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Elizabeth (Liz) Stone
National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA)

Dear Elizabeth (Liz) Stone,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia.

We are pleased to invite you to nominate one person to attend an international consultation on '**Combating Forced Migration, Human Trafficking, and Increased Cyber Crime in Asia**', which will be held from 13 to 15 August 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The consultation aims to deepen our collective understanding of the complex realities surrounding forced migration, human trafficking, and the growing threats of cybercrime in Asia. It will address critical and urgent concerns, including the trafficking of persons, particularly from South and Southeast Asia, who are misled by fraudulent job offers and coerced into situations of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, or cybercrime operations. The consultation will also examine the impact of conflict, political instability in intensifying irregular migration, the rapid spread of scam centres run by cybercrime syndicates across countries such as Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, borders of China and Mekong countries, and the Philippines. The discussions will also address the continued exploitation of migrant workers under the kafala system in West Asia, which often results in bonded labour, wage theft, and abuse in which a large number of Asians are trapped by agents.

The consultation will provide a platform to equip churches and ecumenical institutions to respond more effectively to these pressing issues through advocacy, pastoral care, and network-building. An important component of the programme will be developing collaborative action plans and strengthening the Asia Ecumenical Migrant Advocacy Network (AEMAN) to foster more impactful and coordinated responses.

About 35 selected representatives from CCA member churches and councils across Asia, as well as experts working in the fields of migration, human trafficking, and cybercrime will attend the consultation. The first session of the consultation will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 August, and the closing session will end at 3:00 pm on Friday, 15 August 2025. CCA will arrange board and lodging for all registered participants attending the Consultation. The invited participants are expected to arrive in Bangkok on Tuesday, 12 August, and schedule departure in the late afternoon/evening of Friday, 15 August.

Please refer to the attached Background Note for more information. Upon confirmation, we shall send you further details about the Consultation.

Kindly confirm the nomination by completing the registration form by **15 June 2025** using this Google form: [Registration Form](#)

Should you have any queries, please contact us: bp-cca@cca.org.hk (Jacob Trent Ngileb).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours along the journey.

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