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## NEWSLETTER

### **Unity and Harmony in Asia**

Pre-Assembly Meetings | 25 August 2014

# Women's Pre-Assembly continues to engage woman in promotion of unity and harmony

ith a red backdrop and a big symbol of a dove, the 8th Women's Pre-Assembly Meeting gathered Asian women leaders whose faith in peace processes and their role in effecting unity and harmony in Asian societies is as passionate and determined like the color red, and as ready to transcend beyond their limitations like the dove.



Dr. Sunggon Kim, Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP) Secretary General, welcomed delegates from across Asia at the Songdo Convensia in Incheon Republic of Korea last August 25, 2014.

The speakers for the plenary session talked about different

aspects on peace building, on how women can promote peace through education and reconciliation and about sustainable development and stewardship of environment.

Dr. Kezevino Aram, directress of Shanti Ashram India, recalled an anecdote from his father and founder of Shanti Ashram, Dr. M. Aram. "Building public opinion in favor of peace is key," she said.

peace is key," she said.

"We must acknowledge the great need to build the capacities of leaders not only to speak about peace but to also work for peace and to strengthen public opinion in the global level," Dr. Aram added.

Dr. Aram sought for education as a means for peace, transformational leadership, and reconciliation.

Along with that she said we must not forget about unresolved challenges. These challenges call women to actively engage themselves in building unity and helping people experiencing inequalities.

"Where there is inequality one cannot expect justice and freedom," she said. "Our work is crucial and it will contribute to real unity."









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For Dr. Parichat Suwanbubbha, co-secretary of Religions for Peace Thailand, it is through peace education and reconciliation that one can become an instrument in effecting unity and harmony in Asian societies.

Dr. Suwanbubbha says that her model of peace education is based on seven beliefs. But she focused only on "being compassionate and doing no harm, respecting human dignity, and being true to one's self."

She wanted a humanistic approach to education rather than a subject concerned with openly expressed or hidden conflicts.

A culture of peace, she said, will "reduce violence and support transformation of conflicts advancing to this particular culture."

Rev. Elga Sarapung, directress of Interfidei in Indonesia, nodded to Dr. Suwanbubbha's respect for human rights and dignity.

Rev. Sarapung cited the violence against rights and dignity of Papuan Women. In 2010, she said that there have been 261 cases of violence against women that took place between the years 1963-2009.

The Papuan women hope for justice, truth, equality and peace in Papua Indonesia.

She hoped for concrete and serious actions from their government especially in dealing with law enforcement and recovery of victims.

Dr. Lilian Sison, director of the University of Santo Tomas Office of International Relations and Programs, focused on empowering women for development and stewardship of the environment.

She said that women's access to basic services such as education, health care, housing, and participation in the decision making process in the governance forum must be ensured because it's importance for

their sustainable growth and development.

Dr. Sison cited a case of the ACRP Philippines in "empowering women in responding to environmental crisis situations."

Super-typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Visayas region in the Philippines in 2013, brought a massive destruction on infrastructure and a horrible emotional impact to affected individuals.

They created a program where women in the community are taught in responding to crisis situations and promoting of community trauma healing mechanisms.

She said that it is through empowering women in responding to environmental crisis where they become prepared for future calamities.

"The whole town benefited from the impact of the program through it services," she said.

Meanwhile, the new leaders for the Women Committee for 2014-2019 are as follows: Dr. Lilian Sison (Philippines) as chair, Dr. Deepali Bhanot (India) and Ms. Dianne Hirsh (Australia), co-chairs, and Ms. Yukiko Moriwaki (Japan), secretary.





### **The Youth Camp Activities**

eoul welcomed the youth delegates for a 3-day Youth Camp at the Namsan Youth Hostel on August 23-25, 2014. They started the morning with meditation and exercises. Then they had the opening ceremony, Dr. Sunggon Kim, Secretary General of ACRP gave a welcome speech. After that Rev. Kyoichi Sugino presented the "Methods and Mechanism for Multi Religious Cooperation". The delegates had a photo session. There was a special speech from Dr. Lim Hyung Jim on the Role of Religious Youth for Peace and Reunification in the Korean Peninsula. followed by Dahniel Anzar on "Presentation of AYC Work Plan". National Report were personated by each of the Nation Delegates. There were exchange of views suggestion and future action plans for RFP.

They celebrated their coming together with an amazing Culture Night. The performers wore their traditional dresses, presenting their cultures trough videos with national songs as background. Some of them performed traditional songs and dances. People from difference countries mingle with each other's, getting to know each other's in a joyful way.

