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Jai Bhim. Namō Buddhāi,

Re: Dr. Ambedkar International Symposium on Emancipation & the celebration of 132nd Birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar as the Equality Day (2023)

On behalf of the steering committee, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Dr. Ambedkar Symposium on Emancipation and Equality Day celebrations to be held in Vancouver, Canada on April 22-23, 2023.

The steering committee reviewed your extraordinary contributions towards enhancing equality, justice, equity, and inclusion to overcoming caste-based atrocities and systemic discrimination. It was unanimously agreed that you will be an apposite expert to engage in stimulating dialogues and synthesising strategies and actions to be subsequently followed up.

The primary objectives of the symposium and the equality day celebrations are to facilitate a roundtable discussion to:

—REFLECT AND RETHINK STRATEGIES for advancing Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar's ideas and mission on liberation.

—PROVIDE A FORUM for global Ambedkarite leaders and thinkers to share their reflections and propose actions for addressing inequities faced by the youngsters of India and abroad.

—EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DALIT CONFERENCE hosted in Vancouver in May 2003. The conference passed a "Vancouver Declaration" to encourage access to employment and entrepreneurship in the private sector. How successful has the implementation of these declarations been? Are there any opportunities to align actions and strategies with the 2030 Sustainable Goals of the United Nation?

—ASSESS THE RELEVANCE OF BUDDHISM FOR PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATIONS. Baba Saheb Ambedkar's Buddhism is often described as an active or engaged Buddhism. How is Dr. Ambedkar's Buddhism being applied? What have been the roadblocks? And how can these roadblocks be removed peacefully and democratically?

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—CELEBRATE DR. AMBEDKAR JAYANTI as "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day of Equality" by acknowledging the contributions and achievements of change-champions.

Details of the venues are as follows:

April 22, 2023 - Asian Centre, University of British Columbia, 1871 West Mall, Vancouver, BC, Canada. V6T 1Z2

April 23, 2023 - Fraserview Banquet Hall, 8240 Fraser St, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V5X 3X6

Please note that:

- Accommodations: UBC Conference Housing has set aside a block of rooms at group rates. We will send you a link to book a room so you can book your room directly.
- Complimentary shuttle service from Vancouver International Airport to University of British Columbia in Vancouver will be available for you.
- Other activities such as garlanding the Bust of Dr. Ambedkar on April 24, 2023 at Simon Fraser University may be arranged and you would be welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jai Birdi at jbirdi@chetna.ca or Anand Balley at info@aicscanada.ca.

Sincerely,

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