of the Nepali Congress Central Policy, Research and Training Academy (NCCPRTA)

18. New Zealand

25) **New Zealand Labour Party** (2)

- Mr. Liam Wairepo, Policy Officer of Young Labour of the New Zealand Labour Party
- Mr. Dan Harward Jones, President of Young Labour of the New Zealand Labour Party

19. Pakistan

26) **Pakistan Muslim League-N** (1)

- Mr. Mustafa Sayed, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, Youth Representative of Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz-N) (PML-N), Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute (PCI)

20. Russia

***27)* United Russia Party** (1)

- Ms. Daria Sharova, International Secretary of the Young Guard of the United Russia Party

21. Sri Lanka

***28)* United National Party (UNP)** (1)

- Mr. Sandith Samarasinghe, Secretary for International Affairs of UNP

22. Thailand

***29) Pheu Thai* Party** (2)

- Hon. Wanniwat Somboon, Spokeperson of the Education Committee and Member of Parliament from *Pheu Thai* Party
- Mr. Paopoom Rojanasakul, Deputy Secretary-General of *Pheu Thai* Party

***30) Democrat* Party** (1)

- Mr. Pracob Chirakiti, former Vice Minister attached to the Prime Minister Office, former Member of Parliament from the *Democrat* Party

23. Turkey

***31) AK* Party** (2)

- Mr. Cengizhan Gungor, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Division of *AK* Party Youth Branch
- Dr. Suay Nilhan, Deputy Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Division of *AK* Party Youth Branch

24. Uzbekistan

***32)* Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan** (1)

- Mr. Yusufjon Yusupov, Head of the Youth Department of the Executive Committee, Political Council of the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan

***33)* People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan** (4)

- Hon. Zukhra Shadieva, Deputy of the Legislative Chamber of Parliament (*Oliy Majlis)* from the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan
- Mr. Michael Elshov, Chief Consultant, Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan
- Mr. Jaxongir Kabirjonov, Head of the Youth Wing, Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan
- Ms. Malika Rashidova, Head of the Department of Ideological and Educational Work, Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan

Keynote Speakers (2)

1. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (1)

- Ms. Jenelle Babb, Regional Advisor, Education for Health and Wellbeing, UNESCO Bangkok, Regional Bureau for Education for Asia and the Pacific

2. International Labour Organization (ILO) (1)

- Mr. Markus Ruck, Senior Specialist on Social Protection, ILO Decent Work Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific

Observers (2)

1. **ICAPP-Asian Cultural Council (ACC) Secretariat** (1)
   - Mr. Ly Chanrainsey, Officer of the ICAPP-ACC Secretariat, Cambodia

2. **Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL)** (1)
   - Mr. Hiram Hernandez Zetina, President of Red de Jóvenes x México, Mexico

Office of the Founder of the ICAPP (1)

- Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of *Philippines*

ICAPP Secretariat (6)

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director of the Secretariat
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Seojin Lee, Program Director
- Mr. Kim Deok-su, Program Officer
- Ms. Kim Hee Young, Program Officer

Appendix III-3

Statement of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing on Education and Social Protection Mechanisms for Youth During and After COVID-19

1. We, the representatives of 33 political parties from 24 Countries, gathered virtually for the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing. The meeting was co-hosted by the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Secretariat and held on 3 February 2021. The meeting was organized over an online platform due to physical constraints as a result of COVID-19. The main theme of the conference was "Education and Social Protection Mechanisms for Youth During and After COVID-19." The conference was structured into two sessions: the first session focused on the topic of enabling continuity in learning for youth, and the second session on expanding social protection mechanisms for young people who have lost their jobs or experienced income reductions.

2. We recalled takeaways from our five previous meetings of the ICAPP Youth Wing in Kuala Lumpur (2012), Baku (2013), Colombo (2014), Moscow (2018), and Baku (2019), which reiterated the ICAPP's commitment to youth development in Asia and beyond. We revisited key points in the 2019 "Baku Statement for the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing," which called upon political parties and governments to increase international cooperation to promote the participation of youth in socio-economic activities, to provide structural guidelines for vocational training and employment of youth, and to protect youth rights and equal opportunities.

3. We acknowledged the difficult situation youth are facing in the area of education due to COVID-19. In particular, we took note of how one in eight young people (13%) who were studying or combining work and study before the pandemic were left without access to any form of education. We recognized that the situation is especially acute in low-income countries, where many do not have access to remote learning tools and the internet. We noted that young people's nutrition and well-being were also being affected as schools are often a source of free meals and health needs.

4. We acknowledged the difficult situation youth are facing in the area of employment due to COVID-19. In particular, we took note of how one in six young people (17%) who were employed before the pandemic became unemployed and two out of five young people (42%) saw reductions in their incomes. We further recognized that young people are more likely to be the subject of precarious job contracts and working arrangements and therefore, more likely to lack adequate social protection than others.

5. In response to the current challenges faced by youth, we underlined the importance of

raising awareness and promoting appropriate policy responses that incorporate the whole-of-society and intergenerational approaches to prevent a long-lasting and damaging impact on youth, taking into account the significant disruptions across education and employment as a result of COVID-19. In the sphere of education, we emphasized the responsibility of governments, political parties, private sector and all other stakeholders in enabling continuity in learning. We encouraged ICAPP members to join the international community in taking actions to expand internet access, digital infrastructure and connectivity as well as to arrange remote learning solutions through high-tech, low-tech and no-tech solutions depending on young people's access to digital connectivity. We also highlighted the importance of caring for young people of low-income backgrounds that rely on schools to meet their nutrition and health needs.

6. In the sphere of employment, we called upon governments and political parties to devise social protection measures such as unemployment support and access to healthcare that can reach young people. We also drew attention to measures that could improve the working conditions of young people, especially those engaged in precarious work in the informal economy.

7. We expressed our strong support for the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development's (UN IANYD) 2020 "Statement on COVID-19 & Youth," which endorsed partnering with young people, recognizing young people's own actions and their potential to advance the fight against the pandemic; understanding the specific impacts the pandemic will have on young people; and ensuring COVID-19 related responses will uphold young people's human rights and incorporate their needs.

8. We emphasized concerted action to not only develop and examine youth policies, but also recognize the important role young people can play in sustainable development efforts, including climate change, unemployment, poverty, gender equality, conflict and migration. We concurred with the UN Secretary-General's 2017 report on youth development, which asserted that the "pledges made in the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first, as well as its affirmation to be people-centred, ensure that youth are included in all aspects of the Agenda." As such, we called upon governments and political parties to design and implement policy frameworks that can improve the situation of young people at both the national and international levels. Also, we agreed to share updates on the progress made on these policy measures at the upcoming 6th Youth Wing Meeting, which will be held in Mongolia later this year.

9. We considered it critical to establish active partnerships among all stakeholders to

implement effective policy measures for young people who are affected by COVID-19. In this regard, we highly appreciated the participation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the conference, and the insights and expertise shared by their representatives.

10. We emphasized a strong and urgent need for international partnership and solidarity among the ICAPP members in the fight against COVID-19. We called on responsible governments and political parties to share best practices, experiences, and low-cost educational tools and methods with the ICAPP global family to help weather the global challenges caused by COVID-19; and thereby, advance the spirit of building a community and improve the shared future of humanity through the assurance of youth education, health security, adequate employment opportunities, and enhanced quality of life.

11. We expressed our appreciation to the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Secretariat for the successful organization of the event. We also shared our excitement and anticipation for the next meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing, which will be hosted by the Mongolian People's Party in the latter half of this year.

