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Dear President Harris

33rd LAWASIA Conference, Notice of Cancellation

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

I write on behalf of LAWASIA, the Law Association of Asia and the Pacific, to share with you and your organisation an update on the status of this year's annual LAWASIA conference.

After careful consideration, LAWASIA, in consultation with the Mongolian Bar Association, has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's 33rd LAWASIA Conference 2020, which was due to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 7 - 10 September 2020.

Our paramount concern is for the health and well-being of LAWASIA members, conference delegates and speakers, members of the local bar and conference staff. Due to the impact and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the international travel restrictions in place, it will no longer be possible to hold a physical conference on the proposed dates. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to yourself or to members of your organisation.

Despite not being able to meet physically this year, LAWASIA remains committed to its goal of enhancing the calibre of legal practice throughout the region. To this end we are excited to announce that LAWASIA will continue to establish opportunities to engage online with a series of webinars during September and October 2020. This will provide our members with an accessible platform for continued collaboration and the cross-jurisdictional sharing of information despite the current challenges.

Detailed information of our upcoming webinar program will be provided to your organisation as a priority, as it becomes available.

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I thank you for your understanding and cooperation, and for your invaluable support of LAWASIA during these unprecedented times. I look forward to connecting with you at future LAWASIA conferences and during the upcoming webinars.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the LAWASIA Secretariat, should any questions arise from the above.

Yours sincerely



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