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2015 ACUCA Management Conference: Implementing Values Education in the Multicultural Asia

The 2015 ACUCA Management Conference has been successfully held in Bandung, Indonesia, by focusing its attention on the implementation of Christian values education in the plural and multicultural Asian societies. This theme is in line with the theme of the 2014 Biennial Conference on values education as a vital constituent for successful education in the 21st century.

The organizer of the conference has directed the discussions through the meetings towards the implementation of Christian values education in higher education with regards to the needs of the growing and changing society. Mission or evangelization through higher education should be situated more specifically in the dialogue with the local cultures because Christianity was not from Asia. Christian values need to be rediscovered through dialogue by the educators. This conference aims to present the practical implementations of Christian values education within the scope of the Asian Christian institutions by considering the respective socio-cultural contexts.

The Management Conference was held on October 23-24, 2015 at the Post-graduate School, Parahyangan Catholic University, and Savoy Homann Bidakara Hotel, Bandung, entitled "Dialogue with the Cultures: Implementing Values Education in the Multicultural Asia". This event is attended by 94 participants from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand. The organizer also invited the representative from the Association Catholic Universities in Indonesia (APTİK), representatives from some Christian universities and colleges in Indonesia, as well as from the Parahyangan Catholic University Foundation, as observers.

There were two keynote speakers in the conference, namely, Prof. Francis-Vincent Anthony, SDB, STD. (Associate Professor of Fundamental Practical Theology, Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, and Director of Institute Pastoral Theology) and Prof. Dr. Ignatius Bambang Sugiharto (Professor of Philosophy and lecturer at Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia).



According to Prof. Anthony, implementing values education requires that we look into the formation or qualification of the educators themselves. In his research "Religion and Conflict Attribution," he finds that educators play a crucial role in civic education. Among other things, they must involve the young in hermeneutic of the reality, in order to penetrate the tradition ever more; they need to activate the process of reasoning and evaluating in order to grasp the interpretations and values in a critical manner; that apprenticeship, namely, involvement of the young in the generative and responsible action of the educators, is the way to activate and accompany the learning process of the younger generations. Education, he said, is not merely teaching, it implies involving the younger generations in an apprenticeship of generative and responsible action of the educators. According to Prof. Sugiharto, the youth are the 'Platinum-Generation', today. What counts to them is not dogmatic creeds, but rather, any repertoire of symbols and meaningful forms that are capable to shed light on the deeper problem of their lives and making them understand the deeper meaning of their experiences. They are individuals who would arrange in order the combination of values of their own creation. Value education calls for

critical reflective mind, the love of learning, as well as deeper insight on human existence. In view of Christianity, perhaps education of Christian values today is not so much a dissemination of values, let alone proselytization, as a process of the opening of mind and heart of the young generation so that they find out and feel – through their own experience – that ultimately the highest value is 'unconditional love', or the 'oneness' of all.

The keynote speeches were followed by parallel sessions in three topics. The first was 'Dialogue with Local Cultures', given by Dra. Novita Dewi M.S., M.A. (Hons), Ph.D. from Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The second was 'Dialogue with Other Religions,' given by Rev. Esther Wakeman, Ph.D. from Payap University, Thailand, and the third, concerning 'Dialogue with Urban Societies', was given by Dr. Ruth M. Grubel from Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan. After the parallel sessions, the participants joined a 'historical walk' to the Museum of Asia Africa Conference to commemorate the Asia Africa Conference initiated 60 years ago. On the last day of the conference, the participants had an opportunity to visit a well-known cultural site in Bandung, *Saung Angklung Udjo*.



The Opening Ceremony of ACUCA Management Conference



Token of Appreciation from ACUCA President, Mangadar Situmorang, Ph.D., to the Bishop of Bandung, Mgr. Antonius Subianto Bunjamin, OSC.



