International Movement of Catholic Students Asia Pacific 2018 Report



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1) IMCS Asia Pacific (outgoing) Coordinator's Message

In almost ten decades long existence, IMCS has always been going through many challenges as a youth led organization. It is a pleasure to contribute to the IMCS journey of justice and peace through my mandate as the Asia Pacific coordinator.

Throughout the 3 years mandate started on 1st February 2016, there has been many challenges and blessings from God to encounter them.

Human Resources

Lack of Human Resources in the Asia Pacific coordination was a big challenge given the size of the region. Even though there should be 3 coordinators serving in the coordination, representing the 3 subregions under the Asia Pacific coordination according to the IMCS Asia Pacific statutes, gradually within the past 15 years, number of coordinators which can be afforded by the coordination had been reduced to a one person due to lack of funding. That one person was also supported mainly by the alumni and the well-wishers such as Prof. Ignatius Rasiah¹ and Fr. Jojo Fung S.J.². Administrative staff had been long left and the coordinator was managing the administrative tasks as well. Since my mandate started, the chaplaincy team majorly contributed to the coordination to perform the duties of the coordination. Specially the two lay chaplains, Mr. Ruki Fernando³ and Ms. Anne Beatrice⁴ have supported the coordination in their best, going out of their chaplaincy capacities. And the former IMCS Asia Pacific coordinators Mr. Adrian Pererira⁵, Mr. John Shanth Kumar⁶, Ms. Felicia Dian² have been continuously supporting the coordination as trainers, programme planners and with their supervision.

Avocado Mission House

Administration of the Asia Pacific coordination was mainly done based in Avocado Mission house since 2013 considering the difficulty of maintaining 2 properties (office and house) while the AP staff was only a one person. Due to the deterioration of physical situation of Avocado mission house which is more than 4 decades old, accommodating the coordinators and regular visitors like national movement representatives and chaplains was another challenge. Mostly accommodation issues of visitors were sorted out by Mrs. Virginia Francisco who is assisting the coordination as a member of trustees' board. Since the renovations of the Avocado mission house started in January 2019, Mrs. Francisco has been an immense support to IMCS Asia Pacific through donations and supervision.

Financial Situation

Even though alumni and well-wishers' donations were enough to manage the finances of the coordination, it was not enough to conduct the training programmes in the region. During the first year of my mandate (2016), we reorganized the communication with funding partners and the national movements. I could visit CCFD – France, MISSIO – Munich and DKA – Austria together with IMCS International president Dr. Edouard Karoue and update them about IMCS Asia Pacific region. Throughout the past three years, CCFD, MISSIO Aachen⁸, MISSIO Munich and DKA has been encouraging partners to IMCS Asia Pacific in all the regional capacity building efforts. Starting from year 2018, DKA has been supporting the coordination for the administrative expenses and that has made the space for IMCS AP to increase Human Resources in the coordination by electing 2 coordinators starting from 2019.

¹ Professor – National University of Singapore (Alumni of Malaysian Students Movement)

² Director – East Asia Pastoral Institute, Philippines (IMCS AP Chaplain from 2009 to 2015)

³ Director – "Inform" Human Rights Documentation Center, Sri Lanka. (IYCS Asia Coordinator from 2000 to 2003)

⁴ Director – North South Initiative, Malaysia

⁵ Director – North South Initiative (NSI), Malaysia (IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator from 2006 to 2010.)

⁶ Director - Youth Empower in Action for Humanity (YEAH), India (IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator from 2002 to 2005)

⁷ Coordinator – Asian Lay Leaders Forum (IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator from 2012 to 2015)

⁸ Due to planning difficulties, we were not able to visit MISSIO Aachen, but the communication happened through email.

National Movements

In the time movement had been struggling with administrative and financial issues, some national member movements had declined to small groups or to a nonexistent level. IMCS movement in Nepal had been integrated to the parish level together with other youth groups under a one umbrella organization which had resulted to lose the characteristic and qualitative significance of the group as a tertiary students' organization. IMCS movement in Pakistan which used to be vibrant had completely ceased to exist. Due to local dynamics, IMCS member movement in Malaysia was dissolved by the bishops' conference in 2011. IMCS movement in Taiwan had lost the connection with international movement even though they were functioning well as a local movement. IMCS movement in Australia had completely cut off the communication with the international movement. Previous coordination team had already started efforts to sort out situations such as in Malaysia by starting communication with Catholic bishops. Our coordination team was able to extend the efforts to a certain level. After visiting Nepal and meeting bishop Paul Simick, student movement was reestablished based in the Jesuit lead Xavier college in Kathmandu in 2017. Malaysian bishops conference granted the permission to Campus ministry to communicate with IMCS and participate in IMCS programmes as a contact group in 2017. Currently communication is happening with Australia and Pakistan to figure out the best possible way to collaborate, recognizing their local dynamics. It would be the responsibility of the next coordination teams to complete the tasks started and continued by previous teams while being sensitive to local realities of the national movements.

