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Dear Colleagues.

It is my very great pleasure to send you warmest greetings as you gather together from 27 – 29 June 2019, to celebrate the Hong Kong Social Workers Association 70th Anniversary at the International Conference on **Change and Innovation for a Better World: The Future of the Social Work Profession**. Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement - Seventy years is a milestone worthy of great celebration!

As we remember those who had the foresight and energy to establish the Association seven decades ago we pay tribute to the many social work leaders in Hong Kong China who have kept alive their vision and continued to develop the profession in an ever changing world. This conference has, as its theme, the very important title of “Change and Innovation for a Better World”. Social workers worldwide are united through their commitment to human rights and social justice, to strive always to make the world we live in better for everyone, especially for those with whom we work.

The Hong Kong Social Workers Association is a very valued member of our IFSW Asia Pacific Region and has contributed enormously to the work of our profession both regionally and internationally over the past 70 years. It is through sharing our knowledge, skills and practice wisdom that the people we work with, ourselves as social workers and the whole of the social work profession together thrive. This event will undoubtedly serve to strengthen the professional linkages across practitioners, educators and social service providers by bringing you all together and promoting the exchange of social work innovation with each other.

I wish you all well and trust that your Conference will be a huge success as you gather, share and learn with each other.

Warm regards,

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