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Mission College  
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## Experiences in Service Learning

### A Feast for Learning and Sharing: Management Conference 2009 of ACUCA

Keimyung University, Korea  
By Rev. Hwang Jae-Bum

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters] dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

The 2009 ACUCA Management Conference was a time at which we, as Christian institutions of higher education, could come together and bear witness to God's love, renew friendships and gain a deeper understanding of the theory and practice of Service Learning. A warm hospitable welcome was given to us at Chang Jung Christian University by President Chin-Seng Chen, Vice President Po Ho Huang, Dr. Jy-Ping Sah, Ms. Paula Trever and all of their students and staff. Aside from the hospitable welcome that we received, The whole team at Chang Jung ensured that the Conference progressed in a highly professional manner.

The Conference began with an opening worship service on October 29th that beautifully complimented our theme of service. Set in Chang Jung's wonderful new facility, we were treated to a visual and musical celebration of service to others in the name of Christ. Cantor Edgar Macpili led a wonderfully orchestrated musical arrangement, incorporating elements drawn from the various ACUCA nations. The opening sermon acted as a rallying cry to all of us to serve. An integral element of the service was a silent play that visibly underpinned our message as the aboriginal master washed the feet of two conflicting parties.

The keynote presentations were given by Dr. Edward Chen, the former President of Lingnan University; "International Service Learning in Response to Globalization", and Dr. McCann, vice president of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia; "Service-Learning in Christian Higher Education: Prospects and Applications". Dr. McCann provided us with a thorough overview of the fundamentals of Service Learning. We were given numerous examples of successful Service Learning programs, and the practicalities of implementing such a program. Dr. Edward Chen's speech seemed to have a particular resonance in this turbulent economic climate.

Dr. Chen addressed the need for Service Learning as a core element of a curriculum in the face of the numerous challenges accompanied by increased globalization. We were shown how Service Learning could be incorporated into, and practically compliment a specific field. Service Learning should not necessarily be viewed as general voluntary work. Service Learning was shown as one of the tools that our institutions have in the formation of well-rounded individuals, equipped with the practical skills to face a world that is in need of this spirit of service. Both speakers showed how the spirit of service can help to revitalize communities.

After the keynote presentations, the three parallel sessions provided us with an opportunity to touch on some of the particular experiences of the three session speakers. The three sessions were: "Strategies and Dimensions of Service Learning" by Dr. Dal Lee, Hannam University, Korea "Local and International Service Learning" by Prof. Mei Ching Chen, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan; and "Challenges and Innovations in Service Learning," by Dr. Carol Ma Hok Ka, Lingnan University, Hong Kong. In addition to the parallel sessions, there were also a Chaplains' and a Presidents' meeting. I attended the Chaplains' meeting where Dr. Chung Se Park of Yonsei University, Korea gave his perspectives on the role of the chaplaincy in Service Learning. Dr. Park paid particular attention to his experiences at Yonsei University. At the Presidents' meeting they touched on some of the main issues currently facing the Association, including a discussion on the after effects and response to recent natural disasters in Indonesia, the Philippines and Japan.

The parallel sessions proved to be an excellent opportunity for discussion and debate, as witnessed by the extensive feedback given at the following morning's plenary session. As the conference drew to an end, I felt motivated to participate in both domestic and international Service Learning. It was a joy to see our international fellows sharing mutual interests and drawing upon our collective faith. Praise and thanks to God, who has given us this faith and love!

## News from ACUCA Secretariat

### 2009 ACUCA Management Conference

The 2009 ACUCA Management Conference, under the theme of "Service Learning and International Cooperation", took place at Chang Jung Christian University in Tainan, Taiwan between October 28 and 30. Ninety participants, drawn from all seven ACUCA nations,

attended the conference. Keynote presentations were given by Dr. Edward Chen, the former president of Lingnan University, and Dr. Betty Cernol McCann, vice president of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.



