

ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.08

ENSURING AN OPTIMISTIC AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR YOUTH

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The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Acknowledging that youth are agents of change and crucial to the development and prosperity of our people;

Underscoring the need to optimize on and encourage both regional cooperation plans in the academic, scientific and technological fields and legislation, policies and measures that contribute to the sustainable development of APPF Member States;

Recalling resolution APPF 22/RES-21 in reference to continuing the discussion on policies related to youth in the annual APPF meetings, with the purpose in mind of sharing knowledge, sustaining ongoing dialogue on the “promotion of generations” and awakening the interest of young people in the activities of the APPF;

Bearing in mind the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Youth Skills Camps established within the framework of the APEC Skills Development Promotion Project (2011-2014) as a mechanism to design and build public policy that benefits the youth sector, and consequently benefits the nations comprising the Asia-Pacific region;

Recognizing that unemployment, lack of incentives to promote entrepreneurship, and lack of training available to young people to place them in the job market are challenges that many nations of the Asia-Pacific region face;

Emphasizing UN General Assembly Resolution 68/130 (2013) on policies and programs for youth, which affirms that generating decent work for young people is one of the biggest challenges that needs to be tackled; and being reminded that

APPF Member States play the important role of satisfying the needs and aspirations of their young people;

Reaffirming the 1989 United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child, which enshrines the rights of children and youth under 18 years of age;

Reiterating the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – such as ending poverty, ensuring healthy lives, providing inclusive and equitable education, empowering girls, and promoting decent employment for all – which will have a significant impact on the future of youth worldwide.

Reaffirming that young people are the future foreign policy and parliamentary diplomacy makers and analysts of our nations, together with other members of the Asia-Pacific region;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Promote** regional cooperation as a means of academic, scientific and technological exchange in the field of research as a strategic priority of the Asia-Pacific nations to attain prosperity for their people;
2. **Establish** a framework for the exchange of educational models with an eye to transforming and optimizing the development of present and future generations, in addition to providing young people with the necessary tools to meet the new demands of international society;
3. **Foster** intercultural understanding by establishing a system that allows for rapport among nations, through language and cultural learning, and gaining an understanding of the diversity of the people of Asia-Pacific nations;
4. **Urge** APPF Member States to collaborate in establishing ties among the governmental and non-governmental educational institutions of nations so as to strengthen cooperation in education, vocational training, science and research, among others;
5. **Promote** the adoption of commitments and measures that foster cooperation and the generation of jobs for young people, achieving their inclusion in the labor market and thus favoring the economic development of the Asia-Pacific region;

6. **Urge** APPF Member Parliaments to take part in the design of regional cooperation programs for technical training at all educational levels, promoting scientific research, connecting universities and companies, and fostering cultural exchange;
7. **Present** annual assessments of achievements attained through the cooperation of APPF Member States that benefit youth in terms of education, vocational training, science and research, among other areas.