



The Virtual 4th Meeting of AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD)

on 24 May 2021 Hosted by Brunei Darussalam

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The 4th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) was held virtually on 24 May 2021, hosted by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam at the International Convention Centre. The theme of the meeting was Prevailing the Contemporary and Responsive Challenges towards Drug-free ASEAN. The AIPACODD is the transformation of the AIFOCOM (AIPA Fact-Finding Committee) in 2017 to work beyond fact-finding into taking concrete action for better efficiency and also to strengthening its role and mandate as parliamentary tool to combat drug menace by providing consultation and recommendation for executive and legislative bodies to have better coordination in combating drug menace across the region.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohammed Taib, the 42nd AIPA President and Speaker of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam.

The meeting was chaired by Yang Berhormat Nik Hafimi binti Abdul Haadii, member of Legislative Council (LegCo) and was attended by AIPA Member Parliaments of ASEAN Member States. Representative for Asia and the Pacific of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was invited to present regional drug situation and drug control efforts.



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The meeting discussed the drug situation during the COVID-19 pandemic, drug law enforcement, enactment of laws related to drug control, cooperation among ASEAN Member States and efforts on drug control in the angle of legislative efforts that supported drug control to ensure drug-free region of ASEAN. The meeting agreed to the resolution on Prevailing the Contemporary and Responsive Challenges towards Drug-free ASEAN. The resolution emphasized the AIPA Member Parliaments to reaffirm its stance of zero tolerance approach, introduce effective measures, reinforce existing policies, promote further cross-border cooperation and strengthen cooperation with drug law enforcements agencies, national authorities, and other institutional bodies to ensure the commitment of AIPACODD in its strive towards a drug-free ASEAN. The decisions made by the 4th AIPACODD will be approved at the 42nd AIPA General Assembly in August 2021. Cambodia accepted to host the 5th AIPACODD.