Adopted on 3 February 2021

Appendix IV-1

Program of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021
Time: 06:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. GMT

GMT ***Session***

06:00 ***Opening Session***
(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- Introduction by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)
- Welcoming remarks by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines (3 minutes)
- Opening remarks by Hon. Sujata Koirala, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal (3 minutes)

06:10 ***First Session on Economic Insecurity***
(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- Keynote presentation by Ms. Maria Holtsberg, Regional Advisor for Humanitarian Action and Disaster Reduction at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific (10 minutes)
- Q&A session (10 minutes)
- Presentation by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

07:30 ***Second Session on Gender-based Violence***
(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- Keynote presentation by Ms. Cai Cai, Chief of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) (10 minutes)
- Q&A session (10 minutes)
- Presentation by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

08:50 ***Closing Session***
(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- Adoption of the statement (3 minutes)
- Conclusion by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)
- Closing remarks by Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, former Thailand Trade Representative, former Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office of Thailand, Member of *Pheu Thai* Party (3 minutes)

~09:00 ***End***

Appendix IV-2

List of Participants of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing

Political Parties (22 Countries, 32 Political Parties)

1. **Azerbaijan**
   1) **New Azerbaijan Party** (2)
   - Hon. Malahat Ibrahimgizi, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Member of the *Milli Majlis* (Parliament) and Member of the Political Council of New Azerbaijan Party
   - Hon. Sevinj Fataliyeva, Member of the *Milli Majlis* (Parliament) and Chief of the International Department of New Azerbaijan Party

   2) **Civic Solidarity Party** (1)
   - Ms. Aygun Gurbanova, Member of the Civic Solidarity Party

2. **Cambodia**
   3) **Cambodian People's Party (CPP)** (8)
   - Hon. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women's Affairs of Cambodia
   - Hon. Hou Nirmita, Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MOWA)
   - Hon. Nhean Sochetra, Director General of Social Development of MOWA
   - Hon. The Chunnhak, Director General of Gender Equality and Economic Development of MOWA
   - Mr. Sao Vong Virak, Deputy Director General of MOWA
   - Ms. Sar Sineth, Deputy Director General of Social Development of MOWA
   - Mr. Phon Puthborey, Director of Legal Protection Department of MOWA
   - Ms. Thoeun Sarkmarkna, Director of Women's Economic Development of MOWA

3. **Cyprus**
   4) **Democratic Rally *(DISY)*** (1)
   - Mrs. Ourania Schiza, President of the Women's Organisation of the Democratic Rally (*GODISY*)

   5) **Progressive Party of Working People (*AKEL)*** (1)
   - Hon. Skevi Koutra-Koukouma, Member of Parliament from *AKEL*, General Secretary of *AKEL*'s Women's Wing (Women's Movement of *POGO*)

4. **Georgia**
   6) **Georgian Dream** (1)
   - Hon. Nino Tsilosani, Member of Parliament from the Georgian Dream, Chairperson of the Committee on Agrarian Issues and the Permanent Parliamentary Gender Equality Council

5. **India**
   7) ***Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*)** (1)
   - Mrs. Satindra Kumari, Vice President of Madangir District of *BJP*, Member of the Delhi Women's Wing of *BJP*

6. **Indonesia**
   8) **Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*)** (1)
   - Ms. Kirana Larasati Hanafiah, Member of the Foreign Affairs Division of the

Central Leadership Board of *PDI-P*

9) **Golkar Party** (4)

- Hon. Ambassador Iris Indira Murti, Member of the Advisory Board of *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Diana Widyastuti, Member of the Central Executive Board of *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Chandra Kusuma, Member of the Women's Wing of *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Emmalia Emmalia, Member of the Women's Wing of *Golkar* Party

7. Iran

10) **Islamic *Motalefeh* Party** (1)

- Ms. Maryam Gaeinipour, Member of the High Council of Women of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party

8. Japan

11) **Japanese Communist Party** (1)

- Ms. Yoko Iida, Deputy Secretary-General of the Gender Equality Commission of the Japanese Communist Party

9. Korea, Republic of

12) **Democratic Party of Korea** (1)

- Hon. Jungmin Hong, Member of the National Assembly from Democratic Party of Korea

13) **People Power Party** (1)

- Hon. Joo-Hyae Jun, Member of the National Assembly from People Power Party

10. Laos

14) **Lao People's Revolutionary Party (Lao PRP)** (6)

- Hon. Bundith Prathoumvanh, Member of the National Assembly from the Lao PRP, Vice-President of the Lao Women's Union at the Lao PRP
- Mr. Thongsavath Phanthavong, Director of the Multilateral Relations Division of the Research and Information Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Lao PRP
- Mr. Khamefeuang Phanthaxay, Deputy Director General of the Research and Information Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Lao PRP
- Ms. Sisavanh Detvongsone Deputy Director General of the Planning and International Cooperation Department of the Lao Women's Union
- Ms. Vilatda Chansomphou, Desk Officer at the Multilateral Relations Division of Research and Information Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Lao PRP
- Ms. Khanhpaseuth Svengsucksa, Desk Officer at the Multilateral Relations Division, Research and Information Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Lao PRP

11. Lebanon

15) **Free Patriotic Movement (FPM)** (1)

- Ms. Joelle Bachaalany, Representative of the Diaspora Sector of the Free Patriotic Movement

12. **Malaysia**

16) **United Malays National Organisation (UMNO)** (1)

- Hon. Datuk Noraini Ahmad, Chief of the Women's Wing of UMNO and Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia

17) **Democratic Action Party (DAP)** (1)

- Hon. Lee Koon Tan, Member of Negeri Sembilan State Executive Council of DAP

18) **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA)** (2)

- Hon. Datuk Heng Seai Kie, National Chairperson of the Women's Wing of MCA (*Wanita* MCA)
- Sdri. Wong You Fong, Deputy Chairperson of *Wanita* MCA

13. **Mongolia**

19) **Mongolian People's Party (MPP)** (12)

- Ms. Enkhjargal Danzanbaljir, Board Member of Social Democracy-Mongolian Women's Association (SDMWA) of MPP
- Mr. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Head of the International Relations Department of MPP
- Ms. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Director of the Strategy Academy of MPP
- Ms. Namuunaa Amarsanaa, Researcher of the Strategy Academy of MPP
- Ms. Oyundalai Odkhuu, Researcher of the Strategy Academy of MPP
- Ms. Gangamurun Ganbaatar Mongolian National Conference Member of the Social Democracy and Mongolian Women's Association (SDMWA) of MPP
- Ms. Oyunbileg Sanjaadorj, Vice President of the SDMWA of MPP
- Ms. Narangarav Tuvaandorj, President of the SDMWA of Uvurkhangai province of MPP
- Ms. Duurenjargal Munkhnaran, Member of the SDMWA of MPP
- Ms. Nyamjargal Burged, Member of the SDMWA of MPP
- Ms. Oyunbayar Battumur, President of the SDMWA of Orkhon province of MPP
- Ms. Undram Otgonchuluun, Member of the SDMWA of MPP

14. **Myanmar**

20) **Union Solidarity and Development Party** (1)

- Ms. Zar Chi Linn, Secretary of the East District of Yangon, Union Solidarity and Development Party

15. **Nepal**

21) **Nepal Communist Party (NCP)** (3)

- Hon. Jhala Nath Khanal, Senior Leader of the NCP, former Prime Minister of Nepal
- Hon. Ram Kumari Jhankri, Member of Parliament from the NCP, Member of the Central Committee of NCP
- Mr. Yogendra Bahadur Shahi, Member of the Provincial Committee and Karnali Province Planning Commission (KPPC) of the NCP

