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in the community of service and fellowship."*

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HONGKONG

Chung Chi College, CUHK
Hong Kong Baptist University
Lingnan University

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Parahyangan Catholic University
Petra Christian University
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Duta Wacana Christian University
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St. Andrew's University
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Tohoku Gakuin University
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Soongsil University
Yonsei University
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Jeonju University
Handong Global University
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PHILIPPINES

Ateneo de Manila University
Central Philippine University
De La Salle University
Philippine Christian University
Silliman University
Trinity University of Asia
Filamer Christian College
Philippine Women's University

TAIWAN

Fu Jen Catholic University
Soochow University
Tunghai University
Chung Yuan Christian University
Providence University
St. John's University
Chang Jung Christian University
Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages

THAILAND

Payap University
Assumption University
Christian University Of Thailand
Mission College

Message from the President

For two months, from early January to early March 2008, I was in Rome for the Jesuit 35th General Congregation. Through November and December 2007, my staff and I were taken up by work to ensure that I had taken care of important matters at the Ateneo before I left. This partly explains the delay in this July-September issue of the ACUCA News.

I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Patricia Stranahan, President of the United Board, in New York last October and with Dr. Betty Cernol-McCann, Vice President for Programs, last December. We were able to discuss our shared concerns for the life and mission of our Christian universities in Asia. In the Visioning Workshop of the ACUCA Presidents during our Management Conference at Keimyung University, what struck me most was our very honest focus on the challenge of "Balancing Attention to Christian Mission and Responding to Market Forces".

In this issue we see how several of our member universities are responding to the challenge of market forces:

HKBU School of Business ranking in the world's top for finance research, Filamer Christian College benchmarking with HKBU and Lingnan, St. John's starting a regular program of international video conferencing, Trinity achieving top rank for their nursing school. We understand the challenge and pressures of being excellent and being known as excellent universities and colleges if we are to be attractive to young college students of today.

At the same time we see where this unrelenting pursuit of competitiveness - of becoming bigger, richer, more powerful - is leading us. We have seen wealth beyond our dreams being created it seems almost overnight and now we are seeing much of that wealth also being destroyed almost overnight. But perhaps the most grievous sin is against future generations. This drive for ever greater competitiveness and wealth demands exponential growth

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BIENVENIDO F. NEBRES, S.J.

President, Association of Christian Universities
and Colleges in Asia (2007-2008)



News from the Secretariat

UBCHEA and ACUCA officials meet at Ateneo de Manila

UB-ACUCA MEETING:
(Seated, from l-r) Dr. Josefina Sumaya, Dr. Patricia Stranahan, Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J. and Dr. Betty Cernol-McCann; (standing l-r) Juliana Alampay of the ACUCA Secretariat, Dr. Dina Catalina Dayon, Dr. Antonette P. Angeles, Dr. Expedito A. Seneres, Bro. Armin Luistro, FSC, Dr. Amelou Benitez-Reyes and Dr. Greg Melchor C. De Lara.



Ateneo de Manila University hosted the meeting between officials of the United Board for Christian Higher Education (UBCHEA) and the presidents of ACUCA member schools on August 14, 2007. UBCHEA was represented by Dr. Patricia Stranahan, President, and Dr. Betty Cernol-McCann, Associate Vice President for Programs.

Welcoming them at the Ateneo Board Room were Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., President, ACUCA and Ateneo de Manila University; Dr. Antonette P. Angeles, General Secretary, ACUCA and Academic Vice President, Ateneo de Manila University.

Other representatives from ACUCA member schools present were Bro. Armin Luistro, FSC, President, De La Salle University; Dr. Josefina Sumaya, President, Trinity University of Asia; Dr. Expedito A. Seneres, President, Filamer Christian College; Dr. Amelou Benitez-Reyes, President, Philippine Women's University; Dr. Greg Melchor C. De Lara; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Philippine Christian University; and Dr. Dina Catalina Dayon, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Philippine Women's University.

Fifth IASACT slated for June 8 – July 19, 2008

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) will hold the fifth Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies (IASACT) from June 8 to July 19, 2008 at Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in Shatin, Hong Kong.

The IASACT is a six-week summer program that allows Asian Christian scholars to undertake research and writing in the broad area of Asian cultures and theologies. It is open to Asian scholars (17 slots) and Graduate Theological Union

(GTU, Berkeley) scholars (3 slots) who have completed their academic doctoral courses, are currently teaching or are in the process of writing their dissertations.

Applicants must submit their application forms together with their curriculum vitae, research proposal and letter of recommendation no later than October 30, 2007 to:

Dr. Jun Xing

Dean, Asian Christian Higher Education Institute
United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia
Room 12, 1/F, Chung Chi Administration Bldg.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Shatin, N.T. Hong Kong



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in the exploitation of the earth's resources. In our meeting in Rome, we said "The drive to access and exploit sources of energy and other natural resources is very rapidly widening the damage to earth, air, water and our whole environment to the point that the future of our planet is threatened."



Our young people today are being pushed to a way of life and work which ultimately threatens their own future. Many of them are aware of this threat and are also seeking for a balance between the need for security and success in a very competitive world and values that hold human life and creation sacred. Our universities and colleges offer an education of excellence that helps them find this balance. Together we can work to build a future society that looks beyond competitiveness to a world centered on what are truly important: God, family, community, the spirit and a care for one another and for our common home, the earth.



