



SPEAKER
PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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Your Excellency

The Parliament of Singapore will be hosting the 18th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in Singapore from 17 to 22 January 2010 at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre (Suntec Singapore).

It is my great pleasure and honour to extend an invitation to Your Excellency to lead a joint delegation of up to 10 Members from both Houses of your Parliament to attend the 18th APPF Annual Meeting. A similar invitation has also been extended to the House of Representatives.

This Meeting will focus on issues concerning regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific such as in the areas of economy and trade, politics, security and other topics of mutual interest in the pursuit of regional stability and prosperity for our people. We will meet during one of the worst economic crisis the world has seen and this will be an opportune time for Asia-Pacific parliamentarians to refresh discussions and exchange experiences, thus building confidence, solidarity and cooperation among the Asia-Pacific community.

The Delegate Registration Form and the Hotel Registration Form can be downloaded from the Conference's official website at www.18appf.org.sg. Delegates are requested to send in the completed Registration Forms **by 30 October 2009**. The tentative Programme of Activities (Annex A), draft Agenda (Annex B) and General Information (Annex C) are enclosed for your delegation's information. For more information and updates to the event, please refer to the Conference's official website.

Participating delegations wishing to sponsor resolutions and submit motions to the 18th APPF Annual Meeting are kindly requested to submit their documents to the 18th APPF Secretariat **no later than 30 October 2009**. This would enable copies to be circulated to the other APPF Members in advance of the meeting.

I believe that the 18th APPF Annual Meeting will continue to further the aims and aspirations of APPF and promote goodwill among the representatives of the peoples of Asia-Pacific. I therefore look forward to welcoming Your Excellency and your delegation.

Please accept my best wishes and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdullah Tarmugi', written over a white background.

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