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To: Partners of the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership

Chief Executive Appointment and MOP4

Dear Partners,

As the newly appointed Director-General of the Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, I am honored to serve as Chair of the East Asian - Australasian Flyway (EAAF) Partnership. Here, I am pleased to inform you on the progress in the establishment of a new Secretariat as well as the venue of the fourth Meeting of Partners (MOP4).

I take great pleasure in announcing Mr. Roger Paul Jaensch from Wetland International - Oceania as the first Chief Executive of the EAAF Partnership. Mr. Jaensch will take up his duties effective November 1st of this year. I hope he will enjoy the role and make significant contribution to the promotion and success of the Partnership. I also appreciate generous support from Wetland International - Oceania, providing time and facilities to Mr. Jaensch to deal with some Secretarial tasks including the handover from the Interim Secretariat.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Selection Panel, the Management Committee, and the Interim Secretariat for their efforts throughout the recruitment process, from June to August 2009. I also thank the other applicants for the Chief Executive position. I am sure they are great assets for the Partnership as well and seek for further collaboration with them to promote the Partnership both in the regional and international arena.

Regarding the venue of the MOP4, no partner expressed interest in hosting the meeting. Republic of Korea will be happy to host the meeting as the Host Government Partner of the Secretariat as it would simplify the logistical arrangements for the newly established Secretariat and enable Partners to meet the full Secretariat during the meeting.

The Chair has proposed opening the MOP4 in late November or early December 2009 via Aram Lee's email of 8 September 2009. As a response, Australia suggested that the MOP4 be deferred to early next year as to allow its full participation. Gathering opinions from Ramsar Secretariat, US Fish and Wildlife Service, International Crane Foundation, and Mr. Jaensch, I propose to postpone the meeting to early 2010, February or March, to allow its full participation. It would also enable the Chief Executive to adjust himself to a new life in Korea, to recruit staffs of the Secretariat, and to review documents in preparation for the MOP4.

Please advise us your availability to attend the meeting and we will further communicate with you to decide on the date of the MOP4.

I look forward to working with Mr. Jaensch and the new Secretariat in coming months and invite the Partners to the MOP4. And I seek your continuous attention to the new Secretariat and its activities.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership

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