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Date 30 May 2014  
Subject Current Situation in Thailand Confirmation for IAP2014  
Dear Prof. Ying Chen,  
IAP Norwegian Division President

Thank you for your concerned messages regarding the recent peace and order exercises by the military in Thailand. Please be ensured that the situation is secured and manageable, there were no violence or losses during the implementation.

Prior to the assistance of the military, the political disagreements between pro and anti-government supporters were relatively intense, although several attempts on multilateral discussion had been made, no concrete conclusion was agreed upon but a growing concern of the situation from breakouts of random attacks from violence government supporters in which a few cases had caused lives. The military held the responsibility to maintain peace and order, to insure the safety of all Thai citizens and visitors. When the situation was becoming uncontrollable, the military had to temporary stepped in to parenting the state so that civilians can live their everyday life in peace and until a fair and just general election can be restored.

Although, we are currently in the state of curfew, we are still working as usual. People are able travel normally. Many conferences and exhibitions, including international ones, are and will be running as planned. Shopping centers, restaurants, and touristic places are peacefully opened and filled with shoppers and tourists as usual. The airports and flights are routinely operating as usual. People feel less intense and become happier. You can see from the stock index that the economic confidence has been recovered. We believe that the curfew will be over soon and regain peace again.

I am once again ensuring that the IAP2014 Congress during October 5-10, 2014 will be commencing as planned and will be securely safe to attend.

I would like to sincerely thank you for the support and we will be waiting to welcome you at the IAP2014 Congress, Bangkok.

Yours sincerely,

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