

Religions for Peace

Report of the year 2019/2020:

In order to make a strong contributions towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Religions for Peace Malaysia (RfPM) in 2019/2020 through the promulgations of Humanitarian Development Program and Multi-Faith Dialogue; Taoist Humanitarian Development Program; Mid-Autumn Festival Reunion Program; International Conference on Malaysian Buddhism Program; Sea, Land and Air Reciting Amitabha Buddha and Transcending Dharma Program; Malaysia and China Culture and Art Festival" Program; and also through Multi-Faith Fund to implement Humanitarian Development Program, such as Project Planting Trees; Project Helping Covid-19 patients; Project Covid-19 Essay Contest; Project Food Life which provide food support to families and residents in need in Malaysia. Besides, Religions for Peace Malaysia continues actively to promote 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 major programs that were held from 2019/2020 are listed as follows: (1) 2019 Humanitarian Development Program and Multi-Faith Dialogue in Sunway Mentari, Selangor, Malaysia focused on to instil a source of Faith for Nature's strength into a pluralistic society; (2) 2020 Taoist Humanitarian Development Program in Malaysia focused on to help people who are seriously affected and in need of assistance from the suffering of Covid-19 in 2019; (3) 2019 Mid-Autumn Festival Reunion Program in Malaysia focused on to pray for Malaysians in order to live and work in peace and contentment; (4) 2019 The 6th International Conference on Malaysian Buddhism Program in Malaysia focused on to introduce the Buddhism research to international level; (5) 2019 Hong Kong Sea, Land and Air Reciting Amitabha Buddha and Transcending Dharma Program in Hong Kong focused on to save the many dead souls in the sea, land and air; (6) 2019 "Malaysia and China Culture and Art Festival" Program in Malaysia focused on to deepen the cultural exchanges between Malaysia and China. Further details on the said mentioned major programs activities are listed as follows:

(1) 2019 Humanitarian Development Program and Multi-Faith Dialogue in Sunway Mentari, Selangor, Malaysia

Date : 18th August 2019

Venue : Sunway Mentari, Selangor, Malaysia

Co-Organizers: Religions for Peace Malaysia, Sunway Mentari Residents Association, Department of National Unity Malaysia

Working Committees Chairman cum Moderator: Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The objectives of 2019 Humanitarian Development Program and Multi-Faith Dialogue in Sunway Mentari, Selangor are to celebrate the 2019 Independence Day of Malaysia; to promote the characteristics and attributes of the outstanding tradition of faith and culture; to advocate harmony and build

unity in the society through religious education to work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During this program, Dr. Poey Tiang Peow acts as moderator for the Multi-faith Dialogue Section. The aims of the Multi-faith Dialogue Section are to instil the value of mutual respect and acceptance of our diverse cultures and faiths, and to transform our religious and cultural diversity into a source of Faith for Nature's strength into a pluralistic society. There are in total of estimated 700 participants involved in the program. Besides, through Multi-Faith Fund to implement Humanitarian Development Program, such as Planting trees; Helping Covid-19 patients; Implementing Project Food Life, which provide food support to families and residents in need around Bandar Sunway Mentari, Selangor, Malaysia.

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(2) 2020 Taoist Humanitarian Development Program in Malaysia

Date : 09^h March 2020

Venue : HG Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Organizer: Federation of Taoist Associations Malaysia

Academic Advisor: Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 2020 Taoist Humanitarian Development Program aims to celebrate Taoism Day in 2020 in order to promote the traditions of Taoism and Taoism culture; to promote harmony through Taoism and Taoism culture, and to build solidarity in a pluralistic society in order to achieve the peace and harmony of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In this program, Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the Academic advisor of Federation of Taoist Associations Malaysia. There are about 500 participants in the program. The Federation of Taoist Associations Malaysia and the public have collected about a

donation of MYR 55,000 (approximately USD 15,000), that then given to the Chinese Taoist Association to help Chinese people who are seriously affected and in need of assistance from the suffering of Covid-19 in 2019.