President Synn Ihi, President Chin Seng Chen and Dr. Betty Cernol McCann at the Presidents' Meeting



Conference Group Photo



Foot Washing Ceremony during the Opening Worship



Dr. Edward Chen's Keynote Presentation



Dr. Betty Cernol McCann's Keynote Presentation



ACUCA Member Institution Exhibition

## Changes to the Student Mobility Scheme

With the increase in ACUCA Student Mobility Scheme (SMS) participating members, we have found it necessary to make the SMS procedure simple and convenient to enable promotion of the program. The Secretariat will no longer coordinate the collection of applications and assign the students to the various hosting institutions. From January 2010, the Secretariat's primary function will be to act as a regulator and distributor of the travel subsidy. The role of Secretariat for the SMS will now be:

- Promoting the SMS
- Helping new member institutions to join
- Maintaining a record of all applications
- Updating the semester deadlines and requirements on behalf of each participating institution on the ACUCA website
- Arranging travel subsidies

### SMS Application Procedure

1. Each participating institution must provide the necessary information for the Student Mobility Scheme (deadlines and requirements) to the ACUCA Secretariat. The Secretariat will collect and distribute the information through the ACUCA website.

2. Each institution should themselves apply directly to ACUCA SMS participating institutions and maintain communication with them to enable successful assignment of applying students between the respective exchanging institutions.
3. There are TWO parts to the application:
  - For admission, the application materials required by the host institution should be sent directly to the institution in advance of the deadline.
  - For the ACUCA travel subsidy, an ACUCA nomination form (downloadable from the ACUCA website) should be sent to the ACUCA Secretariat when the institutional application form is submitted. Upon acceptance, the applying institution should send the ACUCA travel subsidy form (downloadable from the ACUCA website), a copy of the acceptance letter, and a copy of the flight tickets to the Secretariat by the following dates:

Semester	Travel subsidy deadline
1st half	September 30 (previous year of the planned time of study)
2nd half	February 28 (the same year of the planned time of study)

## News from ACUCA members

### SPUP: A University within a Botanical Garden

St. Paul University Philippines, Philippines  
By Joseph Decena Dayag

Have you ever heard of a university within a botanical garden? Wow! Where could this possibly be?

St. Paul University Philippines (SPUP), the lead university of the St. Paul University System is located at the center of a developing city in the north of the Philippines, Tuguegarao City. Yet, it is surprising that its land area of 7.6 hectares is home to hundreds of trees, thousands of flowering plants and numerous species of birds and butterflies amidst a mass of infrastructure mini-parks, school and office buildings, a mini-gymnasium, and a chapel.

Aside from being known as the only ISO-accredited higher learning institution in Region 02 and a university granted "autonomous status" by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), SPUP is well-remembered by its guests, visitors and foreign students with its verdant and picturesque ambiance. SPUP is becoming known to them as a university within a botanical garden.

Its environmentally friendly milieu is maintained not only by its gardeners and janitors but also by practically everyone in the academic community. Everyone including administrators, faculty, staff and students, is guided by the school policies on the strategic management of garbage and environmental stewardship.

The University has been implementing revolutionary mandates on the protection of the environment since last year. SPUP has enjoined everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle waste materials. At present, SPUP's garbage truck just conveys waste materials which are neither reusable nor recyclable and only goes to the dump site twice a week. This truck used to transport voluminous garbage daily from Monday to Friday.

### How did this happen? Well, here are SPUP's best practices on environmental stewardship:

**THE VERMI WONDER:** organic waste (dried leaves and tidbits of sandwiches, biscuits, etc) are no longer thrown to the dump sites because these are fed to plants through vermi's wonder. SPUP has its own Vermi House where vermi worms are cultured. These organisms are fed with dried leaves which in return provide the University with vermi cast (the feces of these vermis). In less than a year, the Vermi House has already produced 60 sacks of vermi cast which continuously nourish the vegetables, herbal plants and flowering plants as these are used as fertilizers.

**REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE:** Inorganic waste material (scrap metal, scrap galva, lumber, plywood, tile debris, etc.) are either reused or recycled. Last school year, scrap metals, lumber, plywood, tile debris and scrap galva were used in the construction of steel tables, vermi house, leaves dryer, satellite canteen and path walks.

**INCOME-GENERATING WASTES:** Scrap bond paper and other writing materials are not discarded unless the front and back surfaces are used either for printing or writing of drafts. When the use of these is maximized, these are then sold to junkshops. Likewise, receptacles for mineral water and flavored fruit drinks are collected and sold.

**NO TARP, NO STYRO POLICY:** Last June 2009, the management representative of the University, issued a memorandum against the use of tarpaulin and styrofoam in the school premises. As of now, the SPUP Canteen and the SPUP Wellness Centerno longer use plastic or styrofoam for any of the food served to the Paulinians.

**CLEAN, GREEN, PEACEFUL, CARING, WONDERFUL:** These adjectives aptly delineate SPUP's milieu. Indeed, SPUP is a unique academic realm within a botanical garden.

### Providence University International Corner, Taiwan Providence university, Taiwan

The Office of International Affairs extends its service to the students by providing an International Corner. This is a safe and homey space for small of groups of students to learn, relax and have fun.

International students are invited to share about their culture, traditions, unique or special practices and customs in their country, city and school. Participants have enjoyed power point presentations on Portugal, Spain, Alberta, Canada, Mississippi, U.S.A., Philippines and An Hui Province, China, to mention a few more besides. As well as learning about best places to visit, students have met new friends from different institutions abroad.

From the international students sharing and interactions, the local students get to know and understand better what some exchange students undergo in their adjustment period, and the food they miss while they are in Taiwan. Indeed, it is a friendly place to be during the lunch break. The International Corner is a special place as a Bridge to the World.



The exchange students from Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines posed with participants of their presentation of their school and best places to visit in the Philippines.



Jodi Vander Wonde and Kevan Berg appreciated the opportunity to share life in Alberta, Canada.



Andreia(second row, the third one from the left) was very enthusiastic about the best tourist spots in Portugal

### CPU, PDP to launch dictionary sharing program

Central Philippine University, Philippines

Central Philippine University and Philippines Dictionary Project will launch a dictionary sharing program on November 13, 1:30 PM at the Henry Luce III Library Reading Area, CPU.

Twenty five public elementary schools in the Iloilo Province are the initial target beneficiaries of the project. Pupils will have access to brand new imported dictionaries which are designed to attract their interest. Teachers see dictionaries as the most basic reference materials and a great tool for learning. Under the program, a public school can borrow 50 dictionaries per year with a nominal fee of 500 pesos. The local government unit will act as the school's guarantor. CPU, the Local Government Unit, and the borrower (public elementary school) are set to sign a memorandum of agreement that will cover all undertakings. Donors will purchase the dictionaries. CPU, through her Library Extension Program, will be the depository of these dictionaries at the same time as acting as administrator for the sharing program.

Philippines Dictionary Project, through founder Ms. Nina Patawaran has forged partnerships with schools and LGUs in Negros Oriental and Capiz, where the same project is on-going. CPU President Dr. Teodoro C. Robles sees the dictionary sharing program as an opportunity for the university to reach out and assist the public schools. He is inviting alumni, benefactors and philanthropists to get involved in this worthy project.

### New President of ACUCA member institution

Soegijapranata Catholic University, Indonesia

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He has been pursuing an academic career since 1986, starting with an assistant lecturer position leading to his appointment as a full professor in 2002. He is currently chairing the Graduate Program on Environment and Urban Studies at Soegijapranata Catholic University. Since 2009, he has been lecturing at the PhD program on Environmental Science at Diponegoro University. He has been a member of several international associations, including the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), and the Water Dialogues a global multi-stakeholders forum on the role of the private sector in water and sanitation provision.

His main research interest is environmental pollution & food safety, water security & safety.

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