

The 2nd/2021 meeting of the Steering Committee of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)

On Friday 25th June 2021, Mr. Kunnavuti Tuntrakul, Deputy Secretary-General of the House of Representatives, chaired the 2nd/2021 meeting of the Steering Committee of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) to prepare for hosting the 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum. The meeting acknowledged various matters as follows: 1) the President of the National Assembly of Thailand agreed on the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2023, and the preparation of budget for hosting the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF; 2) the Secretariat of the Senate agreed to give support the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF in preparing the substance by officials who got scholarship from the Secretariat of the Senate; 3) The National Assembly Radio and Television Broadcasting Station will prepare a video presentation for Thailand as a host of the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF as assigned on the timeline; and 4) the details of the 29th Annual Meeting of the APPF has not been informed by the Republic of Korea. In addition, if the meeting schedule is not been informed by August 2021, the Thai Parliament will write a letter to the APPF Chairman informing about Thailand's concerns over budget and the end of the term of the House of Representatives in preparations for hosting the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF.

Furthermore, the meeting resolved to approve the following matters:

- 1) writing a letter from the Secretariat of the House of Representatives to the Secretariat of the National Assembly of Korea about details and schedule of the 29th Annual Meeting of the APPF;
- 2) the timeline adjustment of the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF when the schedule of the 29th Annual Meeting of the APPF is be informed;
- 3) assigning the relevant bureaus to prepare the action plans of the sub-committees and review draft estimated expenses or plan by taking the concerns of the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the cost of holding a physical meeting and a virtual meeting into consideration;
- 4) the preparation activities and budgets in the year 2022, including the timeline of the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF;
- 5) the postponement of the two preparation projects for hosting the 30th Annual Meeting of APPF, the concerns of the Order of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and the personnel safety;

- 6) a PR exercise about hosting the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF before the actual meeting by the Bureau of Public Relations and the National Assembly Radio and Television Broadcasting Station;
- 7) adding representatives at the head level of government agencies from the Budget Bureau and the Comptroller General's Department in the draft Administrative Committee of the 30th APPF Annual Meeting; and
- 8) approving three types of the emblem design of the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF, and proposing this matter to the Sub-committee on Public Relations and Information for further consideration.

Moreover, the meeting acknowledged the problems arising from hosting previous international conferences and approved to consider the recommendations for preparing to host the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF.

