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To: Dr. Cecilia Chan

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Subject: An Invitation – 3rd Asia-Pacific Educational Assessment Conference | 7-8 September 2017 | Singapore

Dear Dr Cecilia Chan,

I am writing to invite you to be a keynote speaker at the Third Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Assessment, to be held in Singapore on 7-8 September 2017. This is the premier conference on educational assessment in the Asia Pacific region; it is held biannually and attracts over 500 delegates (teachers, school leaders and educational administrators) from Singapore and other countries in the region. It is an opportunity for practitioners in this highly successful and fast improving region to hear from leading international researchers and system leaders on educational assessment.

Each of our keynote speakers is invited to take part in the conference in two ways: first, to deliver a plenary presentation of around 40-45 minutes on a topic in which they have specific expertise, followed by questions from the audience, and second, to join one of our other speakers in a 90 minute breakout discussion with roughly one third of the delegates, looking in more detail at some of the themes arising from the two plenary presentations. The breakout sessions are intended to give delegates the opportunity to engage in a more active way with the speakers and the themes being presented, and will be chaired by one of the conference facilitators.

I do hope you will be able to join us for this conference, and help to make it as much a success as its predecessors. We have provisionally entitled your presentation: "Assessing 21st Century Skills". For the breakout session, we thought you might like to co-lead a discussion on "Assessing deep learning and engaging students effectively – innovation and challenge at school level". Both these titles have been suggested by our conference chair, Professor David Hawker from the UK, but they are of course subject to your approval, and can easily be changed if you wish. Professor Hawker will be more than willing to give you more background information concerning the conference, discuss the programme with you and offer any suggestions which you might find helpful concerning your own contribution. Should you accept our invitation, we will link you with Professor David Hawker for further discussion.

For your information, I attach some early publicity material which we will be putting onto the conference website shortly.

We will of course pay all of your travel and accommodation expenses, and would like to offer you in addition an honorarium of for your participation. We very much hope to benefit from your participation.

If you are agreeable to speak at our conference, we would like to offer the following:

- An honorarium of US\$2000.00
- Economy return airfares
- 4 nights of accommodation
- 2 way airport transfer
- Transportation to conference venue from hotel (if applicable)
- Food will be provided during the days of conference (Breakfast in hotel, lunch and tea break during conference and dinner will be hosted)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

With Regards,

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