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Dear colleagues in philanthropy,

It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of APPC's Chief Executive, Rory Francisco-Tolentino, effective August 1, 2008, due to family commitments that require that she relocate to the United States before the end of the year.

Rory was a very significant part of the APPC family, having been one of its four founders in 1994, and having served as Co-Chair and then as Chair of APPC before she became its Chief Executive in the second half of 2002.

She has been instrumental, in the time that she has been in the leadership position of APPC, in making APPC much more widely known in the philanthropy world, with a wide range of accomplishments that have helped make it the premiere source of information about philanthropy in Asia.

While there is a lot of work still to be done, we are confident that APPC will undertake this next leadership transition to make it a stronger and more effective organization overall. We have constituted a Board Committee to develop a road map for APPC in the future, given the changing context of philanthropy in the region.

While the planning is underway about APPC's future direction, and as we begin our search for Rory's successor, I am pleased to announce that two of our Board members have agreed to supervise the daily operations of the office--Mr. Bobby Calingo, Executive Director of Team Energy Foundation, and our Treasurer, will oversee the financial operations, ensuring transparency and accountability, and Ms. Priya Viswanath, CEO of Charities Aid Foundation India for the operational issues. APPC continues to be totally committed to the hosting of the Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) in our Manila office.

Our current APPC staff, Alexie Ferreria-Mercado, Program Officer and Jeanette Bandiola, Finance and Administrative Officer, will continue to be in place in our Manila office after Rory's departure from APPC. We hope you do not hesitate to contact any of them if you have any concerns about APPC matters. We will make sure your concern is addressed quickly.

I hope you will all join the APPC Board and myself in wishing Rory well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darwin Chen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Darwin Chen
Chair
Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium