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Condolence Message on the Demise of His Holiness Pope Francis

The Dean of the College of Cardinals,
The Roman Catholic Church
Vatican City

Your Eminence,

It is with profound sorrow and grief that we learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His death represents a great loss, not only for the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church but for humanity as a whole. Throughout his tireless and devoted service, spanning more than a decade, Pope Francis was both a spiritual leader and a statesman of rare moral authority. He inspired millions around the world, teaching us to love one another, live faithfully according to the values of the Gospel, and care for the vulnerable and marginalised.

Pope Francis made significant and lasting contributions toward promoting peace with justice and advocating for the dignity of every person, regardless of race, nationality, or religious background. His commitment to human rights and human dignity was unwavering. He will be remembered for his deep concern for the poor and oppressed, his humility, and his courage in offering a prophetic witness to the world. He was unafraid to address contemporary political issues that divide people and nations, always with the aim of healing and reconciliation. His legacy will also be remembered as that of an outstanding Christian leader in the modern history of world Christendom.

He taught us to embody the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, particularly in service to the most impoverished and marginalised. His legacy will endure in the lives he touched and the examples he set.

On behalf of the member churches and member councils of the Christian Conference of Asia, I offer deepest condolences to the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church and to all those around the world who have been inspired by the life and witness of Pope Francis. May his memory continue to inspire and guide us all towards a world where peace with justice, love, compassion and life in its fullness will prevail.

In God's Service,

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