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The Council of Australian, New Zealand and Progressive Rabbis offers its sincere congratulations to Emperor Naruhito as he ascends the Chrysanthemum Throne of Japan.

We also would offer our thanks to Emperor Emeritus Akihito for being a symbol of peace and cooperation across the globe. His work of healing in Japan and through the Pacific helped to enhance the peace and security in the region.

In his final words, Emperor Akihito expressed the hope that the Reiwa Era (the new Japanese era which begins on April 1) would be one of peace and happiness for the whole world. Indeed, the meaning behind Reiwa is beautiful harmony. And this is our wish for the reign of Emperor Naruhito, for Japan, and for the entire world: that it be characterised by beautiful harmony and universal peace.

With best regards,

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