

AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON
PEACE-MAKERS AND CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

VENUE: CHUNG CHI COLLEGE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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This conference and gathering of student representatives from major Christian colleges and universities throughout Asia will discuss and deliberate on the subject of peace-makers and Christian higher education. The theme is a timely challenge as we witness the ever widening disparity between the rich and the poor among most Asian cities. As the index of GDP holds sway, laborers are required to work harder for less. Environment is being contaminated. Grievances abound. Conflicts ever arise. In the Arab world this deep-rooted social conflict and injustice had recently brought about the change of regime in Tunisia and Egypt.

In the beatitude of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God". Therefore it is the aspiration of Christian higher education to bring to awareness of the grievances and conflicts in our societies. We are called to advocate reconciliation wherever enmity and hatred are found. In the conference we will discuss various issues related to the theme. Keynote speeches will be delivered by invited expert speakers in the field, followed by workshops of group discussions. This is an interactive conference. And as such student delegates are required, before their arrival, first investigate the roots of social conflicts in their regions and suggest what role they should play to be peace-makers.

Participating Universities: About 30 students coming from seventeen Christian universities in Japan, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, and Hong Kong will take part.

Objectives:

1. To understand the teaching of Jesus on peace-making and peace-makers.
2. To seek understanding of the roots of conflict in different contexts.
3. To have mutual encouragement as peace-makers and advocates of reconciliation.

Lectures and Speakers:

- **Prof. CHAN Lung Pun, Common**, Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK
Lecture 1: Jesus Christ in Asian Context: Peace-maker or Revolutionary?
- **Prof. WONG Wai Ching, Angela**, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, CUHK
Lecture 2: The Gender Issue in Peace-making in Asia
- **Mr. FUNG Wai Man, Raymond**, Former Secretary for Evangelism, World Council of Churches
Lecture 3: My Personal Engagement in Peace-making
- **Dr. CHENG Hon Man, Roger**, Department of Education Administration and Policy, CUHK
Lecture 4: Making peace with yourself through SQUID narrative self-understanding