Student Performance by Parahyangan Catholic University's Choir



Parahyangan Catholic University's Student Performance by Listra during Welcoming Dinner



Opening Service at Cathedral Church



Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Dr. Ignatius Bambang
Sugiharto



Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Francis-Vincent Anthony,
SDB, STD



A Visit to the Museum of Asian-African Conference



Keynote Speaker Session at Postgraduate
Building, Parahyangan Catholic University



Parallel Session



Plenary Session



Cultural Tour: "Saung Angklung Udjo" (performance, bamboo
instrument workshop)



Participants were Dancing Together during the Cultural Tour

Petra Christian University to Establish Position in the International Arena

Petra Christian University (PCU) is taking a firm step toward establishing itself as a globally entrenched campus which is demonstrated through a myriad of activities like the Hangeul Day and Cultural Day celebration some time ago.

Celebrating the Hangeul Day in PCU

King Sejong Institute (KSI) which has officially been opened recently spread the resonance around campus on the 16th October 2015 from 11.00 to 13.00 (Western Indonesia Time) by presenting a 'Hangeul Day' event at the Atrium of Radius Prawiro Building of PCU. Hangeul Day is Korean national holiday to celebrate the invention of Korean alphabet system by a Korean king, Sejong the Great, in the 15th century. Hangeul day is celebrated every 9th October.

Hangeul Day celebration was presented in a series of programs, such as Korea traditional music, Korean food corner, Korean calligraphy corner, Hanbok costume corner, Korean traditional game corner, and Korean handicraft corner. One of the centerpiece of this event was the Korean Vertical Bamboo Flute usually played in Korean folk music. This traditional music was played by Hwang, Jung Mee (Jenny). Not only was there Korean traditional music instrument, but also there were also Korean dishes presented to enliven the Hangeul Day celebration that afternoon. The dishes included Kimbab, Songpyeon—a tteok or rice cake shaped into a crescent and stuffed with red bean syrup, soybean, chestnut, jujube or wije, Japchae—a Korean dish that consists of cellophane noodles (dang myeon) mixed with various vegetables and beef, kimchi—a Korean traditional dish, one from the many variety of fermented vegetables with spicy seasoning, and Sikhye—a Korean beverage made of fermented cooked rice with baking powder.

The festive event was attended by numerous students and civitas of Petra Christian University. It lent its success from the supports given by so many parties from the preparation to the implementation of this event; they are Cho, Youn Chu (Joy), one of the Korean Language Lecturers in KSI PCU, four foreign students and two PCU students. The four foreign students were Lee, Seung Hwan; Jung, Han Bi; Lee, Sun Min; and Oh, Jee Young. "We do hope that this Hangeul Day celebration will be able to bring about all civitas attention and concern toward a global-oriented action to expand their knowledge and networking as well as opportunities to perform cultural exchanges with other countries," said Dr. Liliek Soelistyo, M.A., as the Director of King Sejong Institute (KSI) of PCU. (fsc)

Diverse Information about the Netherlands at the PCU Cultural Day

Cultural Day is a monthly activity where all PCU civitas academica could learn about the cultures from where some of the international students in PCU are originated. On 19th October 2015 situated at Building P second floor, the first Cultural Day was conducted. The country presented was the Netherlands. This program is aimed to expand PCU students' insight and knowledge of other countries' specialties or characteristics, as well as their life situation. Other significant objective of this program is the function it serves as a medium for international students to introduce the uniqueness of their respective countries.

In this event, a string of activities like learning Dutch and Dutch dishes tasting were conducted. Dutch dishes presented among others were Stampot, Hutspot, Wentel-teefje, Tosti ham kaas, Kaasblokjes/worstjes, Asperges met ham, Krokotten dan Stroopwaffles. There were two students of the 'In Holland University of Applied Sciences' of the Netherlands, Steve Valentijn Tjen and Eleanor Van Hees, who at the moment are attending an International program in PCU. Steve is attending the International program in the International Business Management (IBM) study program, while Eleanor in the Tourism Management study program.

