

Draft Intervention

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His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei

HENG Samrin,

President of the APA,

Honorable Dr. Mohammad Nejad Hosseinian,

Secretary General of the APA,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Thai National Legislative Assembly Delegation, it is my very great honor to be here with all of your honorables at the 8th Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly. We are touched by the warm hospitality which the host has accorded to us since our arrival in Cambodia.

I would like to extend my special thanks to His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei HENG Samrin for your remarkable role as the Chairperson of this Plenary Session and also express my appreciation to Honorable Dr. Mohammad Nejad Hosseinian, Secretary-General of the APA for his great work to the organization.

Almost a decade, the APA has set its goals to be one of the inter-parliamentary organizations to make the concretion and solidarity in Asia under the conceptual ideas of peace and security creation. Through many years, we have assembled to share our views and experiences on important subjects for

finding the best practice, particularly peace, security and reconciliation among Asian countries.

Under the world situations, we must face the fact that in many parts of the world still suffer from new forms of wars and conflicts, ethnic or violence, violence against women both in conflict and in daily life. Recently, a terror threat becomes a major issue of our concern.

In order to bring peace, security and reconciliation to the continent, the inter-parliamentary cooperation plays a vital role in such mission. The APA could serve as a way to further strengthen and become a forum for multilateral and bilateral dialogue and consultation on the establishment of effective principles for dialogue and cooperation, featuring decision-making by consensus, non-interference, incremental progress and moving at a pace comfortable to all member countries. Mutual understanding can be gradually built up by

cooperative activities as well as the transparent and sincere parliamentary diplomacy of the relevant parties should be promoted by the members of APA in all aspects.

As I have mentioned, the way of parliamentary diplomacy for peace and reconciliation has to be the negotiations and discussions carried out according to the procedure in international organizations and the main objective of parliamentary diplomacy is to increase mutual understanding and to maintain friendship among the Asian countries, and to increase the democratic legitimacy of inter-governmental institutions.

Thailand strongly believes that sustainable peace can only be achieved through meaningful negotiations and dialogues that will lead us to solidarity by way of trust and confidence in Asia. Driven by the objective of security for the people in Asia, the APA member countries, as the legislative

branch, can work closely with each other by exchanging their experiences and point of views on how to promote peace and reconciliation via the channel of parliamentary diplomacy like this forum.

As far as I mentioned concerning the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy which initiated by His Majesty the King BhumibolAdulyadej, the King of Thailand, when I attended the the APA Standing Committee Meeting on Economic and Sustainable Development in Jakarta. I would like to emphasize that the philosophy does not only apply for Thai economy, but also can apply to the economic under the globalization. The main idea of Philosophy describes a step by step and balanced approach to develop and also provides guidance on the appropriate conduct covering all aspects of living. Of course, this drives the society strike the achievement of poverty eradication and sustainable development. And also can be proved by the success His Majesty's projects for more than 3,000 projects over the past three decades.

**Mr. Chairperson,
Honorable Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In conclusion, on behalf of the Thai Delegation, I affirm that this is the best opportunity for all of the APA Members to carefully and seriously think about how to create our own channel for promoting cooperation in peace and security. I, therefore encourage all APA members to adhere to the aims and objectives of the APA and also lend support to the efforts of the relevant parties on this issue and to achieve peace and security in Asia.

Thank you for your kind attention.
