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Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honor for me to have the opportunity, with the support of the Japan Epilepsy Society, to stand as a candidate for the Executive Board Member of ILAE-Asia Oceania (AO) for the next term (2025–2029), the region with the largest population among all ILAE regions.

Since 2017, I have been serving as Co-Chair of the Epilepsy Surgery Task Force, and since 2021, as a member of the Executive Committee of ILAE-AO. Under the leadership of Dr. John Dunne, I have had the valuable experience of assisting with AOEC organization, budget planning and so on. It has been a true privilege to contribute to improvement of epilepsy care in the Asia-Oceania region.

In particular, in promoting epilepsy surgery, I worked closely with my fellow Co-Chair Professor Sarat Chandra during the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver an educational webinar series. Together with Professor Peter Bergin, we also helped develop the ARISE epilepsy surgery database. Furthermore, I have committed myself to supporting the establishment of epilepsy surgery services in Mongolia.

If elected as an Executive Board Member for the next term, I would be honored to support the incoming Chair, Professor Kheng Seang Lim, and to continue expanding on these initiatives. I am committed to working collaboratively with all chapters to further improve epilepsy care, advance epilepsy research, and enhance the quality of life for people with epilepsy in our region.

Yours sincerely,

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