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From your Aotearoa/New Zealand newly appointed Regional Vice President, Doreen Launder.

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Dear National Presidents,

This is my first eNews to you as your newly appointed Asia Pacific Regional Vice President. It is a great honour to be selected for this position. I am mindful that I am following Joan's leadership and her significant achievements during her term in the position. These achievements include the initiative to support children and families in two devastated areas, Banda Aceh and Sri Lanka, following the 2004 Tsunami. Joan's work has shown us what is possible when we work together for the benefit of children and families.

Joan, thank you for your hard work and for charting a clear direction for me to follow.

**4th Biennial International Conference of Korean Society for Early Childhood Education (KSECE) and
OMEP Asia Pacific Region Annual Meeting 2006**

The urgent and important news is to alert and remind everyone of the:
4th Biennial International Conference of Korean Society for Early Childhood Education (KSECE)
and the
OMEP Asia Pacific Region, Annual Meeting 2006.

The OMEP Asia Pacific Region, Annual Meeting 2006 is to be held alongside the KSECE conference. The meeting is on **21 of October 1.00pm to 6.00pm**. OMEP World President, Selma Simonstein is to attend the conference and the meeting and this is a important honour for the region.

Each OMEP member country is asked to present an annual report from their regional at the meeting. Member countries unable to attend are asked to send their annual reports to me as soon as possible. All reports are to be presented and read at the meeting. I would like to receive copies of all reports before the meeting, please email them to me at:

delauder@xtra.co.nz

Please let me know by return email if you are able to attend the meeting.

This is my first meeting as the OMEP Asia Pacific Vic President. I look forward to meeting as many regional members as possible and hearing about the activities, highlights and lowlights, in your regions.

I am extremely grateful to OMEP Korea for organizing this event for us.

I will send the Agenda for meeting in a separate eNews in early October.

4th Biennial International Conference of Korean Society for Early Childhood Education (KSECE)

The 4th Biennial International Conference is to be held in Seoul, Korea on 20 – 22 October 2006. Information on accommodation, registration and the themes of the conference is included as an attachment to this eNews.

Further information can also be found on www.ksece.or.kr

Most of you know about the conference already and hopefully many are registering for this important event in our region.

I am preparing a more detailed eNews to send to everyone in early October. The important message in this eNews is to alert everyone to 4th Biennial International Conference and the OMEP Asia Pacific Region meeting to be held on 21 October 2006.

I will be in touch with you again in early October. I am pleased to hear from any of you at any time, so please keep in touch if you have questions, news or you just want to talk.

Warm regards from Aotearoa New Zealand
Doreen Launder