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Message from

**Dennis Trewin
Chair
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Dear all

First, I would like to apologise for not being able to attend this important event.

Second, I would like to congratulate all involved on the release of the preliminary Asia/Pacific regional results of the ICP. This is a culmination of a considerable amount of effort – by national statistical offices as well as the Asian Development Bank whose leadership and financial support has been very important. Of course, the Global Project Office has been of great assistance and has been pleasing to me, as Chair of the Global Executive Board, to see the continuing and constructive dialogue that has operated between the Regional and Global Offices. Without this co-operation we would not have had a successful program.

My former organization, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), has also been pleased to assist. We feel we have been rewarded by our contributions.

It has been a long journey since the early meetings in the ABS. I can recall being involved in discussions with Bishnu Pant, Fred Vogel, Peter Harper, Paul McCarthy and others about 6 years ago on how we might conduct the ICP in our region. It is gratifying to see all the named people are still involved in one way or another. This is true around the world. There is a real desire for people to see this through to a successful conclusion.

Of course, it has been a real team effort to reach this stage of the ICP. I would like to thank you for your co-operation. But it is important to learn from past experience so that future rounds of the ICP can be improved. This will be a focus of the Global Executive Board over the next 6 months. This should cover things that both worked well and not worked so well. We look forward very much to hearing the views from the Asia/Pacific region. Please be frank.

Thanks again and best wishes.