22) **Nepali Congress Party** (2)

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Member of Parliament and Member of the Central Committee of Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal
- Prof. Dr. Kushum Shakya, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Tribhuvan University, Nepal

16. **New Zealand**

23) **New Zealand Labour Party** (1)

- Hon. Ingrid Leary, Member of Parliament for Taieri from New Zealand Labour Party

17. **Philippines**

24) **PDP-Laban** (4)

- Hon. Astravel Naik, Chairperson of the Membership Committee of PDP-Laban, Undersecretary and Executive Director of Commission on Filipinos Overseas of Philippines
- Ms. Maria Kristine Josefina Balmes, Provincial President, Deputy Executive Director of Philippine Commission on Women of Philippines
- Dr. Joan Lagunda, Assitant Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of Philippines
- Ms. Rufina Arcega, Chairperson of the National Education Committee of PDP-Laban

25) **Liberal Party of the Philippines (LP)** (1)

- Ms. Rhaetia Marie Abcede-Llaga, Member of LP

18. **Sri Lanka**

26) **United National Party (UNP)** (1)

- Hon. Dr. Anoma Gamage, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Assistant Secretary of UNP, former Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Agriculture and former State Minister of Petroleum Resources and Development of Sri Lanka

19. **Syria**

27) **Arab Socialist *Baath* Party** (4)

- Hon. Bushra Zraika, Member of Parliament from the Arab Socialist *Baath* Party
- Hon. Hayfaa Jomaa, Member of Parliament from the Arab Socialist *Baath* Party
- Hon. Hazar Duks, Member of Parliament from the Arab Socialist *Baath* Party
- Hon. Basema Shater, Member of Parliament from the Arab Socialist *Baath* Party

20. **Thailand**

28) ***Pheu Thai* Party** (1)

- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, former Thailand Trade Representative, former Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office of Thailand, Member of *Pheu Thai* Party

29) **Democrat Party** (1)

- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Member of Parliament from the Democrat Party

21. **Turkey**

30) ***AK* Party** (1)

- Ms. Ummugulsum Umutlu, Vice Chairwoman of the Women's Wing of the *AK* Party

22. **Uzbekistan**

31) **People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan** (2)

- Ms. Malika Rashidova, Head of the Department of Ideological and Educational Work of the Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan
- Ms. Gulshan Asatova, Head of the Women's Wing of the Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan

32) **Uzbekistan Liberal Democratic Party (O'zLiDeP)** (1)

- Ms. Sevra Muslimova, Head of the Female Department of the Executive Committee of the Political Council of O'zLiDeP

Keynote Speakers (2)

1. **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)** (1)
   - Ms. Maria Holtsberg, Regional Advisor for Humanitarian Action and Disaster Risk Reduction at the UN Women Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific

2. **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)** (1)
   - Ms. Cai Cai, Chief of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division at UNESCAP

Observers (4)

1. **Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*)** (1)
   - Ms. Sofia Carvajal, Executive Secretary of *COPPPAL*

2. **International Council of Asian Political Parties-Asian Cultural Council (ICAPP-ACC)** (3)
   - Hon. Ly Chanrainsey, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat
   - Ms. Lim Sreynith, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat
   - Ms. Pov Yousim, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat

Office of the Founder of the ICAPP (1)

- Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of *Philippines*

ICAPP Secretariat (6)

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director of the Secretariat
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Seojin Lee, Program Director
- Mr. Kim Deok-su, Program Officer
- Ms. Kim Hee Young, Program Officer

Appendix IV-3

Statement of the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing on Women's Empowerment During and After COVID-19

1. We, the representatives of 32 political parties from 22 countries, gathered virtually for the Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing. The meeting was co-hosted by the ICAPP Women's Wing and the ICAPP Secretariat and held on 24 February 2021. The meeting was organized over an online platform due to physical constraints as a result of COVID-19. The main theme of the conference was "Women's Empowerment During and After COVID-19." The conference was structured into two sessions. The first session addressed the topic of economic insecurity, in particular, how to mitigate the negative and disproportionate economic impacts of COVID-19 on women. The second session dealt with gender-based violence with a focus on preventing and redressing domestic violence against women.

2. We recalled takeaways from our five previous meetings of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Baku (2013), Colombo (2014), Baku (2015), Kuala Lumpur (2016), Moscow (2018), and Baku (2019), which underlined the importance of promoting gender equality in achieving sustainable and inclusive societies. We revisited the 2019 "Baku Statement for the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing," which emphasized the importance of creating an inclusive environment and addressing the needs of the female population.

3. We acknowledged the economic challenges faced by women due to COVID-19. As stated in the UN Women report, "From Insights to Action: Gender Equality in the Wake of COVID-19," 435 million women and girls, including an increase of 47 million as a result of COVID-19, are estimated to live in poverty, or less than $1.90 a day. We noted the higher vulnerability of the female labor force under current circumstances as is evident from the report's statistics that 50 percent of women have experienced a reduction in working time compared to 35 percent of men.

4. We acknowledged the rise in domestic violence since the inception of the pandemic, noting that in some countries, reports of violence against women have surged by as much as 25 percent. We further recognized the prevailing environment, in which restrictions of movement, transition of domestic violence shelters into health centers, the lack of judicial, police and health support services, and an inability to seek help have led victims of domestic violence to become isolated.

5. We called upon members to adopt gender-responsive policies and programs that can

ensure the economic stability of women by means of equal opportunities to access education, financial assistance, and social protection mechanisms. We urged for state-led motions to combat harmful stereotypes around gender roles to improve social integration. Meanwhile, we underlined the necessity to establish support measures that can ease women's increasing burdens of domestic and unpaid care work during the pandemic.

6. We emphasized the importance of continuation in funding and operation of domestic violence shelters and services supporting women against gender-based violence. Also, we called upon governments and political parties to actively consider incorporating the designation of such resources as essential services. Furthermore, in light of the recent increase in gender-based domestic violence, we stressed the need to revise and enhance existing systems of reporting domestic violence and separating victims from abusers.

7. We expressed our strong support for the United Nations 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, calling for all government policies and programs to reflect gender perspectives. In line with the objectives in the declaration, we reaffirmed our commitment to ensure women's economic empowerment by securing full and equal access to the labor market, a safe work environment without discrimination or abuse, and equal pay for work of equal value. We also endorsed the declaration's call for gender-sensitive policies and programs that can address domestic violence at a societal level rather than as a private matter. We concurred with the declaration's appeal to fill gaps in gender-disaggregated data and statistics, which can improve monitoring of violence, and to promote the integration of mental health services into primary health-care systems, so that victims of domestic violence can be better assisted.

8. We pledged to continue the strong international partnership and collaboration among ICAPP Members to share best practices, experiences, and insights from overcoming obstacles to gender equality. We called on responsible governments and political parties of ICAPP member countries to promptly address the current threats faced by women and girls in the interest of creating a safe and secure environment for all members of the community. We agreed to share updates on the progress made on these policy measures at the upcoming 7th Women's Wing Meeting, which will be held in Mongolia later this year.

9. We expressed our profound gratitude to the representatives of United Nations Entity

for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Economic, and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) for participating in the conference to share their invaluable insights and expertise. We also showed our appreciation to the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) for participating in the conference and sharing their knowledge and actions in light of their contributions to women's empowerment in Latin America and the Caribbean. We agreed to strengthen our respective partnerships with multilateral organizations to ensure standards for gender equality are effectively designed and implemented and to promote accountability through sharing regular updates on system-wide progress.

