Brief Introduction of the AIPA

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is a parliamentary organization in Southeast Asia, established in 1977 in Manila, the Philippines. It represents the parliaments of the ten member states of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Additionally, 23 parliaments from various countries, including the European Parliament, hold observer status in AIPA.

AIPA was initially organized as the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) and underwent a transformation into a more closely integrated institution in 2003. The organization's name was changed from AIPO to AIPA during the 28th General Assembly held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2007.

AIPA's primary goals are to foster closer cooperation among the parliaments of ASEAN member countries and to facilitate the attainment of ASEAN's objectives. While AIPA does not possess legislative powers, it serves as a crucial forum for members from national parliaments to interact and exchange information on matters of shared interest.

AIPA's main activities revolve around formulating parliamentary measures supporting ASEAN integration, fostering inter-parliamentary multilateralism, promoting good governance, human rights, social inclusion, and sustainable development, and strengthening the capacities of secretariat organizations supporting AIPA.

The AIPA General Assembly, the organization's highest policy-making body, convenes at least once a year. The Assembly is composed of delegations from each member parliament, headed by their Speaker. The Executive Committee, led by the Speaker of Parliament, prepares the program for the General Assembly. The Secretariat, located in Jakarta, Indonesia, within the premises of the Indonesian House of Representatives, is the administrative body of AIPA. The Secretary General, currently H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman from Brunei, heads the Secretariat and is appointed on a rotational basis for a three-year term.

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