News from the Members

HKBU (HK) School of Business in world's top 10 for finance research

The HKBU School of Business has achieved top 10 status among 170 Asia-Pacific universities for its published financial research output appearing in 21 leading finance journals, according to a research paper published in the *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal* (Issue 13, 2005). The school also ranked sixth with its international business research in the world, according to a research paper published in the *International Business Review* (Issue 15, 2006). The study used 10 years of publication data (1995-2004) from 4 leading international business journals.

HKBU has two new VP's. HKBU has two newly appointed vice presidents: Professors Franklin Luk Tai-cheung, Academic VP, and Tsoi Ah-chung, Research and Institutional Advancement VP. Luk is responsible for long-term strategic academic planning and development, especially in the areas of teaching and learning while Tsoi oversees research development and the broad areas of institutional advancement, and the formulation of internationalization and fund-raising strategies.

Chung Chi (HK) community remains active in int'l, local programs

The months of July and August have seen the Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) community actively participating in international and local programs. From July 10 - 13, 2007, students and staff members took part in the Student Leadership Exchange Camp held on the campus of St. John's University in Taiwan. The camp was jointly organized by the Federation of Chinese Universities and College Chaplaincies and the Chaplain's Office of St. John's University.

From July 15 to August 5, 20 students of the College participated in the mainland program of Chung Chi's Service-Learning Program. Students provided services in Fengkai, Guangdong (China) and conducted English improvement classes for local teachers. The College also collaborated with the Chinese YMCA for the USA Summer Internship Program. Under this student development program, about 30 Chung Chi students were sent to the United States to work as intern camp counselors for 8 to 10 weeks of the summer.



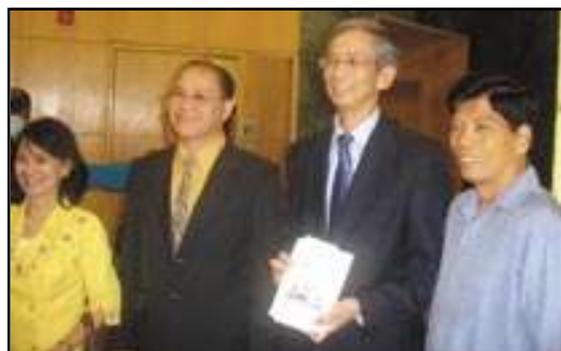
Dr. Bernard Li reappointed President of Fu Jen Catholic University (Tai)

The Board of Trustees of Fu Jen Catholic University approved on June 28, 2007 the reappointment of Dr. Bernard Chien-Chiu Li as President for another term of four years, ending in 2012. Li was first appointed President on February 1, 2004 and since then has reserved no efforts to continue the tradition of excellence of Fu Jen Catholic University. President Li said the focus of his administration is "to strengthen the Christian spirit of love and service among faculty and students ... and train them into capable professionals."



President Li,
Fu Jen Catholic
University

Filamer (PHIL) delegation benchmarks with Hong Kong universities



HKBU Vice President Franklin Luk (3rd from left) shows off a memento handed by FCC President Expedito A. Señeres (2nd from left).

A delegation from Filamer Christian College (FCC) in Roxas City, Philippines, set out on an educational benchmarking tour on August 9-12, 2007, visiting the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and Lingnan University. The tour was intended for the executive officers, deans and key personnel of the college to develop international linkages and expand their global perspective in line with quality assurance in Christian higher education.

The Filamer delegation, headed by its President Expedito A. Señeres and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jessie Contreras, was warmly welcomed by the executive officers of the HKBU, headed by professor Franklin Luk, Acting President and Vice President for Academics. The HKBU officers presented an overview of their 51-year-old university after which a campus tour was steered by the host university. The next benchmarking and campus tour by the Filamer group was at Lingnan University.

St. John's (Tai) starts int'l video conference program

St. John's University and its partner university, the University of York St. John in England, recently started a

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regular program of video conferences. During the semester, a program of lectures, talks and discussions by video conference will be conducted. The first will be a lecture by a York St. John professor on the subject of British culture. The second is a lecture by a St. John's University professor on the subject, English in Taiwan, intended for M.A. students at York St. John who are studying the way in which English adapts to the local culture. The international video conference opens the way for students to consider further study overseas and presents many opportunities for the university's business and technology departments.

Trinity (PHIL) has top-rank nursing school

The Trinity University of Asia, Quezon City, Philippines celebrates the No. 1 national ranking of its nursing school, the St. Luke's College of Nursing, for obtaining a 99 percent passing rate in the recent National Nurses Licensure Examinations. This achievement is timely as the College of Nursing approaches its centennial in 2011 which has for its theme "100 years of excellence in service." Since 1911, St. Luke's College of Nursing has distinguished itself in clinical practice, nursing education and post graduate studies, making it one of the oldest and best nursing schools in the Philippines. On September 18, 2007, Trinity University of Asia also celebrated its inaugural as a university. The affair was highlighted by the unveiling and dedication of the Triumphant Christ, a 6-foot statue of the Ascension, symbolic of the university's mission of preparing lives through God-centered education and service.

STUDENT EXCHANGE.

Two Psychology students from Soegijapranata Catholic University (Indo) at Radboud University, the Netherlands, where they conducted research until July 2007, sponsored by Delta Scholarship, Netherland Education Centre (NEC).



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