"This activity serves as an opportunity for international students studying in PCU to show everything about their countries, cultures, languages, including their varied culinary specialties. We plan to hold this activity once a month following the schedule of the respective International students," stated Meilinda, S.S., M.A., as the Head of the Cooperation and Development Administration Bureau of PCU Surabaya. (fsc)



Korean Representative was Playing *Suling* -- an Indonesian Traditional Musical Instrument at King Sejong Institute (KSI)

“2015 Soochow International Ultra-Marathon: The 24-hour Marathon Closest to IAU’ s Golden Label Race” Stunner Italian, Ivan Cudin, and Taiwanese new star Chueh Tieh-Cheng shine the 2015 Soochow Ultra-Marathon

After the long 24-hour competition, the Soochow University 24-Hour Ultra-Marathon has finally come to an end on 22 November 2015. Ivan Cudin from Italy finished first with a total of 250.731 kilometers, followed by Zhao Zi-Yu with 240.853 km, and first-time participant Chueh Tieh-Cheng from Taiwan came in third with 237.146 kilometers. Among female runners, Jodie Osborne from Australia finished first with 227.429 kilometers and thanked cheering students for giving her the strength to finish her first Soochow ultra-marathon. She also made special mention of the sporadic rain during the event, and said that was more of a help rather than hindrance, and was a key factor in her finishing well.

Gold medalist Ivan Cudin, who won three championships in the Greek Spartathlon, also thanked all the cheering student volunteers.

Cudin had run on Soochow campus for three straight years. After winning his first gold medal in the race gave credits to student volunteers who he declared to be real winners for cheering the runners for 24 hours on end. Ivan also thanked his girlfriend Benedetti Michela for her support throughout the whole marathon.

Chinese runners Zhao Zi-Yu and Shan Ying both come in second

Zhao Zi-Yu from China just won first place in Xuan-Zang Desert Extreme Race, and within sixty days flew over to join the Soochow ultra-marathon for the second time. With 240.8 kilometers he not only finished second, but also met the 240-kilometer international standard for male runners in ultra-marathons. Last year, due to lack of experience, he ran into a major problem with food supply. During a race in Hong Kong, a piece of advice was given to him by Japanese runner Sekiya Ryoichi, and he was able to exert his strength this time.

Shan Ying, also from China, has won first place at the Fu-Zhou 12-hour ultra-marathon and the Hong Kong 24-hour ultra-marathon. Her persistence and great control of pace brought her to the second place with 220.686 kilometers among female runners in her first Soochow ultra-marathon.

First-time participant Chueh Tieh-Cheng of Taiwan comes in third

Chueh Tieh-Cheng from Taiwan, after winning the title at National Taipei University’s 12-hour ultra-marathon last March, finished third and was first among Taiwanese

runners. He is now a rising star in Taiwan’s marathon races.

All eyes were also on the female Taiwanese runner Lee Wei-Chen, who was able to get amazing results in every race she was in. This time, she finished with 204.107 kilometers and won the third place. Despite the smallness of her build, she demonstrated a strong will to finish the race. To her, the many excellent runners in the race pushed her to exceed her limits, and the prize was beyond her expectation.

Cheng Zhee-Long, the brave one, sets new record

Cheng Zhee-Long, who suffers from cerebral palsy, has been in the ultra-marathon four years in a row. According to the Malaysia runner the weather wasn’t good for a 24-hour marathon, as his pace would be interrupted every fifteen minutes. He kept bumping against the wall the whole time during the 24-hour race. Despite of what he said Cheng nonetheless finished 82.405 kilometers breaking his own record of 74.785 km from last year. His persistence in completing the race has also earned applause from everyone.

The Soochow University International 24-Hour Ultra-Marathon is a highly challenging race that pushes everyone to their limits both physically and mentally. Despite of the poor weather this year, every single runner has done her or his best to achieve their glory. Four runners achieving the IAU Golden Label standard include Mr. Ivan Cudin from Italy, Mr. Zhao Zi-Yu from China, Ms. Jodie Osborne from Australia and Ms. Shan Ying from China. Mr. Chueh Tieh-Cheng from Taiwan was only 2.854 kilometers short of the Golden standard, leaving this year’s marathon the closest 24-hour race to achieve it.



