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CCA General Secretary's Congratulatory Message on the occasion of the Jubilee Celebrations of His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselios Metropolitan of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church

Your Beatitude,

It is with great joy and profound thanks to God Almighty that the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) extends warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to Your Beatitude as you celebrate the Silver Jubilee of your Episcopal Ordination, the Golden Jubilee of your Priestly Ordination, and your 70th Birthday. Commemorating these three important milestones in your life and witness during a joint celebratory event on 29 August 2026 is both unique and historic.

We remember with deep gratitude your ecclesiastical and ecumenical leadership. Your participation in various CCA programmes and activities over the past decade has been encouraging, and your presence and words of encouragement on numerous occasions have been a source of inspiration to us all. We especially remember your leadership during the 15th CCA General Assembly, held in Kottayam, India, in 2023, and your active participation in the commemoration of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 2024. Your presence and active participation at the Asian Church Leaders' Conference on Ecumenical Diakonia, held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in 2025, also encouraged us all.

The Malabar Independent Syrian Church (MISC) has supported CCA since joining its membership at the 11th General Assembly in Tomohon, Indonesia, in 2000. The member churches of CCA across Asia regard the MISC as a valued member of the Asian ecumenical movement and take pride in your church's rich tradition and history, having remained independent under the Malankara umbrella since 1772. We recollect the fond memories of your church's involvement in the Indian and Asian ecumenical movement, especially the keen interest demonstrated under the leadership of your predecessor, the late lamented His Beatitude Joseph Mar Koorilose, as well as under your own leadership.

May this celebration of Your Beatitude's 70th Birthday, Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination, and Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination be a joyous offering of thanksgiving to Almighty God for a life dedicated to His service, and for decades of faithful ministry, wise leadership, and steadfast witness that have nurtured the Malabar Independent Syrian Church and enriched the ecumenical fellowship across Asia and beyond.

We pray that God's abundant blessings may continue to sustain Your Beatitude with renewed strength and joy, and guide you in your ministry as a faithful shepherd in the years ahead.

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General Secretary, CCA