

Message from Machiko Ohara

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Dear Social Workers of the IFSW Asia-Pacific Region,

Season's Greetings to you all.

As we approach the festive season and the close of another year, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your dedication and the meaningful work you continue to carry out across our diverse region.

At this year's Asia Pacific Social Work Conference (APSWC 2025) in Sri Lanka, participants from many backgrounds came together to share their knowledge and experiences under the official theme, "Social Work Responses to Climate Change and other Environmental Issues." The solidarity and passion shown throughout the conference reminded us once again of the strength of our profession in facing adversity and upholding the dignity and well-being of all people.

In a world where natural disasters, conflicts, poverty, and social exclusion are growing increasingly complex, the commitment of social workers to dialogue, cooperation, and respect for diversity offers hope and guidance for building more inclusive societies.

As we look toward the coming year, let us continue to support one another, strengthen international solidarity among social workers, and work together toward a just and peaceful world. I wholeheartedly wish you and your families a season filled with warmth, joy, and moments of rest—and a healthy and hopeful New Year.

Warm regards,

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