10. We expressed our appreciation to the ICAPP Women's Wing and the ICAPP Secretariat for the successful organization of the conference. We also shared our excitement and anticipation for the next meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, which will be hosted by the Mongolian People's Party in the later half of this year.

Adopted on 24 February 2021.

Appendix V-1

Program of the 2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council

Date: Friday, 19 March 2021
Time: 06:00 AM – 09:00 AM GMT

06:00 – 06:15 AM OPENING SESSION

(Moderator: **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- **Introduction** by **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)
- **Welcoming Remarks** by **Hon. Jose de Venecia Jr.**, Founder of the ICAPP, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines (3 minutes)
- **Opening Remarks** by **Hon. Khuon Sudary**, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the ACC, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Cambodia (3 minutes)

06:15 – 06:30 AM REPORT ON THE ASIAN CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Moderator: **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- **Report** by **Hon. Suos Yara**, Director-General of the ACC, Member of Parliament from the Cambodian People's Party, and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the National Assembly of Cambodia (5 minutes)
- **Video Documentary of the ACC** (5 minutes)
- **Video Documentary of TECHO 100 Village Project** (5 minutes)

06:30 – 07:40 AM SESSION 1: Investing in Culture and Creativity for Inclusive Growth

(Moderator: **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- **Remarks** by **Hon. Andrey Klimov**, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, and Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs (3 minutes)
- **First Keynote Speaker – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**: Mr. Sardar Umar Alam, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Cambodia (7 minutes)
- **Second Keynote Speaker – Asian Vision Institute**: Dr. Piseth Keo, Vice-President of the Asian Vision Institute, Cambodia (7 minutes)
- **Remarks** by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

07:40 – 08:50 AM SESSION 2: Promoting Culture-Innovation Nexus

(Moderator: **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- **Remarks** by **Hon. Guo Yezhou**, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, and Vice-Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (3 minutes)
- **First Keynote Speaker – United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**: Ms. Sandrine Capelle-Manuel, Multi-Country Office Director of UNOPS, Asia Region, in Cambodia (7 minutes)
- **Second Keynote Speaker – UNESCO**: Dr. Masanori Nagaoka, Programme

Specialist for Culture at the UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh (7 minutes)

- **Remarks** by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)

08:50 – 09:00 AM CLOSING SESSION

(Moderator: **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- **Adoption of the Phnom Penh Declaration** on «**Cultural Cooperation and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During COVID-19 and Beyond**» (3 minutes)
- **Conclusion** by **Hon. Cho Byung-jae**, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)
- **Closing Remarks** by **Hon. Sujata Koirala**, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal (3 minutes)

Appendix V-2

List of Participants of the 2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council

As of 24 March 2021

Political Parties (19 Countries, 25 Political Parties)

1. **Cambodia**

   1) **Cambodian People's Party (CPP)** (10)

   - Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the ACC, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPP, and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Cambodia
   - Hon. Suos Yara, Director-General of the ACC, Member of Parliament from the CPP, and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Media of the National Assembly of Cambodia
   - Hon. Kheav Sambat, Deputy Director-General of the National Authority for Preah Vihear, Cambodia
   - Hon. Lim Bunhok, former Secretary General of the Cambodian National Commission for UNESCO
   - Hon. Dr. Chhair Sokty, Head of the Secretariat of the Commission for International Relations of the CPP
   - Hon. Dr. Eng Kokthay, Under Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia
   - Hon. Hok Bunly, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Commission for International Relations of the CPP
   - Hon. Ly Chanrainsey, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat
   - Ms. Lim Sreynith, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat
   - Ms. Pov Yousim, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat

2. **China**

   2) **Communist Party of China (CPC)** (1)

   - Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC

3. **Cyprus**

   3) **Democratic Rally Party *(DISY)*** (1)

   - Hon. Maria Kokkinou-Boege, Representative of *DISY* to the European People's Party in Brussels

   4) **Progressive Party of the Working People *(AKEL)*** (1)

   - Mr. Costas Costa, Head of the Cultural Bureau of *AKEL*

4. **India**

   5) **Indian National Congress** (1)

   - Hon. Manish Tewari, Member of Parliament and Senior Leader of the Indian National Congress and former Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting of India

5. **Indonesia**

6) ***Golkar* Party** (5)

- Mr. Justino Jogo, Member of the *Golkar* Party
- Mr. Lucky Ali Moerfiqin, Member of the *Golkar* Party
- Mr. Rene Manembu, Secretary of the Council of Experts of the *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Emmalia Natar, Member of the Women's Wing of the *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Chandra Kusuma Dewi, Member of the Women's Wing of the *Golkar* Party

6. **Iran**

7) **Islamic *Motalefeh* Party** (1)

- Mr. Mohammad Mahdi TinaiTehrani, Deputy of the International Department of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party

7. **Japan**

8) **Japanese Communist Party (JCP)** (1)

- Ms. Tomoyo Mitsukawa, Staff Member of the International Commission of the JCP

8. **Korea, Republic of**

9) **Democratic Party of Korea** (1)

- Hon. Lim Okyeong, Member of the National Assembly from the Democratic Party of Korea

10) **People Power Party** (1)

- Hon. Seung Hee Hwang Bo, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party

9. **Laos**

11) **Lao People's Revolutionary Party (Lao PRP)** (7)

- Hon. Somphone Sichaleune, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of Lao PRP
- Hon. Boua Ngeun Xaphouvong, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of Laos, Member of Lao PRP
- Mr. Khamefeuang Phanthaxay, Acting Director General of the Research and Information Department of Lao PRP
- Mr. Somkiethtisak Kingsada, Director of the International Organization Division, Department of Planning and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, and Member of Lao PRP
- Mr. Thongsavath Phanthavong, Director of the Multilateral Relations Division of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of Lao PRP
- Ms. Vilatda Chansomphou, Desk Officer of the Multilateral Relations Division of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of Lao PRP
- Ms. Khanhpaseuth Svengsucksa, Desk Officer of the Multilateral Relations Division of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of Lao PRP

10. **Lebanon**

12) **Free Patriotic Movement (FPM)** (1)

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Coordinator

for Asia and Overseas of FPM

13) **Future Movement** (1)

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Advisor for Development Affairs to Hon. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister of Lebanon, and Member of Future Movement

11. Malaysia

14) **Democratic Action Party (DAP)** (1)

- Hon. Soon Hin Yeoh, Penang State Deputy Secretary, Penang State Government Executive Councilor for Tourism and Creative Economy, and Member of DAP

15) **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA)** (3)

- Hon. Dr. Tee Ching Seng, Chairman of the International Communication and Diplomacy Bureau of MCA
- Ms. Yap Siok Moy, Member of the Central Committee of MCA
- Hon. Dato' Lim Chin Hai, Chief Administrative Director of MCA Headquarters

12. Mongolia

16) **Mongolian People's Party (MPP)** (2)

- Mr. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Head of the International Relations Department of the MPP
- Ms. Khishigjargal Enkhbayar, Foreign Relations Officer of the MPP

13. Myanmar

17) **Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)** (1)

- Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Central Committee of USDP, and former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar

14. Nepal

18) **Nepali Congress Party** (1)

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

19) **Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) (CPN-UML)** (2)

- Hon. Jhala Nath Khanal, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Senior Leader of the CPN-UML, and former Prime Minister of Nepal
- Mr. Yogendra Bahadur Shahi, Member of the Provincial Committee and Karnali Province Planning Commission of CPN-UML

