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Dear members of the local organising committee for APLAR 2020

With careful consideration of reports from leading health organisations, the Executive Committee of APLAR has made the decision on 24 March 2020, to postpone APLAR 2020 to 14-17 November 2020, with 13-14 November being pre-congress days for workshops and meetings. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception will be held on Saturday 14 November 2020.

The health and safety of our attendees and communities are of utmost importance and it is our view that postponement is the best option.

We believe that APLAR 2020 should be the catalyst event for our colleagues across Asia Pacific to look forward and rebuild once the worst of COVID-19 is behind us.

There will be no change to the congress venue and we look forward to working with you to stage a highly successful APLAR 2020 at the Kyoto International Conference Center in November 2020.

Yours sincerely

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