

**FORUM OF ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR EDUCATION  
(FASPPED)**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Bureau Meeting  
Nusantara III Building DPR RI Complex, Jakarta, 9 June 2009**

**R E P O R T**

**1. Date, Venue and Participants**

The Forum of Asia Pacific Parliamentarians for Education (FASPPED) held its 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Bureau Meeting on 9 June 2009 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting was attended by the President and Vice President of FASPPED, Executive Bureau Members, Representative of UNESCO Paris and Jakarta experts/advisers on education. The three members of the Executive Bureau, Mr. H.R. Agung Laksono from Indonesia, Mr. Kim Young Jin from the Republic of Korea and Mr. Falemole Tolofuaivalelei from Samoa, were taking turn in chairing the Meeting. List of participants is attached in the Annex 1.

**2. Opening Remarks by the President of FASPPED**

The meeting was opened by the President of FASPPED with a cordial welcome to all participants. In his opening remarks, the President highlighted the World Conference on Education, the Six Goals of Education for All (EFA). The President underscored the importance of the Meeting to ensure that the gains made in education in recent years is not lost due to the current financial, economic and food crisis. Asia-Pacific as a diverse but interconnected region should foster closer cooperation and maintain collective endeavors on strategy to achieve the Six Goals of EFA by 2015 and to ensure that the poor community would not be further marginalized. The program on EFA would not be achieved without development of comprehensive strategy in the region. FASPPED is also expected to support the implementation of the Oslo Declaration. The President also stated the readiness of Indonesia to host the General Assembly of FASPPED in 2010.

In this session, the President of FASPPED reported his activities since he was elected in October 2008. In addition to the activity of organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Bureau Meeting, the President had sent a letter on behalf of FASPPED to all members to encourage the appointment of one focal point as a means of strengthening coordination and communication among members of FASPPED. In addition, it is also reported that a website of FASPPED has been developed. The President also reported that FASPPED was invited to the Forum of African Parliamentarians on Education (FAPED); however, the President was unable to attend the Forum due to preparations of General Elections in Indonesia.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda of the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Bureau Meeting was adopted unanimously. The agenda is attached in Annex 2.

### **4. Report by the Organizing Committee**

On this agenda item, the Organizing Committee (OC) represented by Mr. Tosari Widjaja, Member of the Indonesian House of Representatives, is presenting the report on the arrangement of the 1<sup>st</sup> FASPPED Executive Bureau Meeting. The report covers technical aspects of the meeting such as number of participants, agenda and various assistances provided by the host parliament. The OC also reported that there is no response from Nepal despite of repeated efforts to invite its delegation to the Meeting; however, it will not affect the meeting since 3 out of 4 Bureau Members are already present. The OC also reported that the Bureau has not decided on representations from West and Central Asia, and this matter should be further discussed on this Meeting.

### **5. Presentations:**

#### **a. Support of UNESCO to Parliamentary Forum on Education**

The presentation from Mr. Vladimir Kouchnirenko, the representative of UNESCO Paris, focused on the support of UNESCO to parliamentary forum on education in other regions, as well as the support of UNESCO for future FASPPED programs. It is identified that the greatest challenge in education in time of crisis is derived from contraction of funding as countries are more keen to reduce budget on education rather than other aspects such as defense budget. However, it is a great moment for parliaments in Asia-Pacific to cooperate under the framework of FASPPED. Considering many efforts that have been taken by institutions in the region, the challenge for Asia-Pacific is more on the implementation of the laws. Therefore, parliamentarians must play their bridging roles in adopting laws and their implementation.

From the FARPED and FAPED meetings identified that the major role of parliamentarians is in their active participation in relation to their position as representatives of the people. Hence, the least that Parliamentarians could do is serving as promoters of legislation to ensure the achievement of the EFA Goals.

#### **b. Issues and Challenges in Achieving EFA**

The delegates, which represent different regions in Asia-Pacific, were given the opportunity to present the progress of EFA in their regions. Upon completion of the presentations, participants of the meeting were

deliberating on the common issues and challenges in achieving EFA in Asia-Pacific.

Some recommendations made by the Meeting:

1. Establishment of a Commission on Education in respective parliaments, that currently have not established Commission on Education yet.
2. Enactment of special regulation on teachers in rural areas, including the availability of additional incentives.
3. Establishment and strengthening the network of three pillars, e.g. parliaments, governments and civil society organizations (CSO).

## **6. Future Meetings**

### **a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Bureau Meeting**

Venue: Republic of Korea

Agenda: tbc

Date: tbc

### **b. 1<sup>st</sup> FASPPED General Assembly**

Agenda: As proposed

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Date: October 2010 (tentative)

### **c. Workshops**

Topics:

1. Effectiveness of Local Resources and Development Aid for EFA: Enhancing role of Parliament in Monitoring and Evaluation of EFA Budget and Resources in Asia-Pacific
2. Reaching the Un-reached in Education: Enhancing Role of Parliament in Securing Inclusiveness of Education in Asia-Pacific
3. Building Effective Coordination of EFA Stakeholders in Sustaining the Progress of EFA in Times of Financial Crisis

Venue: Samoa has agreed to host workshop on one of the topics before the General Assembly

Date: tbc

The other member States are welcomed to host the workshop.

