Dear Nakayama Hiroko,

Chair

This is to ask for cooperation in forming a network between Korea and other countries for developing the world of Nursing Science, and promoting in your country the 14th East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS), which will take place in Seoul, Korea on February 11-12, 2011.

The forum will be held under the auspices of the Korean Society of Nursing Science (KSNS), together with the Association of Korean College of Nursing, and the Korean Academic Society of Nursing Education, being sponsored by the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) and the Seoul Tourism Organization (STO).

The EAFONS was initiated in 1997 by Professor Ida Martinson and her colleagues at the School of Nursing (formally the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. It aims to provide a regular regional forum for doctoral prepared nurse academics and their students. Since 1997, it has been held in rotation every year in 7 countries: Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, and Singapore. The KSNS will take a turn hosting this forum in Seoul, Korea next year.

The KSNS, founded in April in 1970, is now a leading academic society with over 3,400 members in Korea. The aims of our society are to advance Nursing Science through research and scholarship, to develop new nursing technology, to contribute to the formulation of national health policies, and to promote health through active collaboration with other societies.

As part of our efforts, we, the KSNS are seeking for ways to attract more colleagues than ever from all around the world to the forum in Korea. There is no doubt that you are already aware, like us, that it is impossible to attract more colleagues from other countries to a host country without sincere effort and cooperation. In addition, we are sure that you feel, as we do, the needs for network to promote your own conferences or forums in other counties, and, furthermore, to develop your own professions internationally. Thus, we take this opportunity to lay down a foundation for an academic network, so that together we can promote conferences or forums throughout the world and develop the world of Nursing Science in the years to come.

To make a network with your association or society, we would like to ask you to:

- Provide a list of the Executive Committee, including their contact information;
- Supply the URL of your association or society’s official website.
To promote this year’s forum, we would like to ask you to:

- Display the web banner attached to this letter on the official website of your association or society;
- Deliver the brochure attached to this letter by e-mail to members of your association or society;
  - (Or, provide a list of members acting in your association or society, including their e-mail addresses.)
- Distribute copies of printed brochures to members of your association or society;
  - (In this case, inform us of your shipping address and the number of copies you will distribute to members. As requested, we will prepare and deliver them to the shipping address by airmail as soon as possible.)
- Distribute copies of printed posters to organizations affiliated with your association or society;
  - (In this case, inform us of the number of copies you will distribute to the organizations. As requested, we will prepare and deliver them to the shipping address by airmail as soon as possible.)
- Lastly, if there is any special request, do not hesitate to contact us. We will try our best to meet your needs.

We hope that our efforts will contribute to developing the world of Nursing Science.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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