Way Forward

As a students' organization, IMCS is extremely sensitive to and highly affected by the social changes within past few decades. Even though the effects of 2008 global financial crisis and global neo liberal agenda have created long-term difficulties to the mission of IMCS, those challenges itself provide the reason for Catholic students to continue their almost 100 years long tradition of faith activism. Some traditions are to be discarded as they are not really empowering the marginalized. Marginalized empowering traditions like IMCS are to be refined and passed to next generations to serve hundred more years. This is an important reflection for IMCS as a global organization which has arrived to a vital turning point to reorganize the mission of IMCS in a more relevant way to the today's world without losing the spirit of the organization embedded in the vision and history of the organization. Being a part of the IMCS mission for 3 years in Asia Pacific has made me realize the importance of students' progressive engagement for social transformation. And the need of that progressive engagement is now vital more than even. May IMCS be salt of the earth and light of the world⁹ for many more years to come. Amen!

Ravi Tissera Asia Pacific Coordinator (February 2016 – February 2019) Pax Romana-International Movement of Catholic Students 28th February 2019

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⁹ Matthew 5: 13-16

2) IMCS Asia Pacific (incoming) Coordinator's Message



I am William Nokrek, an indigenous person from Garo Indigenous Community from Bangladesh. I have been a member of Bangladesh Catholic Students' Movement (BCSM) since 2010 and also have served as the National President. BCSM is a platform which brings out the best from a student, fostering the leadership qualities in him/her. It teaches the students about the practical social issues which makes students to feel for one another and to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ to serve all. Thus, comes the idea of social justice and equal rights for all.

I have also served as the President of Bangladesh Indigenous Students Action Forum (BISAF). As an indigenous student leader, I have worked with different departments of

the government to ensure the rights of indigenous people and have advocated on behalf of Indigenous students for a quota in the university entrance and government employments.

I also have worked as a Journalist in various newspapers and have written articles on human rights and different issues of Indigenous and minority communities. Recently, I graduated in Journalism, communication and media studies.

Vision for IMCS AP:

- 1. Build a platform for Students across Asia Pacific to exchange ideas and have a relationship to support each other's struggles;
- 2. To develop a network for national movements at the national and regional level to strengthen their struggle;
- 3. Develop a system to assist the fundraising efforts of national movements;
- 4. Formation for the next team leader and also next generation of leaders among the National Movements;
- 5. Inspire the national movements to work towards the emancipation of marginalized community;
- 6. Mobilizing international solidarity for national movement initiatives and struggles;
- 7. Build a cordial relationship with National Movements and ensure the participation in council;
- 8. Create a platform to assist the members of national movements in terms of opportunities, exposures and education;
- 9. Organize a consultation/reunion program with the former coordinators and Chaplains of Asia Pacific to reflect and strengthen the Movement;
- 10. Build a Self-Sustainable financial model for the movement;

United Nations facilitated a global plan the SDG 2030; in which says "Leave no one behind". Despite that, we still wait to see non-communal, developed and humane world, where everyone will live in peace and harmony enjoying equal rights. There is a song to the God, "make me your messenger of peace". We the youths being united can work with this motto together and build the world full of love, unity, just and peace.

I know there were various problems or challenges in working, are and there will be. Yet we have to work for the future. For our new generation if we work together in the youth, I believe that this world will grow beautifully. Just need a nice mentality for the work. I hope that we will be with you in the coming days and we will work together to build a beautiful society.

William Nokrek
Asia Pacific Coordinator (February 2019 – February 2022)
Pax Romana-International Movement of Catholic Students
01st March 2019

3) IMCS Asia Pacific Administrative, Governance Body Information

a) IMCS Asia Pacific Board of Directors

The IMCS Asia Pacific Board of Directors are mainly assisting the management of the legalities of the organization. Starting from year 2018, 2 former members of IMCS Asia Pacific, Fr. Fung Jee Vui as Member and Felicia Dian as Financial Officer, joined the board of directors. Traditionally, these two positions are held by 2 serving coordinators.

| Name | Position | Country |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle | President | Philippines |
| Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian | Vice President | Philippines |
| Virginia Francisco | Secretary | Philippines |
| Fr. Fung Jee Vui, SJ | Member | Malaysia |
| Felicia Dian Ravenska Parera | Financial Officer | Indonesia |

b) IMCS Asia Pacific Coordination Team and Chaplaincy Team

According to the IMCS Asia Pacific statutes, 3 coordinators representing 3 subregions should serve the region. Due to the financial issues, the region is served by only one coordinator.

IMCS Asia Pacific chaplaincy team is expected to assist the elected regional coordinators with their expertise and spiritual accompaniment during the mandate. As per tradition, different IMCS regional coordination have followed the single chaplaincy format. However, in Asia Pacific region, to remain true to the Identity of IMCS being a lay movement, IMCS Asia Pacific has followed the chaplaincy team format which comprises of one lay female chaplain, one male chaplain together, with one religious chaplain (male or female) since 2003. Chaplains are appointed for a period of 3 years.

| Outgoing coordination and chaplaincy team (2016 Feb – 2019 Feb) | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Name | Position | Country / Sub region | | | |
| Ravi Tissera | Coordinator | Sri Lanka / South Asia | | | |
| