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Dear Kurian,

I am delighted to inform you that Cochin International Airport Limited has been selected to receive a 2018 Champion of the Earth Prize. This is the United Nations' highest environmental accolade and reflects your leadership in the use of sustainable energy.

We would be honored to present you with the award at a gala ceremony on the sidelines of the General Assembly in New York on 26 September 2018. If you are unable to attend in person, you are of course welcome to send a representative.

Previous Champion laureates range from world leaders to inspiring scientists – all visionaries who drive the world closer to its aspiration of environmental sustainability and a life of dignity for all. As the world's first fully solar powered airport, you set an ambitious example that we hope many others will follow.

To showcase that vision and commitment, UN Environment will liaise with your team to make a film highlighting the airport's work and to issue an official public / media announcement on the day of the award ceremony.

If your team has any questions in the meantime, please they can contact my colleague, Mr. Daniel Cooney ([daniel.cooney@un.org](mailto:daniel.cooney@un.org), +254 20 762 3401), Deputy Director, Communication Division, as well as Mr. Atul Bagai ([bagai@un.org](mailto:bagai@un.org), +91 11 46532363), Head of India Office.

My very warmest congratulations on being nominated for this prestigious award. I very much look forward to celebrating your achievement at in New York.

Best wishes,

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