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Christian Conference of Asia's Statement on International Women's Day 2025

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) joins the global community in observing International Women's Day 2025 under the theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." This theme reaffirms our unwavering commitment to upholding the dignity, rights, and empowerment of women and girls in all aspects of life.

Today, we raise our voices against the persistent injustices faced by women, particularly in Asia, including femicide, domestic violence, sexual harassment, honour killings, forced marriages, workplace discrimination, cyber exploitation, human trafficking, economic marginalisation, and systemic discrimination. International Women's Day is not just a time to celebrate but also a solemn reminder of the struggles women continue to face—and a call to urgent action.

CCA affirms the inherent dignity and worth of every woman and girl, recognising them as bearers of God's image. While upholding the spirit of this year's theme, we call on communities to dismantle structures that perpetuate violence, discrimination, and marginalisation. Women and girls must have equal access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities so they can thrive and realise their full potential.

Justice and equality are foundational to the reign of God. To uphold the rights, equality, and empowerment of women, we must challenge patriarchal attitudes that sustain systems of oppression and exclusion. Echoing the voices of all women, especially those who are marginalised, and advocating for their leadership and participation in all areas of life is essential.

Empowerment is at the heart of this year's theme. Women and girls must be supported as agents of change, with equal opportunities for leadership and influence. Participation of women in decision-making processes is vital for sustainable development, peace, and social progress. Societies will experience true transformation when women are empowered to lead and drive change.

The Church must be a refuge for those who are marginalised, a prophetic voice for justice, and a beacon of hope. Our congregations must provide safe and nurturing spaces where women can express themselves, lead without hindrance, and flourish in their God-given callings. By embodying the values of rights, equality, and empowerment, the Church must model the just and equitable world we seek to build, serving as a witness to the Gospel's call to justice, compassion, and equality.

On this International Women's Day, CCA calls upon its member churches and councils to reaffirm their commitment to gender justice. Let us unite to create a future where the dignity and rights of all women and girls are honoured and protected.

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