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*"Committed to the mission of Christian higher education of uniting all men in the community of service and fellowship."*

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Chung Chi College, CUHK  
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Chang Jung Christian University  
Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages

### THAILAND

Payap University  
Assumption University  
Christian University Of Thailand  
Mission College

## Message from the President

**A**s I assume the Presidency of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA), I would like to begin by thanking the leaders who have preceded me, in particular, Dr. Janjira Wongkomthong, President of Christian University of Thailand, my immediate past predecessor.

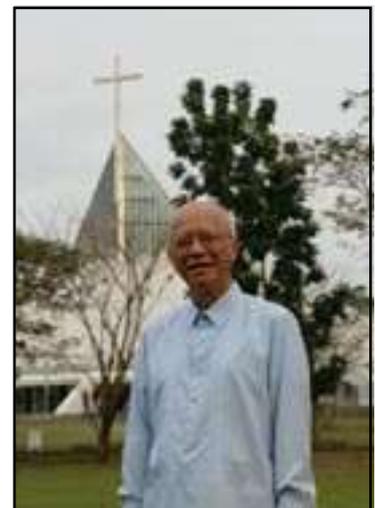
It was under Dr. Janjira's leadership that ACUCA took important steps to become a stronger and more relevant association for our shared mission of Christian higher education in our region. In particular, the international conference on "The Role of University Leadership in Benchmarking and Quality Assurance" held in conjunction with the ACUCA General Assembly last November 2006 was truly a great help and resource for all our institutions. It was the best conference on benchmarking and quality assurance I have attended.

In the coming two years, we will build on the foundations laid by Dr. Janjira and previous leaders of ACUCA. We also look forward to working closely together with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) on further strengthening the quality of our colleges and universities and on spreading and deepening our Christian mission in our region.

In a world where there is a renewed call for character, social responsibility, and ethical and moral norms and behavior, our Christian tradition offers a heritage which can help provide a moral compass and direction. I have worked closely with many young students at the Ateneo de Manila in building homes and communities for the poor. While initially hesitant to engage, they come out with a new light in their face and they say, "I have found that my life has a purpose." They find that in giving of their gifts to the poor, they are given in turn a greater gift, meaning, and direction in their lives.

May we share our Christian heritage of love and service and gift out students with meaning and purpose in their lives.

BIENVENIDO F. NEBRES, S.J.



Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J.  
President, Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia  
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## News from the Secretariat

### Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., is new President of ACUCA

The Board of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia elected Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ, as President of the ACUCA from 2007 to 2008.

Father Nebres was ACUCA Vice President from 2005-2006 and member of the Executive Committee from 1997-1998 and 1999-2000. He is President of the Jesuit university in Manila, Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), from 1993 to the present.

Father Nebres obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Stanford University in California from 1965-1970. He was founding president of the Mathematical Society of the Philippines and one of the founding officers of the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society.

As an educator, Father Nebres has played a key role in advancing science and technology teaching and higher education in the Philippines through his long-running collaboration with government, nongovernment, and private organizations. He currently sits on the Board of Georgetown University, Regis University, and several Philippine schools.

Father Nebres entered the Society of Jesus at the age of 16 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1973. He was Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in the Philippines from 1983 to 1989, the critical years before and after the restoration of democracy in the Philippines through People Power. In the Ateneo, he worked to establish the Center for Community Services and the first conscientization and politicalization programs of the university.



Father Nebres (center) with former Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino and the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, who were honored by the Ateneo in 2001

### Int'l Confab on University Leadership in Benchmarking and Quality Assurance held

The ACUCA and the International Association of University Presidents held a conference titled "The Role of University Leadership in Benchmarking



Dr. Janjira Wongkhomthong

and Quality Assurance" on November 17-18, 2006 in Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand.

Organized by the Christian University of Thailand, led by its president Dr. Janjira Wongkhomthong, the conference was keyed by Dr. S. Birgul Tantekin-Ersolmaz and Dr. Gulsun Saglamer, professors at the Istanbul Technical University. With other speakers



from the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, HongKong, and Indonesia, the conference gave the participants an opportunity to learn from the representatives of leading international universities about their successful efforts to achieve benchmarking and obtain clear directions for quality assurance at the program level.

