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Payap University  
Assumption University  
Christian University of Thailand

## 2010 ACUCA Biennial Conference and 18th General Assembly: Looking Back

Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC  
De La Salle University, Philippines

ACUCA sends its congratulations to Brother Ricardo Laguda, the new chancellor of De La Salle University, Manila, the Philippines.



34 years ago, ACUCA members agreed that uniting all men and women for service and fellowship was the primary mission of Christian higher education. It is no different now when collaboration is vital to achieving environmental sustainability, not just in our individual countries, but throughout Asia as well. In a time when sustainable development is a key issue throughout the world, it is becoming far more important for our universities to work together and build networks with each other, because our institutions have the capability and influence to transform not only education and research, but our societies too.

In this respect, ACUCA plays an important role in bridging society-transforming education with our respective national environmental concerns. Our universities, being united by our Christian values, understand that we need to take a stand and the initiative in ensuring that future generations will enjoy the benefits of our having taken care of the environment now. The ACUCA conference on Sustainable Development and Christian Initiative could therefore not have come at a better time.

It is heartwarming to see and experience the present generation take steps in order to safeguard both the environment and culture for future generations, two important things that face significant threat of diminishing or even disappearing entirely, especially in our region of the world. We have the responsibility of making sure that the young men and women in our institutions leave with a sense of purpose, the Christian purpose, and the zeal to protect and sustain the one place where we are all citizens of, our world.

## News From the Members

Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia

Duta Wacana Christian University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Djohan, current Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, as the 5th president of Duta Wacana Christian University (UKDW), Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Dr. Djohan will take office on December 1, 2010. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Budyanto, who has finished his appointment as rector after eight years of service to the university.

Dr. Djohan has served as a faculty member at the UKDW Faculty of Biology since 1988, and became Vice Dean of the Biology Faculty for the period 1990-1993, before he was appointed as the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs for the period 2006-2010. He attained his Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia in 1987 and his Master's in Environmental Management from Duke University, NC, USA in 1996. His Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science was acquired from Griffith University, QLD, Australia in 2002. From 2004 until 2006 he served as the Head of the UKDW Research Centre.



Pictured Left to right: Rev. Dr. Josef M.N. Hehanussa, Ir. Harianto Kristanto, M.M., M.T., Dr. Djohan, Drs. Purnawan Hardiyanto, M.Ec.Dev., and Dr. Henry Feriadi

At the same time as the appointment of the new rector, there are four other vice rectors appointed to a new executive board, Ir. Harianto Kristanto, M.M., M.T as the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Dr. Purnawan Hardiyanto, M.Ec.Dev, as Vice Rector for Finance and Human Resource Development, Rev. Dr. Josef M.N. Hehanussa as Vice Rector for Students Affairs and Dr. Henry Feriadi as Vice Rector for Institutional Development.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Djohan to his new duty at Duta Wacana Christian University.

## Soegijapranata Catholic University, Indonesia

On October 27, 2010, 20 students from the Dutch Literature Studies Department at Leiden University, the Netherlands visited Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU). This trip was made to commemorate 100 years since the publication of works by the famous novelist Max Havelaar, written during the colonial era in Indonesia. The students were interested in visiting several of the places which are mentioned in his works. Semarang, where SCU is located, is one of the aforementioned places. Understanding the cultural development of the Indonesian people is part of the aims to be accomplished by their visit to SCU.

The recent eruption of Mt. Merapi has triggered students of Soegijapranata to help the victims of and the refugees from the destruction caused by the volcano. Two types of programs have been conducted in reducing the suffering of those people. An SCU Center for Trauma Recovery has sent volunteers to help the victims to overcome their traumatic experiences; especially the women and children. Endorsed in a letter from the Rector to members of SCU, we also collected food, clothes, medicines and other basic supplies (blankets, folding beds, etc) to be given to the victims and refugees.

The dean of Social Sciences at Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, accompanied by the Director of International Programs and two professors, recently visited SCU to expand and deepen the cooperation between our two universities. This delegation provided the possibility of SCU faculty members to be research fellows, as well as guest lecturers at Radboud University, Nijmegen. Several topics of possible joint research were also discussed during their visit.

Several fruitful cooperations were arranged when an SCU delegation visited a number of ACUCA member institutions in Taiwan. SCU has agreed to conduct joint research with Providence University, Taichung, especially in the fields of Food Technology, Law and Economics. A new MoU has also been signed between SCU and Soochow University, Taipei, to foster collaboration in the future.