Photo of the Program:



(3) 2019 Mid-Autumn Festival Reunion Program in Malaysia

Date : 7 September 2019

Place : Auditorium, the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society

Organizer : The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting Society

Honorary President: Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The main goals of The 2019 Malaysian Mid-Autumn Festival Reunion Program are to promote and continue the Mid-Autumn Festival customary tradition among the Malaysian Chinese in a pluralistic society; to promote and express greetings, wishes and to connect with

each other among the family's members and friends; to worship the moon gods with sincerely and pray for Malaysians in order to live and work in peace and contentment. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the Honorary President of The Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Che Huan Khor Moral Uplifting

Society. There are about 300 participants in the program. The program includes eating moon cakes, appreciating the moon, carrying lantern procession, and guessing lantern riddles, etc.

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(4) 2019 the 6th International Conference on Malaysian Buddhism Program in Malaysia

Date : 09 November 2019

Place : Auditorium, Bodhi Park, Shah Alam, Selangor

Co-Organizers: Buddhist Research Society of Malaysia and Young Buddhist Association of Malaysia

Speaker : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 6th International Conference on Malaysian Buddhism Program at the Bodhi Park, Shah Alam, Malaysia was on 9 November 2019. The main objectives of the International Conference on Malaysian Buddhism are to provide a platform for Buddhist researchers in local and overseas to publish their papers; to improve the culture of Buddhism research in Malaysia; to promote the exchange, interaction and collaboration of Buddhism researchers in Malaysia and international level. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is one of the speakers in the International Conference. There are about 100 participants in the program.

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(5) 2019 Hong Kong Sea, Land and Air Reciting Amitabha Buddha and Transcending Dharma Program in Hong Kong

Date : 13 October 2019

Place : Auditorium, Dream Cruises, Hong Kong

Co-Organizers: Malaysian Guang Ming Da Dao Association and Buddha Relic World Peace Pagoda in Zhenguo Temple, Taiwan, China

Advisor : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The 2019 Hong Kong Sea, Land and Air Reciting Amitabha Buddha and Transcending Dharma Program's main goals are to save the many dead souls in the sea, land and air; to explain the super power of Amitabha Buddha to save all living beings; to analyse the general situation of Amitabha Buddha's capture of the dying person to be born in the Western Pure Land. This program is hosted by Master Guangxin from Taiwan, China. Master Guangxin is well-known for his proficient in reciting the Amitabha Buddha. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the advisor to the Malaysian Guang Ming Da Dao Association. There are about 600 participants in the program.

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(6) 2019 "Malaysia and China Culture and Art Festival" Program in Malaysia

Date : 24 October 2019

Place : Experimental Hall of the International Islamic University of Malaysia

Co-Organizers: International Islamic University Malaysia, University of Pahang in Malaysia and University of Hebei in China

Chief Planner : Dr. Poey Tiang Peow

The main goals of 2019 "Malaysia and China Culture and Art Festival" are to deepen the cultural exchanges between Malaysia and China; to enhance the mutual understanding and profound friendship between the Malaysian and Chinese people; to become a bridge between Malaysia and China in education, cultural exchanges and cooperation. The example of activities that shows the collaboration between these cultures are when the students of the International Islamic University Malaysia performed folk songs and folk dances; the teachers and students of the Art Troupe of Hebei University of China performed Chinese folk music, calligraphy, martial arts, folk songs, folk dances, etc. During the period of performance, its atmosphere was warm and friendly with bursts of applause from time to time. Dr. Poey Tiang Peow is the Chief Planner of the 2019 " Malaysia and China Culture and Art Festival " Program in Malaysia.

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In conclusion, these annual activities are an integral effort by Religions for Peace Malaysia and NGOs to harmonize and strengthen the Malaysia society through Peace-inclined education, culture, and dialogues. In order to continue strengthen contributions towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Religions for Peace Malaysia will keep on fulfilling 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 in Malaysia, other parts of Asia, and the world.

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