

Thailand National Report

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Thailand is one among the old members of WCRP and ACRP. The Chapter members are from various religious institutions and organizations. We conduct our activities with strong intention to promote peace and harmony among the diversity of mankind.

This year our country, Thailand has inaugurate our regional economic integration with ASEAN countries. We do, at the same time, in our national policy focus on social and human resources development. Unity and harmony in the country is one of the main targets to be implemented. According to our constitution, Thai government has to support all religions in the country and gives them equal rights.

Our activities in brief.

Collaboration with other religious organization. EC Member, Ms. Kanchana B. Soonsawad attended the 27th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, held in Baoji, Shaanxi Province, China during 16-18 October 2014. About 400 foreign participants from 40 countries and regions.

ACRP Thailand has close cooperation with WFB in similar objectives, for example, to maintain peace and harmony in the worldwide, up-lifting status of women and support disadvantaged people, proving humanitarian services to those in disaster like the situation in Nepal at present.

Eight delegates from ACRP Thailand National Chapter had attended the 8th General Assembly of Asian Conference of Religion for Peace, during 25-29 August 2014 in Incheon city, Republic of Korea. We had a warm atmosphere and a great chance to exchange experiences and ideas among members of national chapters. The outcome is the most fruitful.

During this period Prof. Kirti Bunchua spent most of his time to coaching the researchers of the instructors and students of the Ph.D. Program of Philosophy and Ethics to emphasize the aspects of peace through religion. The research papers will be published after the academic seminars in university journals. The said program of the Suan Sunandha Rajabhat State University collaborates with the ACRP for researching and promoting peace through education. During April 28-29, 2015, the same University organized the 6th international Research Work Presentation in which 5 of ACRP members presented their researches reports, namely: 1. Ms. Waraphon Pongthompisutp, participant of the last ACRP Assembly in Seoul, presented her research paper on "The Ethic of Quality of Life for the Postmodern Communicators: An Analytic, Appreciative and Applicative Study; 2.

Mr. Chairachana Nopshalemrochana presented his research paper on "The Quality of Life, Principle in His Majesty's Projects of National Development"; 3. Mr. Pichai Sookwoon

presented his research paper on “ The Postmodern Paradigm in the Buddhadasa’s Philosophy of Art: An Analytic, Appreciative and Applicative Study” 4. Mrs. Sirikom Amaritavarin presented her research paper on “The Philosophy of Economic sufficiency and the Real Happiness According to Reality” ; 5. Mr. Tri Bunchua presented his research paper on “The Disabled and the Approach to the Technology of Mass Media Radio – Television For the Enhancement of Quality of Life”

Each presentation was followed by discussions about how to bring peace to Thailand and the ASEAN countries . We unanimously propose the suggestion that any correction and improvement have to start with the improvement of religious understanding and practices. We suggested the new paradigm of religious education through the Character of Doing Good with Religious Happiness. Most attendants agreed with us. All the research papers will be disseminated to the people at large by various media from university to the public.

We collaborated with the Catholic Business Executives Group (CBEG) Thailand, organizing an Interreligious Conference on Vocation of the Business Leaders on New Evangelization during April 9-11, 2015 at Arnoma Hotel Bangkok . The concept is to conscientize Business Leaders of their role to do business as the means to enhance the religious value

by seeing , judging and acting properly in the name of religion. They can give example to the people of all professions that to earn money honestly would be happy in life easily.

Last but not least, on June, 3-4 2015, Prof. Kirti has to assist in organizing a National Congress presided by Her Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the Interdisciplinary Study in which Prof. Kirti Bunchua has to deliver the keynote Speech on the theme “ Role of Philosophy and Religion in interdisciplinary Study “ .