## **7. Information on 35<sup>th</sup> Session of UNESCO General Conference**

Date: 6-23 October 2009

Venue: UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

## **8. Organizational Matters**

### **a. FASPPED Logo**

The logo will be re-designed with the assistance of UNESCO and will be discussed further at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bureau Meeting.

### **b. Introduction of FASSPED Website**

The website of FASPPED is introduced to the Bureau Members. The address of the website: <http://www.faspped.org>.

Recommendations:

1. Changing the theme colour with blue colour, which is more suited to the education theme.
2. Increasing security to defend the website from hackers.
3. Improving the outlook of the UNESCO logo.
4. Creating links to the websites of parliamentarians forum in other region and website of UNESCO.
5. Adding flags of the member states.

### **c. Strengthening the Role of Executive Bureau**

Recommendations:

1. Creating an electronic forum to exchange views between members.
2. Establishing a sub-regional forum, Indonesia is to prepare modalities of the forum.

### **d. FASPPED Long Term Strategy and Action Plan**

Recommendations:

1. Establishing working group that consists of 5-7 countries from sub-regions to set up the long-term strategy of FASPPED. Indonesia will prepare first draft before the 2nd Executive Bureau Meeting of FASPPED.
2. UNESCO has offered to host a separate meeting of FASPPED during UNESCO General Conference in October 2009.

3. UNESCO is to prepare tentative proposal before the upcoming UNESCO General Conference in October 2009.

#### **e. Funding of FASPPED Activities**

Recommendations:

1. Secretariat of FASPPED will be embedded into the Parliament of the President of FASPPED.
2. The funding of the secretariat will be borne by the Parliament of the President of FASPPED.
3. UNESCO has agreed to seek additional budget from external sources for supporting FASPPED.

#### **9. Other Matters**

1. Participants of the Meeting expressing their gratitude to the host for the hospitality and smooth arrangement of the Meeting.
2. Recommendations:
  - Developing partnership between FASPPED and other international organizations, e.g attend the meeting of the international organizations and, vice versa, invite the international organizations to address FASPPED meetings.
  - Strengthening cooperation with other parliamentary forum on education to exchange views and opinions.

#### **10. Conclusion and Closing**

The meeting was concluded at 5.30 pm (GMT+7).

# ANNEX 1

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS 1<sup>st</sup>. FASPPED EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING JAKARTA, 9 JUNE 2009

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NO	COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION	NAME/POSITION
<p><b>A.</b></p> <p>1</p>	<p><b>FASPPED Executive Bureau</b></p> <p>Indonesia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HE. Mr. H.R. Agung Laksono (Speaker)</li> <li>▪ Hon. Mr. Abdillah Toha (MP)</li> <li>▪ Hon. Mr. Tosari Widjaja (MP)</li> <li>▪ Hon. Mr. Heri Akhmadi (MP)</li> </ul> <p><b>Adviser :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Makarim Wibisono (Adviser to the Speaker)</li> <li>- Dr. Arief Rachman (Indonesian National Commission for UNESCO)</li> <li>- Mr. Dindin Wahyudin (Indonesian Representatives for UNESCO)</li> <li>- Dr. Hamid Muhammad (Ministry of National Education)</li> <li>- Mr. Hanggiro Setiabudi (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</li> <li>- Ms. Hasnah Gasim (Indonesian National Commission for UNESCO)</li> </ul>
2	Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hon. Mr. Kim Young Jin (MP)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Park Hee Jung (Secretary)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Im So Young (Secretary)</li> </ul>
3	Samoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HE. Mr. Falemole Tolofuaivalelei (Speaker)</li> <li>▪ Hon. Mr. Keneti Solamalemalo (MP)</li> </ul>
<b>B.</b>	<b>UNESCO PARIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Vladimir Kouchnirenko</li> </ul>
<b>C.</b>	<b>UNESCO JAKARTA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Anwar Al Said</li> </ul>

## **ANNEX 2**

### **A G E N D A** **1<sup>st</sup>. FASPPED EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING** **JAKARTA, 9 JUNE 2009**

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1. Opening Remarks by the FASPPED President
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report by the Organizing Committee
4. Briefing on Support of UNESCO to parliamentary forum on education at other regions, as well as on the support of UNESCO for future FASPPED program by Mr. Vladimir Kouchnirenko, ERC of UNESCO
5. Issues and challenges in achieving EFA (by Mr. Anwar Alsaïd, UNESCO Office Jakarta, followed by members of Executive Bureau)
6. Future FASPPED Meetings
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Bureau Meeting 2010 (agenda, dates, venue)
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (agenda, dates, venue)
  - c. Workshops (topics, dates, venue)
7. Information on Parliamentarian Focal Point on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 at UNESCO HQ (during 35<sup>th</sup> Session of UNESCO General Conference) by Mr. Vladimir Kouchnirenko.
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  - a. Introducing FASPPED logo
  - b. Introducing of FASPPED website
  - c. Strengthening the role of the Executive Bureau
  - d. FASPPED action plan on long term strategy
  - e. Funding of FASPPED Activities
9. Other matters.