

**Work Report of China Committee on Religion and Peace,
CCRP in 2019 (Draft)
(by Executive Vice President Deng Zongliang)**

Dear host and all colleagues of Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP),

Good afternoon!

On behalf of CCRP, I would like to briefly introduce the major work achievements of CCRP since May 2019.

I. Promoting exchange and cooperation between various religions

In July 2019, the Fifth Committee of CCRP was established, and new leadership was elected. The Living Buddha Pagbalha Geleg Namgyai continued presidency of CCRP, and I was elected as Executive Vice President of CCRP in charge of routine work of CCRP. At present, CCRP consists of 127 members in total, including representatives of China's five major religions, as well as experts and scholars specializing in religion.

Since the establishment one year ago, the Fifth Committee of CCRP has held president meetings, director meetings and secretary-general meetings from time to time. Representatives of China's five major religions, experts and scholars often gather together to jointly discuss about the

work related to CCRP, which propels harmonious coexistence, cooperation and exchange between various religions, and strengthens cohesive force.

II. Vigorously fulfilling work tasks of RfP and ACRP, and propelling inter-religion exchange and cooperation

In August 2019, headed by me, CCRP Delegation attended the Tenth World Assembly of Religions for Peace in Germany. The representative of CCRP delivered a speech on environmental protection issues at this Assembly, and passionately conducted inter-religion and inter-culture exchange and interaction with the colleagues of RfP.

In December 2019, CCRP hosted International Seminar on “Inter-religion Exchanges and Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind” in Beijing, which was attended by representatives of religious peace organizations, religious figures, experts and scholars from China, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and other countries. Prof Des Cahill, Secretary General Nobuhiro Nemoto and some other guests attended and delivered speeches at this seminar. This seminar conducted profound and fruitful exchanges and discussions with focus on “Religion and Ecological Civilization”, “Cultural Value of Religion” and “Religion and

Social Harmony”, and attained the goals of sharing views and experiences, intensifying communication and mutual learning, advancing mutual understanding and strengthening the awareness of cooperation. Such a consensus was reached that to make progress in inter-religion exchanges, it is necessary to follow the principles of tolerance, openness and mutual respect, take into account the realities by country, keep pace with the times, fully exploit and interpret religious doctrines, aim to promote social harmony and progress, and achieve solidarity, cooperation and pragmatic style. CCRP organizes such activities in order to support the work of ACRP with practical actions, enhance the vitality of ACRP, and help ACRP blaze a path towards “a doer”.

In December 2019, I held talks with Mr. Keiji Kunitomi, the then Secretary-General of Religions for Peace Japan (RfP Japan), and Mr. Kim Teasung, Secretary-General of Korean Conference of Religions and Peace (KCRP) in Beijing. This advanced friendly exchange and cooperation among CCRP, RfP Japan and KCRP.

Since the beginning of 2020, due to the rattling pandemic, international travel has been impeded, while most international exchange activities have been held online. CCRP has attended RfP Seminar on the Pandemic, RfP Work Meeting on Inter-Religion Organization Development, Video

Work Meeting of ACRP Assembly Steering Committee and other meetings. CCRP spares no effort for related work of ACRP and RfP, and plays a role in inter-religion cooperation and exchange.

III. Actively contributing to prevention and control of COVID-19 pandemic

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese religious circles have also actively taken actions, devoted to the fight against the pandemic by donating money and materials and serving the communities, and played an active role in pandemic prevention and control and social stability. The Chinese religious circles are well aware that in face of the pandemic, mankind must go through thick and thin together. While doing a good job in pandemic prevention work, CCRP also donates medical masks to the relevant member organizations of RfP and ACRP for free, which has been explained by my colleague in detail. Therefore, no more detailed description is hereby made by me.

IV. Carrying out peace education activities

Every year, CCRP advocates religious groups to hold peace prayer ceremonies on the Anniversary of Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. This activity has been going on for 25 years. Year of 2020 marks the 75th

anniversary of Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. CCRP continues to propose for this activity, and nationwide religious groups actively echo. Religious figures from all over the world have held peace prayer ceremonies and other forms of commemorative activities under the premise of satisfying local requirements for the prevention and control of COVID-19 pandemic. On September 7, a symposium was held by CCRP to sum up the experience of peace prayers, call for engraving history on people's mind, cherishing the peace, and advocating the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind. This event also gave best wishes for patients with COVID-19 pandemic to get well soon, and blessed for good health of all people, world peace and prosperity.

That's all. Thank you.