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Dear FOBISSEA School Chairs:

Greetings from Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia,

As Chair of the Board of Management of the Kinabalu International School, for a while now I have toyed with the idea of convening a meeting of Chairs to look at commonalities, potential synergies, and ways to build links amongst our schools at a higher level than simply the Heads. I can certainly see issues with regard to Board member training, leadership skills, and such being a common theme amongst us.

I am not sure if you are planning on attending the EARCOS Leadership Conference 2010 (www.earcos.org/eac2010/), which runs between October 30th and November 2nd, but I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for us to meet informally and see what value this idea has. The conference theme is 'A Place Called School in 2030' and the programme includes presentations and workshops on 'Organizational Development', 'Leadership Through Partnership for Heads & Board Chairs', 'Emergency Operational Planning' and 'School Finance' - just a few of the issues that might be relevant to us Board Chairs.

With this in mind, I would like to extend an open invitation to any of you who plan on participating to a dinner to be hosted by myself and the Kinabalu International School where we can get to know one another and look at ways of building linkages to strengthen our governance of FOBISSEA schools – not to mention have a wonderful evening! I will finalise details for this invitation as the event draws nearer and I have an idea of how many of us might be getting together. Please feel free to contact me at npilcher@mrf-asia.org at any time and let me know if you would like to join us on the evening.

Wishing you the very best,

Dr. Nicolas J Pilcher
Chairman, KIS Board of Management

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