### ACUCA Executive Committee meeting slated on March 10

The ACUCA Executive Committee is set to meet on March 10, 2007 at Tunghai University, Taiwan. The meeting is expected to be attended by Prof. Frank Fu, Associate Vice President, Hong Kong Baptist University (in lieu of Prof.

C.F. Ng, President and Vice Chancellor of HKBU); Dr. Vincent Didek Wiet Aryanto, VP for Development and Cooperation, Soegijapranata Catholic University; Dr. Matsu'ura Michio, President, Momoyama Gakuin University; Dr. Shinhye Kim, Director of International Affairs, Keimyung University (in lieu of Dr. Jin-Woo Lee, President of Keimyung University); Dr. Haydn Chen, President, Tunghai University; Dr. Warren Arthur Shipton, President, Mission College; Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, President, Ateneo de Manila University and ACUCA President; and Dr. Antonette P. Angeles, Academic Vice President, Ateneo de Manila University and ACUCA General Secretary.



## Conferences of Interest

### Service Learning Conference

A conference on service learning was held on March 9, 2007 at Tunghai University. Representatives from ACUCA member-institutions were invited to share their invigorating service learning pedagogy. The conference aimed to advance the service learning endeavor in the 11 Taiwan Christian Universities and Colleges Alliance (TaiCUCA) member-schools and allow them to make connections with ACUCA member-institutions, thereby bringing the local endeavors into the national arena. (See related news on TaiCUCA on p. 4)

### Conference on "The Challenges of the 'You' Generation"

On March 29, 2007, Tunghai University will hold a conference on "The Challenges of the 'You' Generation—New Strategies on Campus Ministry in Christian Colleges and Universities." TaiCUCA member school chaplains and co-workers, seminary representatives, and parachurch evangelical organization ministers will get together, share, and brainstorm, in search of breakthroughs in campus ministry.



## News from the Members

### Chung Chi College announces 2007 summer programs

Every summer, Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) organizes local and overseas student programs to provide its students with enriching and joyful summer experiences. Among the summer programs to be offered in 2007 are the following:

- Study Trip: Exploration of German Society
- Study Trip: Exploration of French Society
- Summer Study Abroad Program
- Outward Bound Training Program
- Service-Learning Program (Local, Mainland, and International)
- Student Visitor Program with Zhejiang University and Huzhou University
- Student Visitor Program to Southern China (Sun Yat-sen University and Wuyi University)
- Student Leadership Exchange Camp

More information can be obtained from Ms. Angela Wong, Program Manager, Chung Chi College



### Soegijapranata awards Most Outstanding and Creative Teacher

To recognize the important role of teachers in promoting the quality of education in Indonesia, Soegijapranata Catholic University held a contest for the Most Outstanding and Creative Teacher of Year 2006-2007. The contest theme was "Promoting Education for Non-Violence, for Environmental Preservation, and against Corruption." A total of 450 teachers of elementary and secondary schools in Central Java and Yogyakarta Provinces were evaluated by a panel of educators on the basis



*Ms. Nugraheni (center) flanked by Dr. Y. Bagus Wisnanto, Rector (left), and Haryanto Halim, Director, PT. Marimas Food Industry*

of their teaching-learning creativity, quality enhancement, and personality. The award was granted to Ms. Gabriela H. Nugraheni of Semarang's Theresiana Elementary School.

### Keimyung International College opens its doors

The opening of Keimyung International College (KIC) in Keimyung University on February 20, 2007 marks a historic moment for the university, higher education in Korea, and most importantly, its new students. With an international faculty, all-English curriculum, and majors in International Business and International Relations, KIC is geared to produce graduates who will become global leaders. KIC, as a new center for international education in Korea, is a training ground for dynamic student-faculty collaboration while sharpening vital language skills. KIC proudly and confidently faces the challenges ahead!



