



# PGPD Conference/study tour report

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<b>Title</b>	The 24 <sup>th</sup> Asian Parliamentarians' Meeting on Population & Development – Climate Change, Infectious Disease & Population Issues
<b>Hosts</b>	Asian Population and Development Association
<b>PGPD Participant</b>	Senator Kerry Nettle
<b>Dates attended</b>	26-27 April 2008
<b>Location</b>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<b>Purpose of the meeting/conference eg. session topics covered, outcomes relevant to PGPD</b>	
<p>The purpose of the meeting was to talk about the interaction of climate change, infectious diseases and population issues. The other focus of the meeting was to take up the invitation of the Japanese Prime Minister who is hosting the G8 summit in Japan in July and is also chair of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development and the Japanese Parliamentary Development Association to make suggestions about the global health discussion that will occur at the G8 summit.</p> <p>During the infectious diseases discussion at the conference it became clear that the expertise of countries such as Malaysia and the Philippines about dealing with infectious diseases such as malaria and dengue fever is a very valuable resource for Australia in dealing the increase in these diseases that will occur in Australia as a result of climate change.</p> <p>Dr Jose Rimon from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave a powerful presentation about how politicians can frame their discussion on reproductive health in a manner which is the more appealing to the public.</p>	
<b>Feedback to PGPD Secretariat regarding conference/study tour organisation, relevance, and impact</b>	
<p>I appreciated the opportunity to also attend the first day of the SPRINT Initiative train the trainer session which AusAID has recently funded.</p>	
<b>Recommendations for PGPD in light of conference e.g. letter to Minister, parliamentary motion etc.</b>	
<p>That the PGPD write to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and relevant Ministers to inform them of the meeting statement and to encourage them to include sexual and reproductive health in discussion of global health and climate change at the G8 summit.</p>	