



Asian Conference of Religions for Peace Religions for Peace

Building Interfaith friendship for the ACRP Executive Council Meeting

Davao City, Philippines. The interfaith community in Davao City warmly welcomed Rev. Yoshinori Shinohara in an interfaith friendship dinner held at Acacia Hotel Davao on March 19, 2023. As the Secretary General of the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP), Rev. Shinohara is a well-known advocate for peace and interreligious harmony.

The event was a chance for the interfaith community in Davao City to establish friendships and foster cooperation with ACRP in preparation for the upcoming ACRP Executive Council Meeting in May 2023. ACRP is the largest regional body of religiously inspired people working for peace and interreligious harmony, with national interfaith bodies in 23 countries in Asia.



“ACRP decided to hold its first face-to-face EC meeting after the pandemic in Davao City to learn from the success of dialogue and peace in the region, and to highlight the interfaith action as the essence of interreligious dialogue,” said Rev. Shinohara.

Elder Yoon Hwan Choi, First Counselor of the Philippine Area Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, delivered a message of love and peace, emphasizing the act of reaching out to others as the best way to attain unity amidst diversity.



Representatives from various religious communities and faith-based organizations shared their messages of peace and insights into strengthening interfaith collaboration.

“Participating in this meeting is worthwhile because interfaith cooperation is a must if we have to work for peace and harmony in the society,” highlighted Rev. Fr. Victor Gonzaga, OSA, Prior and Christian Coordinator Silsilah Dialogue Forum Davao, who traveled for four hours all the way from Mati City, Davao Oriental.

The event was organized by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Davao. The gathering was a testament to the power of interfaith dialogue and the potential of religiously inspired people to work together for a more peaceful and harmonious world.