15. Russia

20) **United Russia Party** (1)

- Hon. Andrey Klimov, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice-Chairperson of the ACC, and Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs

16. Sri Lanka

21) **United National Party (UNP)** (2)

- Hon. Daya Dharmapala Kilittuwa Gamage, Member of the ICAPP Standing

Committee, Senior Deputy Chairman of UNP and former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka
- Hon. Dr. Anoma Gamage, Assistant Secretary of UNP, former Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Agriculture and former State Minister of Petroleum Resources and Development of Sri Lanka

17. Thailand

***22) Pheu Thai* Party** (1)
- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Thailand Trade Representative, former Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office of Thailand, and Member of *Pheu Thai* Party

***23)* Democrat Party** (1)
- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Member of Parliament from the Democrat Party and former Vice Minister attached to the Office of Prime Minister of Thailand

18. Turkey

***24) AK* Party** (2)
- Hon. Afif Demirkiran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK* Party
- Hon. Cigdem Karaaslan, Deputy Chairperson of *AK* Party, Chairperson of the Environment, Urban and Culture Department of *AK* Party, and Member of Parliament

19. Vietnam

***25)* Communist Party of Vietnam** (1)
- Hon. Manh Cuong Nguyen, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Central Committee, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Vietnam

Observers (10)

1. Asian Vision Institute (AVI) (4)
- Dr. Piseth Keo, Vice-President of AVI, Cambodia
- Hon. Dr. Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI
- Hon. Dr. Chheng Kimlong, Member of the National Assembly Advisory Council and Director of the Center for Governance Innovation and Democracy of AVI
- Dr. Nguonphan Pheakdey, Director of the Center for Culture and Peace Studies of AVI

2. Government of Cambodia (2)
- Hon. Teruo Jinnai, Special Advisor to the Government of Cambodia
- Hon. Helen Jarvi, Advisor to the Government of Cambodia

3. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (3)
- Mr. Sardar Umar Alam, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Cambodia
- Mr. Masanori Nagaoka, Programme Specialist for Culture at the UNESCO office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Ms. Baik Seung Kyung, Associate Programme Specialist, UNESCO

4. **United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)** (1)
   - Ms. Sandrine Capelle-Manuel, Director of the Multi Country Office of UNOPS Cambodia

Office of the Founder of the ICAPP (1)

- Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of Philippines

ICAPP Secretariat (6)

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director of the Secretariat
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Seojin Lee, Program Director
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- Ms. Kim Hee Young, Program Officer

Appendix V-3

PHNOM PENH DECLARATION
CULTURAL COOPERATION AND INNOVATION FOR SHARED PROSPERITY DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

We, the members of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), convened the 2nd ACC Meeting on 19 March 2021 via video conferencing. The meeting was co-hosted by the ICAPP and ACC Secretariats. We recalled the spirit of the Siem Reap Declaration for Culture of Peace, Sustainable Development, Human Connectivity, and Innovation, which was adopted unanimously at the launch of the ACC on 15 January 2019.

We highly appreciate the visionary leadership of Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Honorary Founding Chairman of the ACC; Hon. Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, former Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia; Hon. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of the Republic of Nepal; Hon. Jose de Venecia Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee; Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, and other prominent political leaders from Asia for their tireless efforts and commitments to the ACC.

We acknowledge and applaud the significant contributions of the Bureau Members of ICAPP and ACC in leading and facilitating the important works of the ACC. We also express our appreciation to the Asian Development Bank, the Civil Society Alliance Forum, the Asian Vision Institute and all other stakeholders for their support and partnership to deliver on ACC projects. Moreover, we appreciate the keynote speakers from UNESCO, UNOPS, and the Asian Vision Institute for sharing their insights at today's meeting.

We reiterate our commitment to upholding the people's rights and dignity and placing people's interests at the front and centre of national development and international cooperation. In light of the post-COVID-19 recovery, we stress the importance of promoting culture-based development and culture-innovation nexus.

We reiterate our determination, as was expressed in the 2019 Siem Reap Declaration, to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, the UNESCO Constitution, the Charter of ICAPP, the Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and ICAPP, and the spirit of international cooperation based on the principles of mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual interest (3M4PEACE) in order to achieve peaceful coexistence, equal sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, advancement of technology and innovation, constructive dialogue and economic prosperity.

We pledge to further advance our joint efforts and collaboration in promoting unity within the context of diversity, interfaith and religious harmony, as well as advancing inclusive social progress through socialising and promoting cooperative norms, cultural identity, and the values of humanity.

To realise the goals of achieving peaceful, sustainable, inclusive and resilient societies in Asia and to pursue collectively cultural cooperation and innovation for shared prosperity during

COVID-19 and beyond, we thereby declare:

Global Cooperation

1. We commit to mobilising our strengths and resources to leverage our cultural richness and diversity to rebuild our economies more robustly and resiliently following the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. We encourage multi-stakeholder dialogues and partnerships to foster creativity and innovation in culture and creative industries so as to create job opportunities for local people and to promote their communities and neighbourhoods.

3. We underscore the importance of international cooperation and partnership under both bilateral and multilateral frameworks in promoting culture-based development, culture-innovation nexus, and people-centred development.

4. We emphasise a whole-of-society approach in responding to societal needs and supporting social adaptation and resilience during times of crises such as social and technological disruptions and restriction on people's mobility caused by the pandemic.

Innovation, Technology, and Creative Industries for Shared Prosperity

5. We acknowledge the need to promote more investments in culture-driven innovation and development. We encourage international collaboration to advance innovation in culture and in the creative industries for shared prosperity.

6. We stress the need for public-private-people partnerships in developing culture and creative industries so as to connect cultures and civilisations, especially to seize the opportunities stemming from the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

7. We recommend active participation of all actors in cultural preservation and development by way of their investments in cultural heritage will generate stronger bonds of friendship, relationship, and connectivity between and among cultures and civilisations.

8. We call upon all political parties, governments, public and private sectors and civil society organisations to promote research and innovation in culture and in the creative industries, so as to establish standards and practices that facilitate and enable social inclusion and inclusive growth.

9. We recognise the urgency of integrating and diffusing technologies in arts and cultures so as to uplift people's livelihoods through cultural and social innovations during COVID-19 and beyond.

Practical Cooperation

10. We encourage the mobilisation of financial resources in the form of trust funds or sustainable development funds through the support of international organizations, private foundations, international development agencies as well as bilateral and multilateral schemes for cultural projects that respond to current and future needs of societies.

11. We foster cooperation in holding public events of cultural significance via virtual or physical platforms, with the emphasis on cultural initiatives including the Cultural Marathon, the Belt and Road Initiative, the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and other cultural networks and projects among member countries to promote lasting peace, harmony, and international cooperation.

12. We express our appreciation to the ICAPP and ACC Secretariats for the successful organization of the 2nd ACC Meeting. We also encourage the ACC to work closely with the think tanks, international organisations, civil society organisations, and private corporations to carry out the aforementioned commitments and explore innovative programmes such as the TECHO 100 Village Project to achieve sustainable growth, inclusive development, and shared prosperity for humanity.

Adopted on 19 March 2021.

Appendix V-4

Cambodian People's Party
Central Committee

Independence, Peace, Freedom, Democracy
Neutrality and Social Progress

Congratulation Statement
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
President of the Cambodian People's Party

at the 2nd Asian Cultural Council Meeting
Video Conference, 19th March 2021

Phnom Penh, 19 March 2021

Taking this opportunity, I wish to thank all delegates for attending the Second Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC). The theme, Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During COVID-19 and Beyond, is very topical and significant.

