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Dear Asian Members of TWIF

## **DEVELOPMENT OF TUG OF WAR IN THE ASIAN REGION**

You may recall that after a meeting between the TWIF Executive and some Asian members in April 2016 in Belfast, it was agreed that a formal process to identify core activities and processes to facilitate the further development of tug of war in the Asian region, was agreed. It was also agreed that a clear “terms of reference” (ToR) will be developed to guide the process and provide structure to the process.

This ToR was developed and a 1<sup>st</sup> draft was distributed for comment during July 2016. This resulted in a very limited response and a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft was distributed towards the end of 2016 (copy attached).

At the same time an invitation was extended to Asian country representatives to meet with the TWIF Exco at an agreeable time during the 2017 congress in Cape Town, South Africa, to discuss the way forward. This meeting was duly held but attended by 4 members only, namely India, Singapore, Chinese Taipei and China. An apology for not being able to attend due to ill-health, was received from Japan.

During this discussion, it was agreed that a list of issues will be drawn up and provided to the undersigned with a view to draft an agenda for a follow-up meeting later this year in Asia. Singapore offered to act as host for such a meeting.

Various items for inclusion on the agenda (see draft attached) have since been received from the Asian delegates present in Cape Town. Please feel free to comment and or add to this list. It was agreed that I will act as Chairperson for this meeting.

I now wish to confirm that this proposed meeting will take place as follows:

**Date: Saturday, 12 August 2017**

**Venue: Singapore Sports Hub**

**Time: To be confirmed**

Further information, costs and detail relating to accommodation arrangements and the subsequent tug of war tournament hosted by Singapore on Sunday, 13 August 2017, will be communicated by Mr Terry Tan, International Representative of Singapore, in due course.

Apart from Asian delegates and myself, Mr Dan McCarthy, newly elected Treasurer of TWIF will attend this meeting.

Asian members must as soon as possible please indicate their interest to attend to Mr Tan at e-mail:

[Terry\\_Tan@pris.gov.sg](mailto:Terry_Tan@pris.gov.sg) or  
[Forest.tan74@gmail.com](mailto:Forest.tan74@gmail.com)

Should there be any queries and/or questions at this stage, please feel free to revert to the undersigned.

Kind regards



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