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Message

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(President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam)

Excellency,

On behalf of the people of Vietnam and in my own name, I would like to convey the best congratulations and warmest friendly sentiments to you and all participants to the 27th AIPO General Assembly held in the beautiful and hospitable country of the Philippines.

Born in the process of regional integration, the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Organisation (AIPO) serves as an engine for the promotion of cooperation among the parliaments of ASEAN members. Rising above the differences, AIPO has become an important political forum of the region. AIPO has been contributing significantly to the enhancement of mutual understanding and trust while at the same time proposing and assisting member Governments in the expansion of cooperation in various areas, thus resolving thrusting political, security, economic and social issues and improving the people's life.

After over a decade of participation in ASEAN and AIPO, merging ourselves with the common flow of the Association and in collaboration with other members, the National Assembly, Government and people of Vietnam have been trying our best to contribute at most to the consolidation of solidarity, unity, cooperation and development of the region as well as highlighting the profile and position of ASEAN and AIPO in the international arena. In joining this Forum, the National Assembly of Vietnam gets the opportunity to build its capacity and share experience with the member parliaments in working with the Government to actively and comprehensively implement the programmes, goals and commitments in ASEAN. The National Assembly of Vietnam is further building and improving the legal corridor for the country's integration process. It is also working closely with the Government in making appropriate policies to proactively join the process of regional and international integration while at the same time firmly protecting our national identity.

The 27th General Assembly of the AIPO takes place at a time when ASEAN is to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its establishment. This is an opportunity for ASEAN to review its achievements made and the challenges ahead on the path to build up our community. In the course, the cooperation between ASEAN and AIPO bears great significance. I am delighted to learn that AIPO has made concrete initiatives and steps to consolidate and develop a more effective cooperation with ASEAN.

I hope that these noble ideas shall soon be implemented to bring AIPO's resolutions into real life, thus successfully carrying out ASEAN's programmes and decisions.

In such a spirit, I fully believe that at this 27th General Assembly of the AIPO, the law makers, who are the prominent representatives of the people of countries in the region, shall arrive at appropriate solutions and practical plans of action to help materialise ASEAN's common goals.

I take this opportunity to again convey to Your Excellency and all participants my best wishes. May the 27th AIPO General Assembly be a great success.