Two years ago, the ACC was founded and launched in Siem Reap, Cambodia, with the aim to promote the linkages between culture and peace, sustainable development, human connectivity, and innovation. Our political commitment is clear: we work together to advance international dialogue and cooperation on culture-driven development and innovation to realize the Sustainable Development Goals.

Connecting people, connecting knowledge, and connecting actions are the key strategic interventions to bring about concrete results to the people. In this connection, people-centric development cooperation is our instrumental approach. We share a common purpose to support the ACC in becoming an essential institution in Asia in promoting peaceful, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient societies.

The Covid-19 pandemic is wreaking global havoc. Culture and creative industries (CCI) in particular have been hit hard due to lockdowns or restrictions on people mobility and gathering. The combat against the pandemic requires international solidarity and partnership. No country or society is safe unless we are all safe.

As we are forced to adapt to a new normal, it is imperative for us to be more innovative and visionary in transforming the crisis into an opportunity for reforms and progress. In this regard, investing in culture-based development and promoting innovation based on our rich cultural resources are some of our main policy options. For Cambodia, cultural tourism and culture-based innovation industry are our strength.

Today I am excited to witness the remarkable progress we have made in promoting the spirit of international cooperation based on the principles of mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual interest (3M4PEACE) in order to achieve peaceful coexistence, equal sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, the advancement of technology and innovation, constructive dialogue and economic prosperity.

Finally, I would like to thank the ICAPP Secretariat together with UNESCO and the Asian Vision Institute for offering unwavering support to the Asian Cultural Council to realize its vision and mission. Together, we can walk far. Together, we can realize our potentials.

I wish all delegates longevity, nobility, health and strength.

HUN Sen
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
President of the Cambodian People's Party

Appendix V-5

M. Jusuf Kalla

Congratulatory Statement by
Hon. Mohammad Jusuf Kalla
Former Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia
Honorary Co-Founding Chairman of the Asian Cultural Council

at

The 2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council
On the Theme:
"Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During Covid-19 and Beyond"
via Video Conference, 19 March 2021

Congratulations to the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) for the achievements made in the past two years. Although many activities have been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the ACC has managed to sustain some of its core activities, such as organizing this second meeting and implementing the TECHO 100 Villages project.

I believe that one of the critical factors to revive our economy and society in the post-Covid-19 era is to promote culture-based development, referring to the optimization of cultural resources in socio-economic development and poverty reduction. The key question here is how we can make culture a driver and enabler of sustainable and inclusive socio-economic recovery.

Cultural heritage, cultural and creative industries, sustainable cultural tourism, and cultural infrastructure development can serve as strategic tools for revenue generation in Asia, which is rich in cultural heritage. Culture is, therefore, a critical resource for us to build back more robust from the Covid-19 pandemic.

I wish the Second Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council a great success! I wish all participants good health and success in their endeavours.

Jakarta, 19 March 2021

M. Jusuf Kalla

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Appendix V-6

The Prime Minister

KATHMANDU
NEPAL

MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to extend warm greetings from Nepal for the success of the 2nd meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC). I am delighted to see that despite the constraints posed by the COVID-19, the momentum of ACC continues. I congratulate the ACC and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) for hosting the 2nd meeting of ACC and wish for its success.

The COVID-19 has caused unprecedented impact in the way we live, work, interact and communicate. This has come for us as an unavoidable reality with which we have to cope and move on. The pandemic has caused enormous disruption in our economies and the way we do our business. In order to be able to survive and thrive in the new normal, we need to find innovative ways and means and utilize them smartly. To live and prosper in the new normal requires finding of economically viable ways of doing things and a whole set of innovative ideas, methods and technology.

The pandemic has also brought in the surface the advantages of great cultural resources of Asia. We must be able to properly appreciate the cultural values that we Asians inherit and promote them to the advantage of our people during this difficult time of COVID-19 and thereafter.

The founding objectives of the ACC were about to harnessing cultural resources for prosperity. Two years ago, when we founded the ACC, it was our aspiration to promoting interlinkages between peace and connectivity for the realization of sustainable development goals. Connecting ideas, people and economies was our ambition. This can very much provide the basis for harnessing of cultures for economic activities and generation of sustainable revenue from cultural assets and infrastructures that we have in the Asian region.

I am confident that the second meeting of the ACC would deliberate on those potentials and other innovative ways for reviving of economies in the aftermath of COVID pandemic.

Once again, I extend my best wishes for the great success of the meeting.

21 March 2021

K P Sharma Oli

Appendix VI

ICAPP Work Program for the Remainder of 2021

As of 19 April 2021

1. 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Venue & Date: Online Conference / May 2021
- Host: ICAPP Secretariat

2. 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing
- Venue & Date: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia / September 2021
- Host: Mongolian People's Party (MPP)

3. 11th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly and the "20th Founding Anniversary" Event
- Venue & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / October 2021
- Host: *AK Parti*

4. 36th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Venue & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / October 2021
- Host: *AK Parti*

5. 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum
- Venue & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / October 2021
- Host: *AK Parti*

6. 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP
- Venue & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / October 2021
- Host: *AK Parti*

7. 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council
- Venue & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / October 2021
- Host: *AK Parti*

8. 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF)
- Venue & Date: Prague, Czech Republic / November 2021
- Host: European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group

9. Special Conference on "Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties"
- Venue & Date: Baku, Azerbaijan / 26 November or 3 December 2021
- Host: New Azerbaijan Party

Appendix VII

Draft Concept Paper for the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

As of 9 April 2021

Background

On 25 May 2020, the members of the ICAPP Standing Committee participated in the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, which focused on "the Impact of the COVID-19 and the Role of Asian Political Parties." Representatives of 18 political parties from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam participated in the video conference along with representatives from 2 observers, Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).

During the conference, the participants emphasized the responsibility of policy makers in leading the effort against COVID-19 by designing comprehensive national health measures and facilitating regional and global cooperation. They underlined the importance of exchanging best practices and case studies of policy implementation to successfully contain the spread while strengthening the capacity of public health systems. Also, a common understanding was reached to utilize policy tools to minimize the negative economic and social impact from the pandemic.

At the conclusion of the conference, participants adopted the "Statement for the Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)" through which they promised to continue collaborative efforts at the international level to combat the pandemic. The participants also acknowledged the need to hold additional conferences on the topic of COVID-19 until the situation globally returned to normal.

During the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, which was held as an online conference on 25 November 2020, the participants suggested that the Secretariat organize the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2021, which marked one year since the global outbreak of the pandemic. However, due to the logistical difficulties of scheduling multiple ICAPP meetings in the first quarter, the conference was rescheduled to May 2021.

Developments since the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has stayed at elevated levels according to the data published by the World Health Organization (WHO). Moreover, a recent WHO article suggests that despite of the development of COVID-19 vaccines, stopping the spread of the virus remains to be top priority, and that measures to reduce transmission, including social distancing, must be continued.[1]

The ongoing waves of COVID-19 infections continue to keep governments alert as they endeavor to make progress on the procurement and distribution of vaccines. Unfortunately, many countries have

[1] WHO article: "The effects of virus variants on COVID-19 vaccines": https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/the-effects-of-virus-variants-on-covid-19-vaccines?gclid=CjwKCAjw6qqDBhB-EiwACBs6x7iXfdLUlAmwwti3kBlUE99P0tkYt_4fjMF8-x0tz6Yw4yOjRMtl4BoC7WwQAvD_BwE

experienced a rise in cases as they reopen their economies after months of lockdown measures. As such, the pandemic is expected to have a lasting impact on both global health and the socio-economic conditions of populations across the world.

