



Dear WCI Board of Directors and Members,

The WCI conferences are hallmark events for our organization. They are where the mission of friendship, understanding, and education are actualized against the backdrop of cultural heritage.

The global Covid-19 virus has posed a huge challenge. The Executive Committee together with the Women's International Club Jakarta have made the decision to not hold a 2020 conference. It was felt as the virus's full impact has not yet peaked, putting members at potential risk is not our goal.

We will allow the threat to taper off before moving ahead with a physical conference and will instead host digital conferences this year to fulfil our objectives. The planning of those conferences are in process and dates will be announced in incoming weeks. We trust that next year, we can resume our trademark meetings.

The Jakarta Conference promised to be a celebration of diverse national customs in a beautiful, sensory setting. Much work and planning have already been invested in the preparations both with private, and state partners. We would like to honour the pact of friendship extended by our host club, the Women's International Club Jakarta, and their undertaking of such an immense task on our behalf. We hope to be able to resume our meeting with them in the near future.

We will continue to observe global events and make an announcement on the 2021 conference. May you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy, and may we embrace these challenging times with grace and in the spirit of friendship.

I send my very best,

Kim

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