

2023 Annual Work Report of CCRP

Distinguished Prof.Des. Cahill, Rev. Dr. Yoshinori Shinohara, and Colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you in Sri Lanka the work of the China Committee on Religion and Peace (CCRP) since the 2023 Annual meeting of Asian Conference of Religion for Peace (ACRP) Executive Council.

Over the past year, CCRP has continued to play an active role in promoting social harmony and maintaining world peace.

CCRP has actively promoted exchanges and cooperation among different religions in China. For example, in September 2023, on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, CCRP continued to advocate national religious groups to organize prayer services for peace, expressing the Chinese religious community's tradition of patriotism, protecting the nation, and benefiting the people, and its aspiration of pursuing national rejuvenation and world peace. In December 2023, Ven. Master Yan Jue, Vice President of CCRP, led a delegation to conduct research on enhancing CCRP's international exchange capabilities, promoting exchanges, learning, unity, and cooperation among different religions.

CCRP has actively hosted international seminars and invited interfaith peace organizations from different countries to China to participate, further promoting cultural exchanges and mutual learning and fostering world peace and development. For example, in early November 2023, CCRP hosted the second International Seminar on Interfaith Exchanges and Shared Future for Mankind, inviting nearly 30 representatives to attend the Seminar, including heads of the Religions for Peace (RfP), ACRP, and interfaith peace organizations in related regions and countries, religious figures, and scholars, who believe in Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Catholicism, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Won Buddhism, and so on. All vice presidents of CCRP were present at the meeting including me, as host. On behalf of CCRP, I would like to express my great gratitude to Prof.Des.Cahill, Moderator of ACRP, Rev. Dr. Yoshinori Shinohara, Secretary-General of ACRP, as well as Mr. Kim Taesung, Ms. Elga Sarapung, and Ms. Huma Kashif, for their attendance in Beijing. At the end of March 2024, CCRP, the China Religious Culture Communication Association, and the Buddhist Association of China jointly organized the Sub-forum, Religious Harmony and Mutual Learning Among Civilizations, of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2024 in Hainan, China. Ven. Master Yan Jue, Vice President of CCRP and President of the Buddhist Association of China, and Ven. Master Yin Shun, Head of CCRP Youth Group, attended the forum and exchanged views with Buddhist representatives from Japan, South Korea, Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Meanwhile, CCRP representatives actively participated in various meetings and activities organized by the RfP and the ACRP. I also participated in several activities. Moreover, CCRP also sent representatives to Indonesia to attend the ACRP Women Committee

Meeting.

CCRP focuses on communications and exchanges with interfaith peace organizations in different countries. In early December 2023, Ven. Master Ming Hai, member of CCRP and Vice President of the Buddhist Association of China, led a delegation to Japan to attend the IPCR International Seminar 2023, themed “Challenges for Building Peace Community in Northeast Asia” and organized by Religions for Peace Japan and Korean Conference of Religions for Peace, and delivered an address.

Dear Colleagues, if you wish to learn more about the above work of CCRP, we welcome you to visit CCRP website for further information. CCRP is willing to share our achievements and experience with all members of ACRP.

Thank you.