Six Winners Posing for Group Photo in News Conference

Global Human Rights Scholars Gather in Taiwan 2015 International Conference on Human Rights: Human Rights, Museum, & Civic Culture



Established in 2011, the Preparatory Office of the National Human Rights Museum presides over both the Jingmei and the Green Island Human Rights Cultural Parks. The two parks are two of the very few human rights memorials in the nation situated at their original sites. In order to promote human rights awareness within the country and to learn from international experience, experts, scholars and groups in this field were invited from all over the Asian Pacific area for an academic exchange.

The three day conference which began on 16 November 2015 under the title of "Human Rights, Museum & Civic Culture," was hosted by the Preparatory Office of the National Human Rights Museum.

Soochow University's Chang Fo-Chuan Center for the Study of Human Rights, Human Rights Program, and Department of Political Science served as co-organizers of the event.

Through interaction with the global community and conversations on dealing with cultural heritages with unpleasant pasts, much was learned and in turn helped promote awareness even further. Unlike past events, international guests were invited on a tour of the Jingmei Human Rights Cultural Park to hear first-hand accounts from political victims and to get a better understanding of the development and operations of Taiwan's heritage sites.

Minister of Culture Hong Mengqi and President of Soochow University Pan Wei-ta gave opening remarks at this international conference. Scholars and experts from all over the world were in attendance, including renowned scholars such as Dr. Jae-Yiel Oh (Professor, Chonnam National University, Korea), Mr. Pat Walsh (Founder, Inside Indonesia), Ms. Maria Chin Abdullah (Chairperson, anti-corruption movement Bersih, Malaysia), Ms. I Gusti Agung Putri Astrid Kartika (former Director, human rights organization ELSAM, Indonesia), Dr. Anne Lan K Candelaria (Director, Ateneo Center for Asian Studies (ACAS), Philippines), Dr. Rajeev Malhotra (Executive Director, O.P. Jindal Global University Centre for Development and Finance, India), and Dr. Susanne Y P Choi (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China).

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Professor Roland T. Chin Inaugurated as the 5th President and Vice-Chancellor

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) held its Inauguration of the President and Vice-Chancellor and Degree Conferment Ceremony on 16 November 2015. At the ceremony, Mr Cheng Yan-kee, Chairman of the HKBU Council and Court, presided over the Inauguration of Professor Roland Chin Tai-hong as HKBU President and Vice-Chancellor.

In his inaugural speech, Professor Chin shared his insights on HKBU's ethos and global higher education. He said over the past six decades, HKBU has built upon the mission and aspiration of the founding fathers a solid foundation of quality tertiary education. The strategy on how to realise this aspiration is encapsulated in one word – Global, which is the key to competitiveness and excellence.

Professor Chin elaborated by saying that the world has been experiencing the massification of higher education since the turn of the century, which leads to another observation – the higher education world is flat and higher education is no longer local. This flat world has produced many capable graduates with a global outlook and international experience. Professor Chin explained that in addition to the above two trends, another trend is career mobility which means a career is no longer confined to a graduate's hometown or local vicinity. With these three trends, higher education must embark on the journey of going global.

Professor Chin said: "For HKBU, this means we must play a key role in the emerging Asia higher education hub of excellence by being competitive globally, and at the same time contribute to regional and local development. Internationalisation is the core strategy that permeates everything that we do – from teaching and learning, research and development, collaboration with partners, benchmarking with the best in the world, to nurturing leaders who address global challenges and contribute to social progress for a better world."



EASE 2015: With or Without Technologies in the Borderless World?

EASE (East Asia Student Encounter) is an annual program that is held collaboratively by Satya Wacana Christian University (SWCU), Indonesia and Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU), Japan since 1977. So this program has been running for 38 years. The latest EASE program was done from August 17, 2015 to August 29, 2015, and was hosted by Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia. The theme was "With or Without Technologies in the Borderless World?: The Implementation, Upsides and Downsides". The theme was chosen, because EASE program, which was first aimed to promote world peace, is an example of the borderless world. This is true especially because of the involvement of two different countries, which are Japan and Indonesia. Nevertheless, it is important to point out that the borderless world cannot be separated from technologies. This is because they have become the media to communicate, manage business, support business operations, and other important functions.