At the moment, there are concerns about an uneven global recovery due to stark gaps in the availability of COVID-19 vaccines across different countries and regions. Governments, the private sector, international organizations, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders will need to cooperate to ensure the procurement and equitable distribution of vaccines across populations regardless of their income levels.

Some groups of society such as women, the elderly, youth, and children, persons with disabilities, indigenous populations, refugees, migrants, and minorities are expected to experience a higher degree of socio-economic marginalization due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, there is a pressing need to include such marginalized and vulnerable populations in risk communication and community engagement during the crisis.[2]

Objectives

Given the previous discussions from the "1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Secretariat believes that it will be appropriate to organize a follow-up Special Conference in May 2021 with a focus on the following topics:

(1) Building an enhanced global emergency response system, including the effective procurement and equitable distribution of vaccines

- Securing humanitarian aid and recovery assistance, including access to newly developed vaccines, across different populations regardless of their income levels
- Collaborating with the private sector for more efficient emergency response, including testing, tracing and treatment
- Working with international organizations to expand emergency response mechanisms, to strengthen capacity of public health systems and to procure medical resources

(2) Achieving an inclusive global recovery and preparing for the post-COVID-19 era

- Caring for the vulnerable and marginalized groups of society
- Supporting small and medium enterprises during and after the economic downturn
- Developing and adapting to the evolving online work culture post- COVID-19

Program

The **2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic** will be held as an online over Zoom in May 2021 due to travel constraints and social distancing rules as follows:

GMT	***Session***
06:00	*Opening Session*

[2] UN Women Report: "COVID-19: How to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement", https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/-/media/field%20office%20eseasia/docs/publications/2020/03/ap-covid-19_community-engagement_130320.pdf?la=en&vs=5323

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- *Introduction by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)*
- *Welcoming remarks by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines (3 minutes)*

06:10 *First Session*

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- *Keynote presentation by an expert from an international organization (10 minutes)*
- *Q&A session (10 minutes)*
- *Presentation by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)*

07:30 *Second Session*

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- *Keynote presentation by an expert from an international organization (10 minutes)*
- *Q&A session (10 minutes)*
- *Presentation by representatives of approximately 15 political parties and observers (3 minutes each)*

08:50 *Closing Session*

(Moderator: Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP)

- *Adoption of the statement (3 minutes)*
- *Conclusion by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP (2 minutes)*
- *Closing remarks (3 minutes)*

~09:00 *End*

Participants

Members of the ICAPP and observers will be invited to participate in the discussions. Representatives of government agencies and international organizations as well as experts from the private sector may also be invited to share best practices, case studies and technical advice.

Observers from the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*), and the Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF) will also be invited to speak during the conference.

Rules of Procedure

Given the time difference amongst participants and the remote setting, the ICAPP Secretariat inevitably needs to consider more time constraints than the in-person meetings. As such, the Secretariat has prepared rules of procedure for the conference as follows:

Time Limit per Participant

- There will be two keynote presentations by experts from international organizations – one each on the

topics. Each keynote speaker will be allocated not more than ten (10) minutes.

- During the first, second and third sessions, representatives of political parties and observers will be allocated not more than three (3) minutes each for their remarks. After the time limit, the microphone will be muted automatically. A timer will be set on the screen to indicate how much time has elapsed.
- There will be no recess throughout the meeting.

Pre-Requisites for Participation

- In order to arrange orderly proceedings within the limited amount of time, all participants who would like to speak will be asked to notify the Secretariat in advance of the meeting by email at secretariat@theicapp.org.
- The list of speakers ("Speaker List"), which will be in the order of email requests received, will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.
- For each session, the number of speakers excluding the keynote speaker will not exceed fifteen (15) due to time constraints.
- The meeting will be conducted in English in accordance with Article 15 of the ICAPP Charter.
- Participants will be responsible for their own interpreters should they require such services. However, the same time limit will be applied to all participants regardless of their use of interpreter services. As such, simultaneous rather than consecutive interpretation is recommended.

Outputs

The ICAPP Secretariat will prepare a statement summarizing key outcomes of the conference. The draft will be circulated and adopted after consultations with the participants. In addition, the Secretariat will publish a final report that includes copies of the presentations and speeches delivered by the participants.

Appendix VIII

Statement by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, on 2 February 2021

We are greatly concerned by reports that the military authorities of Myanmar have detained multiple civilian government leaders, including State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and civil society leaders. These developments represent an unfortunate retreat of democracy in Myanmar.

We urge the military authorities of Myanmar to release all government officials and civil society leaders and restore democracy and stability as soon as possible. Also, we hope that the tensions among all parties will be resolved through peaceful dialogue.

Myanmar has been an active member of the ICAPP. We sincerely hope the Standing Committee Members of the ICAPP from Myanmar, Hon. U Mahn Jonny representing National League for Democracy, and Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin representing Union Solidarity and Development Party, will be able to continue their participation in the ICAPP activities.

We reaffirm our strong support to the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of democracy, peace, and the rule of law.

Appendix IX

NEWSLETTER

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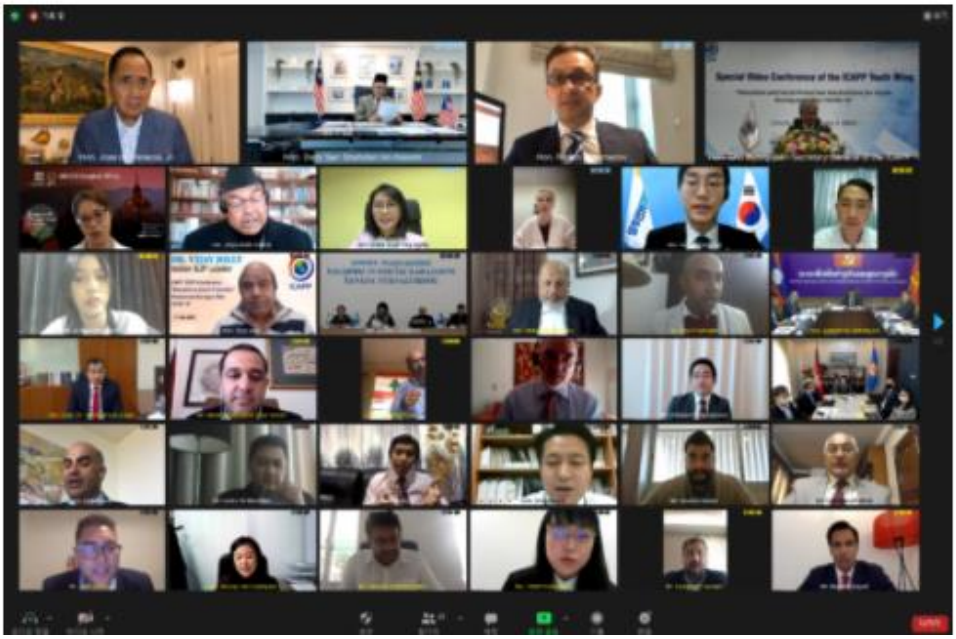
International Conference of Asian Political Parties April 2021

Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing

Education and Social Protection Mechanisms for Youth During and After COVID-19
[3 February 2021]

The "Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Youth Wing: Education and Social Protection Mechanisms for Youth During and After COVID-19" was held online on Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

Representatives of 33 political parties from 24 countries gathered at the meeting. Delegates from *COPPPAL*, CAPP and ACC attended the Conference as observers. Also, experts from UNESCO and ILO joined as keynote speakers to present on the topics of youth education and employment. Read More



Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing

Women's Empowerment During and After COVID-19
[24 February 2021]

The "Special Video Conference of the ICAPP Women's Wing: Women's Empowerment During and After COVID-19" was held online on Wednesday, 24 February 2021.

