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CCA Statement on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) joins the global call to respond to the rapidly escalating crisis of human trafficking for forced criminality on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026. This year's theme, "Trapped Behind the Scam," highlights the profound human suffering concealed behind cyber-enabled fraud operations that have proliferated globally, particularly across Asia.

Behind the digital façade of online fraud lies a world of coercion, violence, and modern-day slavery. Lured by false promises of employment and a better future, thousands are deceived, trafficked across borders, and trapped in compounds where they are forced to carry out cyber fraud under constant surveillance, threats, and abuse. Survivor testimonies and reports from international organisations expose grave violations of human rights and dignity, including forced labour, debt bondage, torture, sexual abuse, and arbitrary detention. Those who escape often carry deep physical, emotional, and psychological scars that testify to a brutal reality of exploitation and fear.

The rapid expansion of cyber scam operations in Asia is rooted in deeper realities of poverty, inequality, forced migration, unemployment, conflict, statelessness, and the lack of safe and dignified livelihood opportunities. Organised criminal networks exploit these vulnerabilities with increasing sophistication, using digital platforms and emerging technologies to recruit, deceive, and control vulnerable people for profit.

In the face of these alarming realities, silence is no longer an option. CCA calls on its member churches and member councils to uphold their prophetic witness by standing alongside those whose dignity and rights have been violated through trafficking and exploitation. Churches in Asia are called to challenge the systems and structures that enable exploitation, raise awareness, advocate for justice, and accompany survivors on their journey towards healing and restoration.

CCA further calls upon governments, law enforcement and judicial authorities, regional institutions, civil society organisations, and technology companies to strengthen cooperation in dismantling trafficking networks, protecting victims, safeguarding vulnerable communities, and ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice.

Let us not forget those who remain trapped behind the scam, nor those striving to rebuild their lives after escaping exploitation. May we continue to be communities of hope, accompaniment, and prophetic witness, working for justice and upholding the dignity and rights of all people.

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