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Dear Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia.

On the occasion of the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Christian Conference (CCA) is pleased to extend congratulations and best wishes to WCC and its leadership. The 70th anniversary celebration reminds us to reflect on the longstanding relationship between the CCA and the WCC. We remember the founding of the Christian Conference of Asia in 1957, as the first Regional Ecumenical Organization in the world, and the most significant role the WCC had played in the formation of CCA together with the international Missionary Council. Ever since its founding, CCA and WCC have been journeying together in our common goal of mission in unity and witness, and building peace with justice.

The CCA and WCC enjoy the privilege of having almost the same member constituencies in Asia. Both organizations could address many pertinent issues confronting Asia during the past several decades through various joint initiatives and actions which strengthened the unity of conciliar fellowship. We are thankful to God Almighty who enabled both organizations to respond to God's call in participating in God's mission. The common journey and joint actions in serving the Asian churches and the ecumenical movement by both CCA and WCC have fostered ecumenical collaboration necessary for united action in mission and prophetic witness.

The commemoration of the 70th anniversary of WCC is a historic milestone. It is, indeed, an opportunity to express gratitude to all those who have laboured tirelessly to strengthen the ecumenical movement during the past seventy years or more. The durable relationship between CCA and WCC is based on mutual trust, respect and commitment. As we continue to journeying together and engaging in our common witness, CCA is committed and continue to work in close collaboration with WCC.

May the God Almighty continue to bless and guide WCC to demonstrate its leadership in the global ecumenical movement.

Yours along the journey,

Mathews George Chunakara
General Secretary, CCA