Greetings on behalf of the 54,000 members of the American Counseling Association. We are honored to serve as a host for the 6th Asia Pacific Rim Confederation of Counsellors Conference and we appreciate the many opportunities and insights afforded by coming together as a global community of professionals. During this conference, our conversations and shared learning opportunities will expand the world of professional counseling that will then benefit your clients and students.

We know that partnering with organizations from multiple countries who represent the counseling profession will benefit all counselors as we all have much to learn from each other. Counselling now exists in approximately 55 countries—and the global counseling community continues to grow and develop. Today, it is vitally important that established counselling organizations think beyond their geographic borders.

In recent years, the American Counseling Association has been invited to partner and co-present at conferences in Singapore, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Canada. We have partnered on a world mapping project with the International Association for Counselling and a social justice conference with the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy and the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The American Counseling Association looks forward to continuing our strong relationship and partnership with APRCC and its members. Our collaborative efforts will lead to the development and refinement of counseling theories, research, practices and skills training that are in the best interest of our clients in both the Asia Pacific Rim and the United States.

Best regards for a successful, enriching, and rewarding conference.

Sincerely,

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