

# Religions for Peace

## **Report of the year 2017/2018:**

The roles of Religions for Peace Malaysia (RfPM) in 2017/2018 is played through the promulgations of Interfaith Dialogue vs Intercultural Competence, Holistic Education Teachers Training Program, Advancement of Moral Education and Social Construct, the development of Pure Land Buddhism in Malaysia, and Taishang Ganying Pian or otherwise known as the Treatise of the Exalted One on Response and Retribution which mainly discuss issues regarding ethics and sin.

RfPM actively promotes peace education, peace dialogue, and globalization of peace culture in order to build and maintain unity and harmony in Malaysia, other parts of Asia, and the world. It is vital to ensure the balance of peace among various religions in this world, especially in Malaysia which is a multicultural and multi-religious country. This event provides a stepping stone for society to gain true understanding towards other religions and consequently attain peace. Society will also be able to intellectually advanced by gaining wider understanding and perspective towards other religions and beliefs without restrictive thinking that may lead to misunderstandings and conflicts. The major objectives of Religions for Peace Malaysia in 2017/2018 is to advance multi-religious actions for the common good; to transform conflict, promote just and harmonious societies, advance human development, and protect the Earth; and to publish multi-religious teachings and learning materials, such as DVD, books, and various research publications. The major activities are listed as below:

### 1. 2018 National Aspiration and Leadership Summit

Date	: 04 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Venue	: Putra World Trade Center, Kuala Lumpur
Organizer	: The UMNO Overseas Students Bureau
Speaker	: Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The content and context of this forum touched on the challenges towards peaceful multicultural society in Malaysia, and the means for youth to be empowered to contribute towards building a peaceful and diverse society in Malaysia. The theme for the forum was “Interfaith Dialogue vs Intercultural Competence: Social Impact in

Malaysia". This forum was organized by The United Malays National Organization (UMNO) Overseas Students Bureau in Malaysia as an awareness effort towards the enlightenment of society on the importance of Interfaith Dialogue vs Intercultural Competence.

## 2. 2017 Third Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia

Date : 03<sup>rd</sup> to 04<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Place : Auditorium, the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society  
Organizer : The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society  
Main Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

This was 2017 Third Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program held in Malaysia. The major objectives of this program were to deliver the mission and vision, to cultivate various good deeds and practical great moral values guided in religious scriptures to the teachers. This program provides them the avenue to educate the society towards upholding the quality of leaderships, moral standards, etc.

## 3. 2017 Northern Malaysia First Batch Advancement of Moral Education and Social Construct Seminar

Date : 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017  
Place : Auditorium, Bukit Mertajam Tek Chiao Tze Ch'ih Ko Moral Uplifting Society in Penang, Malaysia  
Organizer : The Federation of Moral Uplifting Association Malaysia  
Main Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

This was the 2017 Northern Malaysia First Batch Advancement of Moral Education and Social Construct Seminar held in Malaysia. The major objectives of this program were to deliver the mission and vision, to cultivate various good deeds and practical great moral values guided in the religious scriptures to the public. This program provides them the avenue to educate the society towards upholding the quality of leaderships, moral standards, etc.

#### 4. 2017 Four Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia

Date : 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Place : Auditorium, the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society  
Organizer : The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society  
Main Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

This was the 2017 Fourth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program held in Malaysia. The major objectives of the program were to convey the mission and vision, to cultivate various good deeds and practical great moral values guided in the religious scriptures to the teachers. This program provides them the avenue to educate the society towards upholding the quality of leaderships, moral standards, etc.

#### 5. 2017 Middle Malaysia Second Batch Advancement of Moral Education and Social Construct Seminar

Date : 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017  
Place : Auditorium, The Federation of Moral Uplifting Association Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur  
Organizer : The Federation of Moral Uplifting Association Malaysia  
Main Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

This was the 2017 Middle Malaysia Second Batch Advancement of Moral Education and Social Construct Seminar in Malaysia. The major objectives of program were to teach the mission and vision, various good deeds and practical great moral values guided in the religious scriptures to the public. This program provides them the avenue to educate the society towards upholding the quality of leaderships, moral standards, etc.

#### 6. 2017 Pure Land Buddhism Seminar in Malaysia

Date : 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017  
Place : Auditorium, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
Organizer : Malaysian Faith and Culture Interaction Association  
Moderator : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

This seminar focused on the development of Pure Land Buddhism in Malaysia. It was held at the Chinese Chamber Kuala Lumpur and Selangor in Kuala Lumpur. Among the objectives of this seminar was to create an awareness and the effective ways of cultivation in the Pure Land of Buddhism. This seminar was organized by the Malaysian Faith and Culture Interaction Association. The speaker for this seminar was Master Guangxin from Taiwan, China, with Dr. Poey Tiang Peow as moderator for this event.

#### 7. 2017 Second Batch Taoism on Taishang Ganying Pian or Treatise of the Exalted One on Response and Retribution Lessons for Public in Malaysia

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Venue : The hall of Malaysian Faith and Culture Interaction Association  
Organizer : Malaysian Faith and Culture Interaction Association  
Main Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The content and context of the program was to teach and learn about Taoism Tai Shang Lessons for the general public in Malaysia by emphasizing the causes, conditions, and effects of Natural Law. The Second Batch of the Taoism Tai Shang Lessons comprises of eight lessons in total. The Taishang Ganying Pian or Treatise of the Exalted One on Response and Retribution, which mainly discuss issues regarding ethics and sin, and it has become a popular morality tract in the recent century. The Taishang Ganying Pian states that people who live in harmony with Tao will live long and fruitful lives whilst the wicked, and their descendants, will suffer and have shortened lives, etc.

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