## Sogang University, Korea

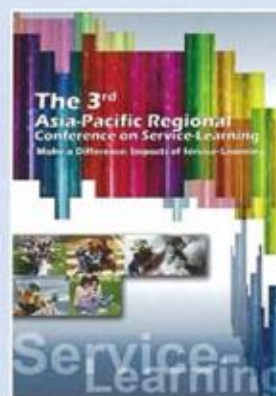
Sogang University of Korea hosted the first International Sports competition with Sophia University of Japan from November 12 to 14, 2010 at Sogang University's main campus in Mapo-gu, Seoul, South Korea. The event is named SOFEX, an abbreviation of Sogang-Sophia Festival of Exchange, and includes competitive games of soccer, tennis, baseball and basketball, as well as cheerleading performances from performers from both schools. Sogang and Sophia have had a partner relationship since 1983. Both universities were established in the mid-20th century by Jesuits. In addition, the year 2010 is meaningful for Sogang, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, and remain the one and only Jesuit College in South Korea. Partly in commemoration of this date, Sogang planned this sporting event. It is also intended to assist in internationalization efforts with other Jesuit Colleges abroad.

On the first day of SOFEX, 130 delegates from Sophia arrived in Korea and attended an orientation meeting and welcome dinner at the Sogang campus. Dr. Jongwook Lee, the president of Sogang University commented at the time "We warmly welcome the delegates from Sophia University. As the proverb says, 'If you're willing to lay down, you will die, if you're willing to walk, you will survive, I wish this festival motivates students to engage in sports and be active, so we can achieve the integrated education, which is at the heart of the Jesuit mission.'" In addition, Mr. Toshiaki Koso, the Chairman of Sophia University responded "We have two critical meetings here in Seoul, one is the G20 and the other one is SOFEX. I believe that

SOFEX will be a meeting ground for future leaders from both countries, beyond their schools." On November 12, commencing with an opening ceremony at Cheongnyeong plaza (which literally means "Young People's" plaza in Korean), exciting sporting events were held. In the end, Sophia won 3 games of soccer, tennis and baseball and Sogang was the winner at basketball. Overall, Sophia gets the Golden trophy, awarded at the closing ceremony. Finally, on the last day, Sophia students visited the Royal Palace in Seoul and Seoul Tower, to experience Korean culture. The next SOFEX will be held at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.



### Lingnan University : Upcoming Service Learning Conference



The 3rd Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning will take place at Lingnan University, Hong Kong, June 7 to June 11, 2011. The theme for this year's conference is "Tender Moment, Touched Heart and Inspired Action"

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## Student Mobility Scheme Report

Ms. Praewthip Saithai, Payap University, Thailand



My name is Praewthip Saithai, a second year student in the International Hospitality Management Department in Payap's International College. During the summer vacation of 2010, I had an opportunity to be an exchange student at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, South Korea. The journey was not always easy and there were always new challenges and obstacles I had to encounter. However, it was all worth it and I had an inspiring and perspective-widening experience.

My journey started when I discovered that Payap provides students with a lot of study abroad opportunities; therefore Payap had always been my top choice of where I wanted to head to after high school. As soon as I became a part of the Payap community I was kept updated about study abroad events and occasions.

Towards the end of my freshman year, I spoke with P'Jiap, the Study Abroad Officer at Payap, and was informed that I could submit my study abroad application. I did so and was accepted to be an exchange student at Ewha Woman's University, South Korea through the Student Mobility Scheme of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA). Although I was blessed with this amazing opportunity, the process of taking an early leave and taking early final examinations was a challenge. There were documents, paperwork, requests, and also

final exam preparations, which I had to rush and complete ahead of time. Thankfully, however, I managed to make it through all of this with the help, understanding, and endless efforts of Payap's International Affairs advisers. I left for South Korea in February, 2010 and spent about 4 months at Ewha Woman's University, one of the largest female universities in the world.

At Ewha, I was able to enroll in many classes from different fields such as fashion design, Korean ceramics, Korean language, dance and gender studies. I also took business communication so that I can transfer this credit back to Payap. During my stay I really enjoyed being with people from all walks of life. The Ewha community was highly international and each international student is paired with a Korean buddy to help us out with living and adapting to Korean culture. I also enjoyed taking the intensive Korean classes which I took for three hours everyday. I felt that my Korean improved a lot. I also communicated with my exchange student friends in Korean as some of them did not speak English. Korean people were very generous and helpful. They would help me with directions when I asked. I did not have a hard time adjusting to the new environment, culture, and people at all.

