



Asian Parliamentary Assembly *President*

**His Excellency,
Speaker / President of**

As the cradle of major world civilizations and cultures, Asia has resolved, through Asian Parliamentary Assembly, to achieve greater integration in the continent. Other parts of the world have been already benefiting from such broad regional cooperation, and we, Asian parliamentarians, have a duty to follow suit for the sake of prosperity of our peoples. Potentials in various sub-regions of Asia tend to be complementary and as such instrumental in promoting sustainable development and prospering for all in Asia. Thus, Asia can, and is bound to, play a deserved role in strengthening international peace and security as well as in setting international standards in human security.

You are no doubt aware that for the sake of continuity, the Charter of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly has provided for a two-year presidency in Article 10 and for at least one Plenary Session each year in Article 9. It is in this context that as the President of the APA, I have the honor to write and personally invite you and APA Delegates from your Parliament to the 2007 annual Plenary meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in Tehran.

Following some consultations, the Plenary is scheduled for 20-21 November 2007. Immediately preceding the plenary meeting, i.e. on 19 November 2007, the Joint Conference of Foreign Ministers and APA Representatives, called for under Paragraph 8 of the Tehran Declaration, will be held.

As it is customary, a preparatory meeting of APA representatives, formerly called the Executive Council meeting, will be held immediately before the Plenary from 17 to 18 November 2007. This preparatory meeting (Executive Council) is to build on the results of an earlier meeting of the kind scheduled for 9-11 September 2007 in Tehran in order to finalize consideration of provisional draft plans of action under Paragraph 9 of the Tehran Declaration and of the provisional Draft Rules of Procedure, and to draw up appropriate recommendations for adoption at the Plenary. For more detailed information, please visit our website at <http://www.asianparliament.org>.

I am very confident that with your contribution to these events, APA can take a big first step in the direction of greater Asian integration.

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