

2017 Annual Work Report

China Committee on Religion and Peace

In the past year, China Committee on Religion and Peace(CCRP) adhered to its objectives and the principles of friendship, peace, development and cooperation, carried forward the fine traditions of loving the country and religion and cherishing peace in the Chinese religious circles, followed ACRP's objectives and action guidelines in combination with its own organizational characteristics, united Chinese believers, and cooperated with various religious groups to maintain the good situation of harmonious religious relationships together. CCRP actively conducted friendly exchanges with foreign countries, advocated the idea of peace, and promoted dialogue among different religions.

I. Main Work of CCRP in 2017:

(I) In May, CCRP organized the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace 2017 EC Meeting in Beijing and organized a group to participate. Chairman of the 12th CPPCC National Committee, Yu Zhengsheng met with the main participants, showing Chinese leaders attach importance to ACRP and support the cause of religions for peace.

(II) As Chairman of ACRP's Development and Environment

Commission, CCRP held a seminar titled “the environmental protection and the responsibility of religious believers” before the EC Meeting. Secretary-General of RfP-international Dr. William Vendley and Moderator Dr. Din Syamsuddin spoke at the seminar and conducted very good exchanges with representatives present.

(III) CCRP organized China’s five religions to hold the activity of prayer for peace in commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the victory of the war of resistance against Japanese aggression and the world anti-fascism war, expressing Chinese religious circles’ good wish to love the country and religions and maintain world peace.

(IV) CCRP participated in various meetings and activities within the frameworks of ACRP and RfP, and supported activities of religions for peace conducted by ACRP and RfP-international, for example, attending the IPCR Seminar and the meeting of ACRP’s Women Committee.

(V) CCRP conducted bilateral friendly exchanges, enhanced mutual understanding within the RfP family and other countries’ religious circles, visited the United States, Peru, the Philippines and Sri Lanka upon invitation, and conducted in-depth friendly exchanges with RfP-international and other organizations. On the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the normalization of relations between China and Japan, we invited a delegation of representatives from the Japanese

religious circles headed by President of RfP Japan Nichiko Niwano to visit China to carry forward the traditional friendship between China and Japan through the platforms of CCRP and RfP Japan and promote long-term stable and healthy development of relations between China and Japan.

CCRP steadily promotes development of CCRP's cause in combination with Chinese religions' characteristics. As a mass organization, CCRP does work on the basis of its own organizational nature and characteristics, gives attention to its members' general representativeness, and brings CCRP members' initiative in making efforts to promote the cause of Asian and even world peace into full play.

In March this year, the NPC and CPPCC were held in China. Most of CCRP members were honored to participate as NPC or CPPCC delegates. Mr. Xi Jinping was reelected President of China. He said at the Closing Meeting of the 1st Session of the 13th National People's Congress: "China will continue to hold high the banner of peace, development, cooperation, and mutual benefit. China will stay on the path of peaceful development, and continue to pursue a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up. China endeavors to uphold international fairness and justice. China advocates that all issues in the world should be settled through consultation among people around the

world, and will not impose its will on others. China will continue to actively push forward the Belt and Road Initiative, and strengthen its exchanges and cooperation with countries around the world to let China's reform and development benefit humanity. China will continue to actively participate in the evolution and construction of the global governance system. China will contribute more Chinese wisdom, Chinese solutions and Chinese strength to the world, to push for building an open, inclusive, clean, and beautiful world that enjoys lasting peace, universal security, and common prosperity. Let the sunshine of a community with a shared future for humanity illuminate the world!" Chinese religious circles totally agree to President Xi Jinping's speech and are deeply inspired and enlightened by it. As a national social organization, CCRP will make more active efforts to promote peaceful coexistence of various religions in China, guide believers to correctly understand and spread the ideas of peace and harmony and promote friendly exchanges between the Chinese people and the peoples of various countries.