

2023 Annual Work Report of the ACRP Development and Environment Committee

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

I am glad to represent CCRP to present the 2023 annual work report of the ACRP Development and Environment Committee.

As the chair of the ACRP Development and Environment Committee, CCRP has always worked in accordance with the six flagship projects of the ACRP. We have carried out corresponding work in various forms and continuously played our due role in raising awareness for strengthening ecological conservation and actively promoting the concepts and actions to address global climate change.

In November 2023, CCRP hosted the second International Seminar on Interfaith Exchanges and Shared Future for Mankind in Beijing, inviting nearly 30 heads and representatives from the Religions for Peace and ACRP as well as representatives of China's five major religions. At the meeting, several representatives discussed the environmental challenges we all faced and shared their religious groups' work, experience, and wisdom in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development of society. They advocated for active cooperation among different religious groups to tackle the environmental and health crises caused by extreme weather, virus outbreaks, and other natural disasters.

In December 2023, the CCRP delegation attended the IPCR International Seminar 2023 in Japan at invitation. Representatives of the CCRP presented stark comparisons of ecological and environmental changes through pictures, introducing the Chinese government's comprehensive management plans for "mountains, rivers, forests, fields, lakes, grasslands, and sands" and achievements in ecological conservation, proposed a viewpoint that the ecological environments of China, Japan, and South Korea are inextricably linked, and shared specific practice of the Chinese religious community in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, receiving a positive response from the attendees.

Environmental protection is an important project in the strategic action plan of ACRP. The members of the Development and Environment Committee, such as the Women Committee and Religions for Peace Pakistan, have actively engaged in environmental protection and post-disaster reconstruction, among others. As the chair of the Development and Environment Committee, CCRP will continue to work with other committee members to conduct broader and deeper exchanges and cooperation and join hands to contribute to building a global community of shared future, protecting our planet, and creating a more harmonious, prosperous, and beautiful future.

Thank you.