The next day, they had a group discussion about "The Role of the Religious Youth for Peace in Asia". All the group members participated and elaborated concrete action plans and a new Youth Committee was elected, conformed by Dahnil Anzar Simanjuntak from Indonesia as Moderator. Hashimoto Takashi from Japan as Acting co-Moderator. Ms Huma Ikramulla Kashif from Pakistan as Secretary and Nyveditha Lakshmi Balachandran from Australia as Communication Officer.





### **Welcoming Dinner**

he welcoming dinner was preceded by a farewell discourse of gratitude by Dr. Sunggon Kim, ACRP Secretary General, to all those made possible his work including a humble wish for a better performance and the most tender goodbye by the whole family.

We also had the welcoming speech by Prof. Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin, ACRP Moderator, who remarked the multicultural nature of the coexistence at Indonesia. Unity in diversity is the national motto of Indonesia. Unity is indeed a reflection of the unity of God and existence, as well.

In the same fashion that a multicultural city lives in peaceful, coexistence in a globalized world poses a challenge to all nations and religions to live in harmony and mutual respect.

At Indonesia, it is tradition to perform a speech after dinner as a happy ending, and Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin expressed his gratitude to the ACRP for its performance and hard work for the success of this conference at Incheon, wishing at the same time the best and happiest ending to the ACRP.

Then, this speech was followed by the greetings of each one of the representatives of ACRP

In the most splendid array of multinational and religious plurality.

We could enjoy the elegant display of a traditional Korean gallantry dance, Sarangga, and a Kyongu dance performance: a festive twister in scarlet red.

Finally, we had greetings from each one of the nationalities represented at the meeting and a warm toast. The perfect prelude for a great welcoming dinner.

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## **Unity and Harmony in Asia**

Day1 | 26 August 2014

## The Official Opening of ACRP's 8th General Assembly: Unity and Harmony in Asia

nce more the opening was blessed by a mesmerizing cultural performance displaying the traditional beauty of the "dopo" costumes. After which Dr. Sunggon Kim, the Secretary General of ACRP, welcomed the participants and delegates to the General Assembly and introduced this year's theme: Unity and Harmony in Asia.

The 8th Assembly of ACRP received congratulatory videos and remarks from prominent religious and civil society leaders: Hon. Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, general secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, His Holiness Pope Francis, Hon. Phan Wannamethee, President, World Fellowship of

Buddhist, Hon. Dr. Olav Fyske Tveit, General Secretary World Council of Churches, Hon. Dr. Maria Voce, President, FOcolare, Hon. Fethullah Gulen, Founder Fethullah Gulen Movement and Hon. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General.

Following the congratulatory address by Hon Dr. William Vendley and a short music presentation.

The keynote presentations started with Dr. Mir Nawaz Khan Marwat, Honorary President, ACRP President, Religions for Peace Pakistan, who described the general assembly as "very appropriate and is currently the need of the time." Its significance is a powerful symbol of the unity among the











Catholic delegate Most Rev. Boniface Cho Ki San, Bishop, Diocese of Incheon, Korea, with the deep impression of the recent visit of Francisco Pope still a fresh experience, Bishop Boniface saluted all members of the ACRP and expressed that the search for harmony and unity is not limited to the religious statement. It also include the political and social statements. How to make them to overcome the political struggle, territory disputes, economic development and the competitive race for natural resources that can lead to unimaginable consequences

to all life in Asia and the planet and the extinction of all of us, could be addressed through interreligious dialogue. We may open our hearts and mind and start a sincere dialogue, enabling a space for goodness, peace and human dignity, asserting the way to peace. It is on the ACRP scope of action, to exhort us to investigate the Asian answers to transform Asia and the world in a place of peace and cooperation. Bishop Boniface Choi Ki-San, D.D. exhorted all the delegates on this general assembly to inquire and investigate "Asian answers"









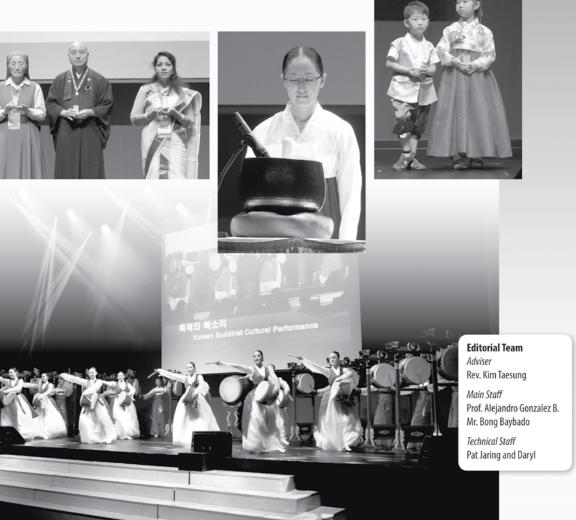
which contextualize our regional and cultural characters."

