

CHINA COMMITTEE ON RELIGIONS AND PEACE

2014 National Report

Distinguished Moderators, Mr. General Secretary,
Distinguished EC members of ACRP,

Entrusted by CCRP President Pagbalha Geleg Namgyai, I am hereby briefing the meeting on CCRP's annual work from 2014 to 2015.

Over the past year, we have been working on uniting the believers, working with religious groups to ensure the harmony in Chinese religious community and that it plays an important role for the harmonious development of China.

First, the Fourth Committee was established and Pabala Grelange was reelected as the President. The committee is composed of representatives from China's five major religions as well prestigious experts and social activists. The reelection was supported and actively participated by Chinese religious community and received attention nationwide. Yu Zhengsheng, Chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, visited all participants to the plenary session of the 4th committee of CCRP and expressed his support for CCRP's efforts in the cause of peace of Asia and the world.

Second, promoting the right faith and assisting in social, economic harmony and sustainable development. During the plenary sessions of the National People's Congress and Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, many CCRP members put forward their suggestions for better religious cultural exchanges, revision of "Regulations on Religious Affairs", tackling the accumulation of wealth in the name of religion and other issues so as to guarantee the healthy development of religions in China. The Chinese Islamic Association held a seminar themed "building faith and resisting extremism" in Shanghai in March this year. Buddhism, Taoism, Catholicism and Christianity also staged theological lectures, seminars and other events, promoting the religious beliefs and guiding the believers for better understanding of the religious beliefs while keeping abreast of the times.

Third, working on social services for the benefit of the general public. The CCRP members have been actively engaged in charitable endeavors. China Christian Council staged the "Week of Charity" and the donation projects include helping orphans of the

drug addict parents, left-behind children of migrant workers, schooling for ethnic minority children in poor mountainous areas, drinking water for ethnic minority villages, etc. China Catholic organizations orchestrated community medical counseling and free diagnosis; China Taoist Association donated for the Elderly foundation, community nursing homes and praying for the elderly at the Taoist ceremonies.

Fourth, promoting dialogues and exchanges among different cultures and religions. The CCRP delegation attended the eighth session of the General Assembly of ACRP, the EC Meeting of Religions for Peace/International, the IPCR International Seminar and received the KCRP Secretariat delegation for its visit to china. In addition, China Buddhist Association convened the 27th session of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Conference. The third international Taoism Forum was convened in China to “Practice Taoism and establish virtues, benefit the world and human kind”. China Islamic Association organized about 145,000 Muslim for pilgrims in 2014. Chinese Catholic and Christianity groups also had exchanges with the religious communities in the Netherlands, France, India, Switzerland and other countries.

CCRP members played an important role in all these events at home and abroad in all the above-mentioned events.

Thank you.