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**Note to Mr. Akasaka**

**Re: Classical Concert**

Please find attached a letter from Ambassador Oshima to me dated 6 February, with respect to a classical music concert to welcome the Secretary-General.

Grateful if you could advise as to how the arrangements for such a concert are proceeding and where EOSG intervention might be required.

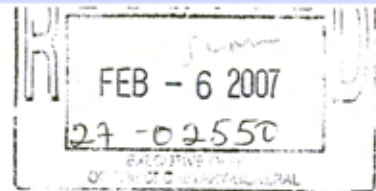
Many thanks.

*Vijay Nambiar*

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20 April 2007



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Dear Mr. Nambiar,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Permanent Mission of China, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, and the Permanent Mission of Japan have agreed to act as a core group of the executive committee that will seek an endorsement from the Asian Group to hold a classical music concert and reception to welcome H.E. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The committee is working to seek the support of the Member States of the Asian Group and the United Nations' Department of Public Information to host this event in May 2007.

We would like the concert to feature Asian musicians, including the Asian Artists & Concerts Inc. (AAC), and local Asian chorus groups. The AAC is a non-profit, performing arts organization whose mission is to support the career development of young musicians. The members of the orchestra come from different Asian countries and are led by the renowned Japanese conductor, Mr. Atsushi Yamada. Last year, the AAC successfully performed their inaugural concert series at the GA Hall in commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations.

In this connection, we ask that you kindly help us in our efforts to secure the GA Hall on the evening of Friday, 25 May 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Should the Hall not be available, the Mission has requested Thursday, 24 May from 6:30 to 8:30pm as the alternate date and time.

It would also be greatly appreciated if His Excellency Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon would attend the concert and reception.

We look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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