During EASE 2015 program, participants shared and discuss the latest technology-related-issues in their fields, like the implementations, upsides (positive sides) and downsides (negative sides) of technology uses, especially in their developed (Japan) and developing (Indonesia) country. Furthermore, to support the perspective about the implementation, upsides and downsides of technology, participants also had a chance to learn many things about

applied technology in several cities in Indonesia (i.e.: Bali, Yogyakarta, Salatiga, and Kudus) through study tours, academic discussions, and company or industrial visits to businesses with and without technologies implementations. Besides these, participants also learned and shared about culture, food, and experienced homestay program – especially for the Japanese participants.

Series of EASE activities also tighten the friendship among all participants, which consist of 16 Kwansei Gakuin's students (Shinta, Hiroki, Monami, Kota, Anna, Koki, Takaya, Yuya, Sayaka, Nagisa, Hinata, Masaki, Tomotsugu, Yuko, Yoko, and Manami), 12 Satya Wacana's students (Elin, Thea, Ayu, Ria, Christine, Elsa, Liana, Sarah, Ranny, Ivana, Teguh, and Yoki), 1 lecturer as the leader, and 1 staff as the co-leader from each university (Prof. Shinichiro Suzuki – Ms. Rina Ito and Prof. Yusepaldo Pasharibu – Ms. Novasari).

Below is what some of the participants said about EASE 2015 program:

"This year's EASE is definitely something I will always remember for the rest of my life. All the moments and memories I had together with both Kwansei Gakuin and Satya Wacana's participants are those, which I will cherish forever. Thank you, EASE 2015, for the memorable and unforgettable two weeks I have ever had". (Elin - SWCU)

"I am proud that I could participate in this program as a student leader from KGU. I am happy that every participant could enjoy the difference of culture and learned a lot. I am sure that EASE program is a great program that give us chance to understand different culture and value and to think what the World Citizen is. The program ended already but our friendship will last forever. I love you guys. I love EASE family. Even if we forget the sky we saw together, we won't forget the time we shared". (Shinta - KGU)



Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia

Sanata Dharma University: 60th Anniversary

Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, as an educational institution believes that it is not enough to provide competent lecturers and advanced facilities only. In doing its part as a committed educational institution, it gives its best to be a place for everyone to experience transformation, not only the students, but also the faculty members and the officials.

In December 2015 Sanata Dharma University officially celebrated its 60th *Dies Natalis* addressing "Transforming with the Youth" as the theme. Dozens of events were held through the year 2015. All the agendas organized for the celebration were categorized within education, research, community service, and arts. The events also covered national and international seminars, writing competitions and projects, researches, clean water donation, mobile library program launching, *kethoprak* (Javanese play), *wayang kulit* (shadow puppets), and *wayang orang* (Javanese traditional play) performances.

In completing its series of celebration, Sanata Dharma University invited two well-known figures in the country into two big events: Rieke Diah Pitaloka and Butet Kartaredjasa for the big reunion and the grand opening of the new auditorium of the university. Rieke Diah Pitaloka was invited to speak at the big reunion on her achievement as a young woman struggling for a better life of the labor workers in Indonesia. The big reunion was a good moment to refresh the hearts and minds of the alumni of Sanata Dharma University and to realize that being educated means to do good for humanity as Indonesian citizens and as citizens of the world. Butet Kartaredjasa was invited in the grand opening of the Driyarkara Auditorium for his achievement as art practitioner. Attended by around 1,200 audience including the government representatives of the Special District of Yogyakarta, Butet and the *Sinten Remen* orchestra performed a comedy full of criticisms addressed to the people and the authorities.

Through the 60 years of existence, Sanata Dharma University has experienced many ups and downs. Nevertheless, the university has always been ready to welcome people from all over Indonesia and the world to see, to feel, and to experience the dynamics of living in diversity. Sanata Dharma University believes that the youth has incredible power that will bring them towards a brighter future for the world if that power is managed well. That is the reason why Sanata Dharma University moves forward as a university where young people are seen as a whole human being regardless their beliefs, races, or social backgrounds. Sanata Dharma University believes that a person becomes a fully human being when she or he becomes a woman or a man for and with others.

(Liliana – Sanata Dharma University)



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