*Dr. William A. Snow, KIC Dean*

### DWCU turns 44, marks 100 years of theological education

Duta Wacana Christian University (DWCU) marked its 44th anniversary (Dies Natalis) on October 31, 2006 with a simple but merry celebration. It also observed the 100th anniversary of theological education in the university, which began as a Theological School. A seminar entitled "100th Anniversary of Theological Education in Jogjakarta," an

exhibition of natural resources, and a workshop on "How to Write a Book" by the Office of Research and Community Development were held. The Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) was also launched. ICRS is a consortium of three universities: Gajah Mada University (UGM), State Islamic University (UIN), and DWCU. Together, they offer an integrative, international Ph.D. program in inter-religious studies to students from all religions and nationalities. Visit [www.icrsyogya.net](http://www.icrsyogya.net) for more information.

### Students gain from Providence University exchange program

Three exchange students from the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) studied at Providence University from September 2006 to January 2007 and returned home enriched by their encounter with another culture. They took regular courses in the Department of Business Administration and the Department of English Language, Literature and Linguistics, as well as Taiwanese Culture Study, an English-taught course designed for international students.

A significant experience for the three was their visit to Da-Guan Community, a pristine place where old meets new and home to the Atayal tribe. As one student puts it, "My mental image of Taiwan has always been one of an industrialized city. However, Da-Guan showed me a different side of Taiwan. ...I found our trip to be extremely worth it."



*Ivy Guntan, Glory de Leon, and Desiree Aranzaso of ADMU visit the Formosan Aboriginal Cultural Village in October 2006.*

## News from the Members

### HK Baptist University celebrates golden jubilee



The Mr. and Mrs. Chan Hon Yin Modern Chinese Medicine Research and Service Center

**H**ong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) celebrated its golden jubilee last year with a year-long series of activities organized by the members of the university and alumni with the support of community leaders and consuls-general of foreign governments in Hong Kong. Several events served to showcase the history and achievements of the university to the community and the public.

#### *A year of multiple harvests*

In 2006, the College of International Education and the HKBU-affiliated school Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School in Shek Mun campus both commenced operation, paving a complete path to university education for its students. Meanwhile, the first stage of construction work for the BNU-HKBU-United International College in Zhuhai has been completed.

The Mr. and Mrs. Chan Hon Yin Modern Chinese Medicine Research and Service Center set up by the School of Chinese Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in collaboration with the Hospital Authority has also commenced operation. The year also witnessed the setting up of the Center for Holistic Teaching and Learning which, together with the new Fung Hon Chu Endowed Chair of Humanics, is driving the comprehensive development of the university's quality whole-person education.

### Christian universities in Taiwan form TaiCUCA

The Taiwan Christian Universities and Colleges Alliance (TaiCUCA) was established on May 22,

2006 to enhance the cause of Christian higher education in Taiwan through mutual support and cooperation among Christian universities and colleges by holding, conferences, seminars and joint faculty-student programs. TaiCUCA is composed of 11 institutions: Fu Jen Catholic University, Providence University, Tunghai University, Chung Yuan Christian University, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, St John's University, Chang Jung Christian University, Aletheia University, Christ's College, Sheng-te Christian College, Taiwan Adventist College. TaiCUCA Web site: <http://www2.thu.edu.tw/~taicuca>.

### Ateneo de Manila University hosts United Board Fellows



The 2005-2006 UBCHEA Fellows with their coordinators from the Ateneo

The Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), through the Office of the Academic Vice President, has hosted five groups of United Board Fellows since 2002. The 16 fellows were from Taiwan, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, China, and Indonesia.

The United Board Fellows Program aims to nurture leadership as well as scholarship. The program, directed by Dr. Rita Pullium, Vice President of the United Board, provides an opportunity for selected scholars to spend one semester in each of two consecutive years on a campus other than their own, one in Asia and the other in the United States.

While in residence in ADMU, the fellows work closely with their assigned mentors who are familiar with their academic and/or administrative areas to learn leadership skills and educational management. ADMU also sends its faculty members to join the Fellows Program.



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