Representatives of 32 political parties from 22 countries gathered at the meeting. Delegates of *COPPPAL* and ACC attended the Conference as observers. UN Women and UNESCAP participated in the Conference by nominating keynote speakers to present on the topics of economic insecurity experienced by women and gender-based violence. Read More

2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council

Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During COVID-19 and Beyond
[19 March 2021]

The "2nd Asian Cultural Council Meeting: Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During COVID-19 and Beyond" was held online on Friday, 19 March 2021.

Representatives of 25 political parties from 19 countries gathered at the meeting. UNESCO, UNOPS and AVI participated in the Meeting by nominating keynote speakers to present on the topics of investment in the cultural sector and culture-innovation nexus. Read More

Updates

[Statement] Hon. Jose de Venecia, Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, issued a statement, urging Myanmar's military to release detained civilian leaders, including State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, and to restore democracy in the country. Read More

[New Appointments] Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Read More

New SC Member (Myanmar) - Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Solidarity and Development Party Read More

New SC Member (Nepal) - Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Read More

[Congratulatory Letter] The 13th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam (Congress XIII) was held from 25 January to 1 February 2021 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

On behalf of the ICAPP, Hon. Jose de Venecia, Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP sent a joint congratulatory letter to the Communist Party of Vietnam on the occasion.

Upcoming ICAPP Activities for 2021

- 35th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee in April
- 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic in May
- 11th ICAPP General Assembly in September
- 36th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee in September
- 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum in September
- 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP in September
- 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council in September
- 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in September or October
- 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum in November
- Special Conference on "Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties" in November or December

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Rules of Procedure for the 35th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

(Online Conference, 21 April 2021)

As of 19 April 2021

Due to COVID-19, the 35th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee ("SC") will be held online via teleconferencing. The meeting will be convened via Zoom for 3 hours from 7am to 10am GMT (10am-1pm Turkey Time; 1pm-4pm Bangladesh Standard Time; 4pm-7pm Korea Standard Time) on Wednesday, 21 April 2021.

Given the time difference amongst participants and the remote setting, the Secretariat inevitably needs to consider more time constraints than the in-person SC meetings. As such, the Secretariat would like to ask all participants to review the draft rules of procedure outlined below.

Structure

- The meeting will begin and conclude with remarks from both the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC.
- The Secretary-General will provide an introduction of agenda items after the opening remarks. At the end of the meeting, the Secretary-General will provide a final recap to summarize the discussions of the meeting.
- The agenda will not be discussed item by item. Instead, each SC Member will have one opportunity to make comments on any agenda item(s) of their choice within the allocated time limit (please see "Time Limit per SC Member" for details).
- After the meeting, the ICAPP Secretariat will prepare and circulate draft Conclusions of the meeting.
- There will be no recess throughout the meeting.

Pre-Requisites for Participation

- In order to arrange orderly proceedings within the limited amount of time, all SC Members who would like to speak are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat in advance by email at secretariat@theicapp.org.
- The list of speakers ("Speaker List"), which will be in the order of email requests received, will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. Please note that SC Members who did not sign up to speak will have to wait for their turns until everyone on the Speaker List has finished.
- Participants who would like to have the text or summary of their remarks displayed on the screen during their presentation are requested to send the scripts to the Secretariat at secretariat@theicapp.org by 19 April 2021.

Time Limit per SC Member

- SC Members will be allocated three minutes each for their initial remarks.
- After everyone on the Speaker List has finished, SC Members may have an additional two minutes for further comments or responses to other SC Members' remarks. When an

SC Member's initial presentation exceeds the three-minute time limit, the additional time spent will be deducted from the two additional minutes reserved for his/her second presentation.

- If an SC Member does not use all of the three minutes for the first presentation, the unused time will not be added to the time limit for the second presentation. He/she will still be allocated two minutes for the second presentation.
- Each SC Member should not exceed a total of five minutes across both presentations. If an SC Member exceeds a total of five minutes, the microphone will be muted automatically.
- A timer will be set on the screen for each SC Member: for the initial presentation, the timer will indicate how much time has elapsed and for the second presentation, it will indicate the remaining time.
- Given the time constraints, only three Observers, Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) and Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) will be invited to join the meeting. Observers will have one opportunity to speak for three minutes each.

Working Language

- The meeting will be conducted in English in accordance with Article 15 of the ICAPP Charter.
- Please note that SC Members are responsible for their own interpreters should they require such services. However, the Secretariat would like to remind Members that the same time limit will be applied to all participants regardless of their use of interpreter services. As such, simultaneous rather than consecutive interpretation is recommended.

List of Participants for the
35th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

(Online Conference, 21 April 2021)

As of 19 April 2021

1. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee (24)

- Hon. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**

- Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of **Cambodia**

- Ms. Xu Min, Deputy Director General of the Asian Bureau of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, on behalf of Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**

- Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman of the Patron Council of *Golkar* Party, former Minister of Manpower and former Minister of Housing and Settlement, **Indonesia**

- Hon. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of the Foundation for Islamic Development, former Vice President of Iran, and Member of the Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, **Iran**

- Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the Democratic Party of Korea, Member of the Science, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies), Broadcasting and Communications Committee, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarian's Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas, Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to H.E. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament from the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, **Malaysia**

- Hon. Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Secretary-General of the Malaysian Chinese

Association, **Malaysia**

- Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party, Vice President of the Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

- Hon. U Tin Oo Lwin, Member of the Central Committee, Union Solidarity and Development Party, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Myanmar**

- Hon. Rajan Bhattari, Chief of the International Department and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of **Nepal**

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of **Nepal**

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, **Pakistan**

- Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Philippines**

- Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka, Member of Parliament and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, former Thailand Trade Representative, former Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, *Pheu Thai* Party, **Thailand**

- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Member of Parliament and Executive Director of Democrat Party, **Thailand**

- Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman of *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Member of Parliament of Bursa, **Turkey**

- Hon. Nguyen Thi Hoang Van, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on behalf of Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Member of the Central Committee, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Director of the National Security Office of the Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

2. Accompanying Delegates (12)

- ***AK Parti* (2)**
- Mr. Afif Demirkiran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*
- Mrs. Sevgi Hajdari, Expert at the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*

- **ICAPP Secretariat (5)**
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Lee Seojin, Program Director
- Mr. Kim Deok-su, Program Officer
- Ms. Kim Hee Young, Program Officer

- ***Golkar* Party (4)**
- Hon. Ambassador Iris Indira Murti, Member of the Advisory Board of *Golkar* Party
- Mr. Lucky Ali Moerfiqin, Member of the Election Winning Body of *Golkar* Party
- Ms. Diana Widyastuti, Member of the Central Executive Board of Golkar Party
- Ms. Chandra Kusuma Dewi, Member of the Women's Wing of Golkar Party

- **New Azerbaijan Party (1)**
- Hon. Sevinj Fataliyeva, Member of Parliament and Head of the International Relations Department of New Azerbaijan Party

3. Observers (1)

- **Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (1)**
- Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairman of the AEPF and Member of European Parliament, **Czech Republic**