In all these efforts, the overarching message of Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission, touched everybody's spirit claiming for peace in everyone's life so the light of peace that this assembly may kindled also may can bring peace and unity into the world.

After this we enjoyed a dazzling presentation of Buddhist dances and traditional drums. Mystic and mesmerizing at the same time, energetic and stimulating, it established the proper atmosphere fort the group photo with the magnificent background of the Songdo Convensia Center.

Songs of Peace was followed by Chair Prof. Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin, Indonesia, address who claim for our attention to the fact that we are living in a new environment and Asia is considered to be the continent of the 21 century. In this context, religion is an important instrument to improve life and destiny of human beings. Therefore, we need an ethical behavior framework, which could be helped by the long history on behavioral ethics in Asia.

Finally, we closed with the detailed financial report by Dr. Sunggon Kim, several reports regarding activities for the 8th Assembly: memberships; the Agenda; the draft Budget; Leadership; the appointment of nominating committees and the recommend list of GB and the candidates of Presidents, Secretary General and Honorary President.



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## **Unity and Harmony in Asia**

Day2 | 27 August 2014

## **Sharing of Best Practices and Chapter Vision**

he various country reports highlight the best practices organized and implemented by the local chapters based on the principles of mutual respect, diversity, peaceful coexistences, human dignity through multireligious cooperation. Chaired and Co-chaired by Mr. N. Vasudevan and Mrs. Kanchana Soonsawad respectively, the reports from Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka provided the assembly participants diverse approaches of doing dialogue based on the multi-cultural and religious heritages of Asia.



## A dialogue of food and festivities

odays assembly was graced by two Korean prominent religious leaders hosting lunch and dinner accentuated with Korean cultural performances. Most Rev. Park Nam Soo, supreme Leader of Cheondogyo and Archbishop Kim Hee Jong, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Gwangju hosted lunch and dinner respectively.



## **Parallel Commission Meetings**

articipants joined commission meeting or the special workshop based on their work and interest in the afternoon. The three commission meetings are on: 1) Peace Education and Reconciliation; 2) Human Rights and Well-being; and 3) Development and the Environment. There is also a special workshop session on the reconciliation and unity of the Korean peninsula.

The purpose of the commission meetings and special workshop is to look into the common issues and challenges under those themes and identify dialogue of action that the various chapters or the ACRP as a regional body will implement for the next five years.







## Day 3 Photos (August 28)











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### **Unity and Harmony in Asia**

Day 3 | 28 August 2014



### Rev. Hatakeyama, ACRP New Sec Gen

he Assembly congratulates the election of Rev. Yoshitaka Hatakayema as the new ACRP Secretary General. Rev. Hatakeyama, the incumbent Secretary General of Religions for Peace Japan has served ACRP for the past 5 years a Deputy Secretary General. He is also very much known in his staunch advocacy and organized series of programs and projects on nuclear disarmament, care for the environment, poverty reduction programs, relief operations to refugees, and organized natural disaster relief work through multi-religious dialogue and cooperation.

Serving as Moderator is Prof. Dr. Din M. Syamsuddin, an eminent Muslim leader of Muhammadiyah from Indonesia and Co-Moderator Most Ven. Ja Seung, President, Headquarters of Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism.

The elected Honorary Presidents are Dr. Mir Nawaz Khan Marwat (Islam, Pakistan) and Dr. Sunggon Kim (Buddhist, R.O. Korea)





The Co-Presidents of ACRP are the following: 1) Prof. Desmond Cahill (Australia, Christian); 2) Master Chuanyin (China, Buddhist); 3) Lourdes Mastura (Philippines, Islam); 4) Rev. Nichiko Niwano (Japan, Buddhist); 5) Ven. Ja Seung (R. O. Korea, Buddhist); 6) Dr. Lillian Sison (Exofficio, Chair of Women Committee, Catholic); 7) Prof. Dr. Din. M. Syamsuddin (Indonesia, Islam); and, 8) Mr. N. Vasudevan (India, Hindu)

The Governing Board consists of 61 members and the Executive Committee composes of 46 members from the 20 chapter Countries of ACRP.



#### **New ACRP Members**

CRP Gladly announces and welcomes the new members of ACRP: Religions for Peace Myanmar and Religions for Peace Malaysia. ACRP has now 20 chapter members in Asia.







