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I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the contributions made by our former leaders.

I would like to sincerely thank outgoing President, Christopher Leong for his excellent leadership and service to the LAWASIA during the past two years. Chris was a president of fully determined with his keen intellect, full sense of humor and a wonderful gift for story-telling to all of the challenges we have recently faced. I am truly grateful for all his hard work and sacrifice he had made for the LAWASIA. Once again, thank you, Chris.

The core of my vision for LAWASIA as a new President is that LAWASIA should continue to be a conduit of cooperation and platform to assist and support all of lawyers in Asia Pacific. Working together, we CAN solve the issues we are facing in this region and thereby propel LAWASIA to expand and grow into a strong, collective voice in the global legal community.

I have several concrete goals I would like to achieve during my term.

- First, I wish to modernize the LAWASIA communication infrastructure to expand information sharing capabilities for our members to build solidarity on regional and global issues in the legal profession.
- Second, I wish to provide more educational opportunities to our members by lowering the barriers of access to knowledge databases through the LAWASIA website.
- Third, I wish to implement section & committee structural reform to empower more individual members to take on various leadership roles in LAWASIA.
- Fourth, I wish to expand LAWASIA's membership base to become a more inclusive, collective voice representing the Asia-Pacific region.
- Fifth, I wish to more collaborate with other international public organizations & foundations to facilitate stable growth for LAWASIA.

By achieving these goals, I hope we will be able to warmly embrace harmony and integration of the multiple views and geo-political environments of our organization. We will celebrate diversity in race, religion, language, culture, structure of the rule of law, and human rights protection. I will aptly communicate with our members and diligently focus on consensus to achieve those goals.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your support to this wonderful organization and wish you “kindly hear and gently judge” my service for the following years. I pledge to do my utmost on LAWASIA's behalf, in honor of its past, in celebration of the present, and especially in anticipation of its splendid future.

Thank you.

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President, LAWASIA