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Dear esteemed guests, colleagues, and friends,

Invitation to conference:

From Crisis to Resilience Through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Urban Emergencies: Building Back Better in Asia Pacific

We are pleased to invite you to the conference **"From Crisis to Resilience Through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Urban Emergencies: Building Back Better in Asia Pacific"**, which will bring together stakeholders to exchange experiences and strengthen collaboration on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in urban emergencies. Urban emergencies highlight the importance of effective coordination and MHPSS throughout response and recovery. Drawing on local and international experiences, the conference will explore practical approaches to strengthening community resilience, coordination mechanisms, and care for frontline responders. Details of the conference as below:

Date: 13 Nov 2026 (Friday)
Time: 09:30 – 17:00 (Registration at 09:00)
Venue: Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters, 19 Hoi Ting Road, West Kowloon
Cost: Free of charge

Conference Objectives:

- Share good practices and lessons learned from urban emergencies response in overseas context and local experience
- Strengthen cross-sector collaboration and coordination
- Identify priorities for policy and system development

We are honoured to have **Sarah Harrison, Director of The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement MHPSS Hub** as our keynote speaker, and welcome representatives from **Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies** across the Asia Pacific region to share their experiences responding to various types of urban

emergencies. Local **Hong Kong experts, academics, policy makers, practitioners** are invited to share their experience to facilitate mutual learning.

Through presentations and panel discussions, participants will gain practical insights into effective response coordination, MHPSS integration, and international good practices, while identifying opportunities to strengthen partnerships and community resilience in Hong Kong. Details of the conference sessions can be seen in Appendix 1.

Target Audience: Government agencies, emergency services, healthcare and social service providers, NGOs, humanitarian organizations, academic institutions, emergency management professionals, and local and overseas Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies.

We warmly invite you and your colleagues to join this important dialogue. For enquiries, please contact our conference secretariat at mhpss@redcross.org.hk.

Yours sincerely,



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