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Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON

ENHANCING THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSITIONS FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recognising the pivotal role of digital transformation in improving the quality of education, enhancing competitiveness, and narrowing development gaps among ASEAN Member States;

Emphasising the importance of green transition in addressing climate change, protecting natural resources and ensuring environmental security for current and future generations;

Reaffirming the youth as a catalytic, innovative driving force in advancing a sustainable development in the ASEAN region;

Acknowledging AIPA Resolution Res.45GA/2024/YPA/03 on Strengthening the Role of AIPA Young Parliaments in Implementing the 9th IPU Global Conference Statement of Young Parliamentarians;

Acknowledging the <u>ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025</u>'s vision for leading digital community and economic bloc powered by secure and transformative digital services and ecosystems, as it is creating a direct link between digital transformation and the green transition (SDG 13);

Recognising the <u>ASEAN Community Vision 2045</u>, which envisions a resilient, innovation and people-centered community where youth can meaningfully contribute to addressing contemporary and emerging challenges and advancing sustainable

socio-economic development reinforcing the need for their active participation in both digital and green economies (SDG 8, SDG 10);

Taking cognisance of the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a key driver for advancing digital transformation and enabling innovative solutions for sustainable development and climate action across Southeast Asia.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon ASEAN Member States to accelerate the provision of both basic and advanced digital skills training programs as well as green vocational skills for youth, particularly in remote areas and among vulnerable groups;

Encourage the establishment of the mentorship programs and the development of youth-led digital innovation and start-up ecosystems, focused on green technology, climate-resilient agriculture, and circular economy models, thereby fostering innovation in sustainable resource management, supported by governments, private sector, and international organisations;

Promote the sharing of data, best practices, experiences and digital solutions within ASEAN towards the establishment of a safe and inclusive digital space;

Call upon ASEAN Member States to integrate the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and environmental education contents into educational programs;

Support youth engagement in sustainable start-up projects and green initiatives as well as activities including tree planting, forest conservation, circular economy practice and energy efficiency programs;

Promote ASEAN youth cooperation in policy advocacy on green development, the organisation of climate forums, creative idea competitions for the environment, and climate change adaptation initiatives;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments and youth organisations across ASEAN to consider establishing cooperation mechanisms for information to promote digital transformation and green transitions, with a view of fostering regional cohesion and sustainable development;

Recommend AIPA Member Parliaments to consider incorporating the provisions of this Resolution, where appropriate, into their national legislative programs and oversight activities related to youth, particularly their role in digital and green transitions:

Strengthen ASEAN Member States to prioritise the integration of Al literacy and ethical Al principles into educational and training programs for youth, equipping them with future-ready skills for the digital economy; and

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to develop legal frameworks and policies that support the responsible development and application of AI by youth, fostering an enabling environment for AI-driven innovation while ensuring data privacy and addressing potential social impacts.

Adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the Twentieth Day of September, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Original Version

In recent decades, the ASEAN Community has achieved remarkable progress in growth, integration, and regional stability. However, emerging challenges, including the rapid pace of digital transformation and the severe impacts of climate change, require urgent reform of development strategies.

In this context, youth, with their creativity, adaptability, and central role in shaping the future, should be placed at the forefront of the development process. This Draft Resolution identifies two key pillars to advance the role of youth: (1) Digital Transformation; and (2) Green Transition for Sustainable Development.

The Draft Resolution proposes concrete and feasible measures to enhance the capacity, opportunities, and role of youth in these two pillars, with the support of legislative and executive bodies as well as development partners in the region.

The draft resolution aim to achieve the following objectives:

- 1. Affirm the role and contributions of youth in ASEAN's renewal and integration process.
- 2. Promote Member Parliaments to improve legal frameworks, policies, and resources to strengthen youth capacity in both digitalisation and green transition.
- 3. Propose parliamentary and youth cooperation initiatives in the region to jointly build a sustainable, equitable, and highly adaptive ASEAN.

The content of the draft resolution is outlined as follows:

- 1. On youth-centred digital transformation
 - Universalise basic and advanced digital skills in both formal and non-formal education programmes.
 - Support the development of youth-led digital innovation start-up ecosystems.
 - Strengthen cooperation between parliaments and youth organisations in the areas of digital governance, information security, and digital equality.
- 2. On youth-led green transition

- Integrate environmental, climate, and green development education into educational institutions and community-based education models.
- Support youth engagement in environmental protection activities, green start-ups, circular agriculture, and ecosystem restoration.
- Encourage the organisation of ASEAN Youth Climate Forums, environmental innovation competitions, and youth climate research cooperation.

The draft resolutions set out the proposed mechanisms for cooperation and oversight as follows:

- 1. Establish cooperation mechanisms among Member Parliaments, young parliamentarians, and youth organisations in ASEAN countries to share information on promoting digital and green transitions, thereby fostering connectivity and contributing to the region's development.
- 2. Encourage that Member Parliaments to integrate the provisions of the Resolution into national legislative programmes and to oversee the implementation of legislations concerning youth.

This Draft Resolution is a significant initiative that reflects the strong commitment of AIPA Young Parliamentarians to building a sustainable, deeply integrated Southeast Asia, where youth are placed at the centre as the driving force of change. This Explanatory Note aims to provide information and guidance for AIPA Member Parliaments to consider, reach consensus, and effectively implement the Resolution.