

## ABOUT THE ACRP NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

## Rev. Yoshitaka Hatakeyama

Elected ACRP Secretary General At the Incheon ACRP 8th Assembly

ev. Yoshitaka Hatakeyama was the incumbent Secretary General of *Religions for Peace*, Japan for two years already at the time of his election as the ACRP Secretary General. He has been serving *Religions for Peace* Japan for the past 10 years as the Under Secretary General. Since 2009, Rev. Hatakeyama has served ACRP as a Deputy Secretary General and represented Dr. Sunggon Kim, ACRP Secretary General, in various meetings of *Religions for Peace* International and other global network meetings.

Rev. Hatakeyama is also very much known in his staunch advocacy and organized series of programs and projects on nuclear disarmament, care for the environment, poverty reduction programs, relief operations to refugees, and organized natural disaster relief work through multi-religious dialogue and cooperation.

He also played a major role in convening and organizing The 8<sup>th</sup> *Religions for Peace* Assembly in Kyoto in 2006, the Religious Leaders Summit in Hokkaido in 2008 for G8 Summit, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events of *Religions for Peace* in Nara in 2010. He also performed a key role in hosting the Roundtable Discussion on Reconciliation and Peace Prospects for Shared Security in Afghanistan in 2009 in Tokyo, and Islam Leaders Summit in 2010 in Kyoto.

He graduated in 1972 from Rissho Kosei-kai Gakurin Seminary in Tokyo and was ordained as a Dhama Teacher in Rissho Kosei-kai. Prior to his entry in the seminary, he graduated in Musashino Art University majoring in Art and Design Study.

He then worked for the External Affairs Department of Rissho-Kosei-kai Headquarters for more than 10 years. During that period he coordinated medical activities of UNHCR in Sudan for 6 months, organized interfaith dialogue programs, conduct humanitarian supports, public relation and so on. Afterwards, he served as a minister of Rissho Kosei-kai at Gotenba Church.

From 1993 to 1998, he has served as deputy director of the External Affairs Department of Rissho Kosei-kai. Then he served as a minister of Rissho Kosei-kai New York Church from 1998 to 2002. During that period he served as Rissho Kosei-kai representative to United Nations and also as a board member of *Religions for Peace, USA*. Based on these experiences, he was finally appointed as an Undersecretary General of Religions for Peace, Japan, in 2002.

Some of the articles he published are the following: "Peace Building by Interfaith Dialogue," *Disarmament Review, no.* 336 (Utsnomiya Gunshuku Kenkyushitsu, 2008); "Learning from International NGOs," *Synergy, vol.160*, (Japan NGO Center International Cooperation, 2013).

## THE NEW ACRP LEADERSHIP, GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### **Secretary General**

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- 3. Dr. Lee Chan Gu (GB)
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1. Ven Dr. T. Bulgan (*GB/EC*)

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- 1. U Myint Swe (*GB/EC*)
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- 1. Muhammad Afifi (GB)
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- 1. Manandhar Indira (GB/EC)
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- 1. Archbishop Antonio Ledesma, DD (*GB/EC*)
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- 3. Mr. Alex Bangcola (*GB*)

#### **Pakistan**

- 1. Dr. Mir Nawaz Khan Marwat (GB/EC)
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- 3. Mr. Khalid Nawaz Khan (*GB/EC*)
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- 1. Mrs. Kanchana B. Soonsawad (GB/EC)
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#### **Asian Women of Faith Network**

#### **ACRP Women Committee**

Chair: Dr. Lilian Sison (Philippines)

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## **Asia Pacific Interfaith Youth Network Leadership**

#### **ACRP Youth Committee**

Moderator: Mr. Dahnil Anzar Simanjuntac, (Indonesia)

Vice-Moderator: Mr. Takashi Hashimoto, (Japan)

Secretary: R.O. Korea (TBA)

Chairperson for Communication Chair:

Mrs Huma Ikramullah Khan, (Pakistan)

Chairperson for Partnership:

Ms Nivy Balachandran (Australia)



## **ACRP NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS**

## Religions for Peace Malaysia

#### **Basic Principles**

- Respects religious differences
- Works on deeply and widely shared values
- Honors the different ways of religious communities
- Commits to cooperate with action for peace

#### Vision

Malaysia community with diverse religious belief lives in peace and harmony.

#### Mission

Strive to accomplish vision by means of advancing inter-communal harmony and social cohesion through interreligious cooperation and religious education.

## **Objectives**

- Promulgation of peace education, peace dialogue and the globalization of peace culture in order to build unity and harmony in Malaysia and in other parts of Asia
- Advance inter-communal harmony and social cohesion
- Work for sustainable peace and development in partnership with other organizations

# Religions for Peace Myanmar

### **Basic principles**

- Respects religious differences
- Bases its work on deeply held and widely shared values
- Honors the different ways religious communities are organized
- Committed to cooperative action for peace

#### Vision

Myanmar community with diverse religious belief lives in peace and harmony.

#### Mission

We strive to accomplish our vision by means of advancing inter-communal harmony and social cohesion through interreligious cooperation. *Religions for Peace* Myanmar (RfP-M) serves as a platform for religious leaders for joint advocacy, coordinated program responses and training, mobilization of local communities around issues of public concerns and for channeling resources through local congregations and other faith groups.

#### Goal

Peaceful and harmonious pluralistic society.

## **Objectives**

- Reduce discrimination and alleviate poverty
- Improve access to education, health and livelihoods,
- Promote post conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, women empowerment and justice for all
- Advance inter-communal harmony and social cohesion
- Work for sustainable peace and development in partnership with other organisations

## POST ASSEMBLY PROJECT

he Post Assembly Project focuses on the formation of the youth and key religious leaders in Asia to enhance their capability in promoting peace and harmony in the region. The Seoul Peace Education Center will manage and implement the post-assembly projects. The center aims to provide peace building programs to various leaders both political and religious, peace advocates and other interested individuals and institutions to gain better understanding on the Peace in Asia and the world, and develop skills on promoting peace and harmony and on managing and resolving conflicts. Through the ACRP 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the total amount of 500,000,000 Korean Won: (approximately USD 500,000) was generated from various partner institutions and organizations to finance the Post Assembly Project.

## The Objectives of the Seoul Peace Education Center

- 1. To register the Seoul Peace Education Center as a legal incorporation organization in Korea;
- 2. To set up a permanent Office and Training Center that will manage, organize and coordinate all programs and activities;
- 3. To organize regular Peace Youth Camps
- 4. To organize a series of Asian Peace Education and Interreligious Value Formation