My journey also involved a lot of travelling. The university provided us with field trips and tours within Korea so we could have a memorable time with friends and buddies. Toward the end of spring, we travelled to Busan, the second largest city in South Korea, to visit the sea and enjoy some delicious seafood. We went to Danyang, another beautiful city where many famous Korean films are made. My friends and I also traveled on our own. We visited Kangwondo, Suwon, and Ansan, all cities located outside of Seoul. The highlight, for sure, was that I got to see the white snow of winter, the colorful spring, and feel the heat of summer.

Time flew by without me being aware of it and finally the time to say goodbye had arrived. We had a farewell party at the university where all the exchange students received their certificates of completion. I returned to Chiang Mai in June and began my second year straight away.

My stay at Ewha was an inspiring experience. As I came back I felt the drive to work hard so I could get good opportunities like this again. Also, studying abroad like this in Korea broadened my worldview as I got to experience so many things that I had never encountered before. I would like to encourage my fellow Payap students to work hard and take advantage of the study abroad program. The only thing we have to do is be committed to making it ours, to making it happen. And I am so glad that it did for me!



## News From the Secretariat

### 2010 ACUCA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE & 18th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2010 ACUCA Biennial Conference and 18th General Assembly took place at Keimyung University, November 1-3, 2010. The following are a selection of images taken throughout the Conference.



Participants at the Welcome Dinner



Keynote presentation by Dr. Huang Po Ho



Keynote presentation by Dr. Budi Widianarko



Korean Culture Experience at Keimyung's Hanhakchon



Korean Culture Experience at Keimyung's Hanhakchon



Election of New Executive Committee Officers



Dr. Betty Cemol McCann's speech



Transfer of ACUCA Secretariat to ICU

## | 2010 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE REFLECTION |

There was an environmental theme to the 2010 ACUCA Biennial Conference. This conference examined how ACUCA institutions could utilize their Christian outlook in the service of environmental protection, and more specifically the theme of Sustainable Development. There were a total of seventy seven participants from all seven ACUCA countries. The two keynote presentations were followed by a series of three parallel group discussions.

### What was achieved through the conference?

Before the conference, sustainable development was seen as a concept that seemed more applicable to governments and NGO's, certainly not something that had an immediate association with ACUCA's Christian character. We feel that we have successfully connected our mission, as Christian institutions of higher education, with the theme of sustainability. The Conference yielded a number of tangible results. There was a call for a commitment to collaborate further on sustainability at a number of levels. Positive examples were given on how to improve the sustainability of the campus, the curricula and the general institutional organization of our members.

Running parallel to the Conference there were two Executive Committee meetings, at which some of the issues related to conference discussions were raised. The Committee felt that, in the spirit of solidarity with our fellow members, we should provide financial assistance to member institutions affected by natural disasters. It was decided to distribute USD \$40,000 equally between Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages in Southern Taiwan, which suffered extensive damage after a recent typhoon, and to a number of universities in Indonesia, suffering after the effects of a recent earthquake, tsunami and the eruption of Mount Merapi.

### What is expected after the conference?

After the 2010 ACUCA Conference and 18th General Assembly, there was a general consensus among members to keep the momentum that was built up throughout the sessions. There is willingness among members to collaborate more closely on joint projects and ensure that the feeling of solidarity leads to tangible results, in terms of the development of new programs. There is also an anticipation that after the Conference, the members will work together to increase the visibility of ACUCA and its activities; putting ACUCA on the map. There was a call to promote ACUCA throughout the region, with the goal of accepting member institutions from other Asian countries. This was echoed by a call to involve ACUCA with a number of other organizations, to compliment our existing relationship with the United Board. One example given is that there could be a possible beneficial collaboration with the All India Christian Council, as a way of reaching out to potential ACUCA members in India.

ACUCA's initiatives, such as the Student Mobility Scheme, do not have a very clear focus. There is now willingness to direct ACUCA funds into a re-design of the SMS, with a focus on a theme-based program. The Conference was seen as a success, not only in the development of the theme, but the general feeling of solidarity that was experienced lead to a commitment to collaborate more closely and more effectively, facilitating communication among member institutions, bringing ACUCA ever closer together, as we work on fulfilling our mission of educating our future leaders.

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