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The Honorable Chief Justice Slaikate Wattanapan

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Dear President Slaikate,

Invitation to the 2nd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference

It gives me great pleasure to invite you, as President of the Thai Bar Association, in addition to members of your organisation, to LAWASIA's second annual **Human Rights Conference** in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2020.

This year's Human Rights Conference is proudly hosted in conjunction with the Supreme Court Bar Association (Nepal) and with the support of the Nepal Bar Association. With the theme, 'Human Rights: From Retreat to Rebuilding and Renewal', the Conference will explore a range of human rights issues of relevance across Asia and the Pacific region. The list of Conference topics and further information is contained in the Conference flyer (encl.) or is available online at www.lawasiahumanrights2020.com.

The Conference will also provide an opportunity for eminent human rights experts, together with judges and representatives from legal profession organisations from across the region to collaborate, exchange ideas, share knowledge and develop solutions to common problems.

LAWASIA's aim this year is to enhance the network of human rights lawyers from across the region. Kathmandu presents a unique opportunity to connect members of human rights committees from among our member organisations and to begin a dialogue focusing on human rights issues.

To that end, if your organisation has a human rights section or committee, I would encourage you to consider sending delegates from that Committee, including relevant Chairs, to the Conference. To enable us to update human rights committee Chairs about human rights activities, and to invite them personally to the conference, I would be grateful if you could please send the name and best contact details of the Chair/s of your human rights committee (or equivalent) to adi.prigan@lawasia.asn.au.

To promote a broad range of ideas from across the region, I would also value your assistance in distributing information about the Conference, including the Conference flyer, to members of your organisation, particularly those who practise in the field of human rights or anti-discrimination law.

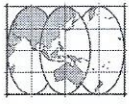
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Adi Prigan, Special Adviser to the President, at adi.prigan@lawasia.asn.au or by telephone on +612 9926 0165.

I look forward to welcoming you and your representatives to the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chunghwan Choi'.

Chunghwan Choi
President
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LAWASIA, in conjunction with the Supreme Court Bar Association and with the support of the Nepal Bar Association, is pleased to announce the 2nd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal from Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 March 2020.

The 2nd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference with the theme “Human Rights – From Retreat to Rebuilding and Renewal”, will explore a broad range of human rights issues of relevance in the Asia Pacific region, including:

- Human Rights and Non-Discrimination: Rights of Women and LGBTQI persons
- Global Concerns of Migrants and Refugees
- Human Rights in Transitional Justice
- Human Rights, Environment and Climate Change
- Independence and Efficacy of Human Rights Agencies
- Focus Session: Critical Issues in Human Rights
- The Role of the Judiciary in Securing Human Rights
- Human Rights Defenders: Emerging Challenges and Solutions; and
- Business and Human Rights.

Eminent human rights experts together with representatives from bar association and law societies are coming together to discuss the issues mentioned, exchange ideas and deliberate potential solutions.

Kathmandu is a very fitting location for this conference, given its ongoing drive and focus on rectifying human rights issues in Nepal and the region.

Kathmandu is and has been for many years the centre of Nepal's history, art, culture, and economy. It has a multi-ethnic population within a Hindu and Buddhist majority. Religious and cultural festivities form a major part of the lives of people residing in Kathmandu.

LAWASIA is the proud voice of the legal profession across Asia Pacific. Boasting eminent, diverse and influential members from more than 40 jurisdictions, LAWASIA's raison d'être is the promotion and protection of human rights and the rule of law, as well as the facilitation of business opportunities within the region.

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference. For further information please visit our website www.lawasia.asn.au/2nd-human-rights-conference