

# Religions for Peace

## Report of the year 2018/2019:

Multi-faith and multiculturalism are the blood of the nation, the spiritual home of the people, as well as the foundation of a harmonious society. The roles of Religions for Peace Malaysia (RfPM) in 2018/2019 is played through the promulgations of Interfaith Dialogue, Culture Interaction; Multi-faith Fund Promotion; Holistic Education Teachers Training Program; Confucius Disciple Rules and Attainment of Buddhahood; Life Care and Hospice Recital; Trainer Program for Anti-Drugs; Religion, Faith and Culture: Kindness and life, etc. 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. Among the events that were held from last year includes: (1) the **2018 First Faith and Culture Interaction Dinner and Multi-faith Fund Promotion Ceremony** which focused on forums relating to interfaith and intercultural discussions among several prominent intellectual and religious figures from various religions practiced in the Malaysian society; (2) the **2018 Sixth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia** focused on the teachings of virtues found in Buddhism; (3) the **2018 Fifth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia** focused on the rules of a disciple in Confucianism and the attainment of Buddhahood; (4) the **2019 Second Batch Public Talk of Social Welfare in Malaysia** which tackles the advent usage of Chinese traditional medicine in the society's health and lifestyle; (5) the **2018 Trainer Seminar for Anti-Drugs** provide trainers in prisons to educate prisoners with the Dharma Talk and instill values in line with religious teachings; and (6) the **2019 Third Batch Seminar of Social Welfare in Malaysia** addressed on the improvement on quality of life and hospice recital that are in line with Buddhist teachings. Further details on the major activities are listed as follows:

1. 2018 First Faith and Culture Interaction Dinner and Multi-Faith Fund Promotion Ceremony

Date : 04<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Venue : Grand Restaurant Copper Mansion Sdn. Bhd, Selangor  
Organizer : Malaysian Faith and Culture Interaction Association  
Assembly President, Chief Planner cum Moderator: Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The content and context of this First Faith and Culture Interaction Dinner and Multi-faith Fund Promotion Ceremony is to celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment and development of the association, to promote the characteristics and attributes of the outstanding tradition of faith and culture, to advocate harmony and build unity in the society, and to launch a multi-faith fund in order to foster a culture of peace through education and communication. During the Faith and Culture Interaction Dinner, Dr. Poey Tiang Peow also acts as moderator for the Multi-faith Forum Section. The aim of this forum is to instill the value of mutual respect and acceptance of our diverse cultures and faiths, and in turn, we can transform our religious and cultural diversity into a source of strength. In fact, all faiths and cultures have good values. If we can uphold these good values together, we will be able to face all adversities of this increasingly challenging world and be united as citizens of a harmonious and prosperous nation.

Photos of the Program:



2. 2018 Sixth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
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 program is the 2018 Sixth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia. The topic is Ananda ask Buddha Shakyamuni how to get the great virtues through learning Buddhism. Ananda (5th–4th centuries BCE) was the primary attendant of the Shakyamuni Buddha and one of Shakyamuni Buddha's ten principal disciples. Among the Buddha's many disciples, Ananda stood out for having the best memory. Most of the texts of the early Buddhist *Sutta-Piṭaka* are attributed to his recollection of the Buddha's teachings during the First Buddhist Council. For that reason, he is known as the Treasurer of the Dhamma, with *Dhamma* is referring to the Buddha's teaching. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the main speaker for this program. The major objectives of this program is to teach the core values, teaching and learning of methodologies, and teaching the contents of Buddha scripture to the teachers in order for them to teach to the public and society to uphold the quality of teaching and learning convictions, moral standards, etc.

**Photos of the Program:**



3. 2018 Fifth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia

Date : 02<sup>nd</sup> to 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2018  
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 program is the 2018 Fifth Batch Holistic Education Teachers Training Program in Malaysia. The theme of the program is “Confucius Disciple Rules and Attainment of Buddhahood”. Confucius was a Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher of the Spring and Autumn period of Chinese history. The Spring and Autumn period was a period in Chinese history from approximately 771 to 476 BC. Confucius is widely considered as one of the most important and influential individuals in shaping human history. His teaching and philosophy greatly impacted people around the world and remains influential today. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the main speaker for this program. The major objectives of this program is to teach the focusing on the cultivation of the mind; establishing a foundation stone to attain Buddhahood; enhancing the index of Supreme Enlightenment or Bodhi Mind to the teachers in order for them to teach to the public and society to uphold the quality of teaching and learning convictions, moral standards, etc.

**Photos of the Program:**



#### 4. 2019 Second Batch Public Talk of Social Welfare in Malaysia

Date : 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019  
Place : Auditorium, the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor  
Moral Uplifting Society  
Organizer : The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting  
Society  
Moderator : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 2019 Second Batch Public Talk is about Religion, Faith and Culture: Kindness and life. The Speaker is Professor Dr. Teoh Boon Kai from Chinese Medical University in Taiwan, a province of China. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the moderator for this Public Talk. The major objectives of this program is to explore the health and life; kindness and practice good deeds are the healthy life station; Chinese traditional medicine is becoming a good treatment for mankind; and Chinese traditional medicine is one of the best ways for cancer treatment.



**Photos of the Program:**



## 5. 2018 Trainer Seminar for Anti-Drugs

Date : 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018  
Place : Auditorium, Kuantan Saints and Sages Education Center,  
Kuantan, Pahang  
Organizer : Geha Bodhi, Kuantan, Pahang  
Moderator : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 2018 Trainer Seminar for Anti-Drugs was held in Kuantan, Pahang. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the moderator for this Trainer Seminar. The major objectives of this program is to teach the mission and vision for trainers in order to involve in teaching the Dharma Talk to the prisons in jail around in Malaysia such as Kajang Jail and Sungai Buluh Jail in Selangor, etc. The prisoners will be taught with various good deeds and great practical moral values guided in the religious scriptures.

Photos of the Program:

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與法師、主席、顧問、貴賓及學員們一起拍照留念**



**【黑暗點燈】關丹弘法人員培訓營  
第二天：1-9-2018 - 第三個節目  
與主席及學員們一起拍照留念**



6. 2019 The Third Batch Seminar of Social Welfare in Malaysia

Date : 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Place : Auditorium, the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor  
Moral Uplifting Society  
Organizer : The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting  
Society  
Moderator : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 2019 Third Batch Seminar of Social Welfare in Malaysia's topic is Life Care and Hospice Recital. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the moderator for this Seminar. The major objectives of the seminar is to improve the quality of life care; to analyze the difference between death and reborn in Western Pure Land; and to handle the essentials of Life Care and Hospice Recital for family members. The speaker for this seminar is Master Guangxin from Taiwan, a province of China. He is famous in his teachings of Buddha Dharma and Hospice Recital.

Photo of the Program:



These annual activities are an integral effort by NGOs to harmonize and strengthen the society through Peace-inclined education, culture, and dialogues. Malaysia is also beginning to embrace the wave of peaceful education with the Ministry of Education led by Dr. Maszlee Malik inculcating the culture of happiness, love, and mutual respect in schools to create a positive learning environment for our future generations. With the recent efforts driving towards peace and harmony coming from all folds of society, it is within our hopes that these positive efforts will be instilled deep into the roots of our society and to also benefit mankind in general, not just in Malaysia. With the understanding of interfaith discussions, it is also within our hopes that the good values from each of our religions can be taught and instilled within our general society and the future generation. Finally, RfPM will continue to fulfill the sacred duties of fostering a culture of peace through education and communication, preserving and promoting the authentic teachings, solving the global crisis and continue contributing to build a harmonious society.

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