

## The Preparation of Thai National Assembly on Hosting ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly's General Assembly and Related Meetings in 2019

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In 2019 The National Assembly of Thailand will be hosting 3 major meetings under ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) framework which includes;

1. The AIPA Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN-AIPA Leader's Interface at the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD)
3. The 40<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly

In order to prepare for the meetings mentioned above, various well-conducted preparations are required from all agencies involving with the meetings.

1. Members of National Legislative Assembly (NLA): The Organizing Committee will be established for the readiness of hosting the meeting and chaired by The President of National Legislative Assembly (NLA). This committee will be considering preparations in various matters and establish sub-committees to carry on the tasks of hosting the meetings, for instance, the Sub-committee on Meeting Operation and Substance, the Sub-committee on Protocols and Opening Ceremony, the Sub-committee on Public Relations, the Sub-committee on Venues, the Sub-committee on Security etc., to carry on its duty of each matters. In addition, the members of NLA will also participate in the meetings which the President of the NLA as the President of AIPA will be the Chairperson of the meetings and the selected members of the NLA will be the chairpersons of each committee and be the Head of Thai Delegation.

2. The Parliamentary officers of the Secretariat of the House of Representatives and The Secretariat of the Senate:

In the preparation of hosting the meetings, the parliamentary officers' committees are also set up to carry out various meeting preparations of AIPA General Assembly and related meetings in 2019

1) Committee on Meeting Operation and Substance is taking care of meeting rooms, offices, accommodations and registration, moreover this committee also take care of the preparation of the themes of the meeting and substances for Thai delegation.

2) Committee on Protocols, Opening Ceremony and Reception Banquet is preparing for facilitating delegates, welcoming, organizing opening ceremony, organizing dinners, and excursion activities.

3) Committee on ICT and Website is taking care of providing computers, and ICT devices supporting the meetings and managing the meeting's official website.

4) Committee on Public Relations is taking care of public relations' planning for public recognition of the meeting and informs the public about the meeting's progress, broadcasting meeting activities and meeting's reports.

5) Committee on Security and Medical Services takes care of VIP security planning, security of the venues and medical services preparation.

6) Committee on Liaison Officers and Interpreters takes care of providing translating booths and headsets for the meeting and preparing liaison officers for delegates.

7) Committee on Meeting Venues and Accommodations takes care of surveying appropriate places for meeting venues and other relating activities.

3. Relating Organizations : In hosting AIPA meetings by the National Assembly of Thailand, there will be departments involving in order to support these meetings. For Instance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will support the meeting substances, along with other ministries in related matters, and local authorities involving the venues of the meeting and study visits programs.

The AIPA meeting in 2019 will be a platform for the sharing of ideas among parliamentarians from AIPA member parliaments for answering to challenges in ASEAN region, driving important issues and promoting relations and mutual cooperation among AIPA member countries and observer countries. The hosting of AIPA meetings in 2019 will be an opportunity to show the potential of Thailand's readiness of Inter-Parliamentary meetings. The well-preparedness of NLA members representing Thailand in the meeting, supporting of Parliamentary officers and relating authorities will be resulted in the success of the meeting and become one of our nation's prides.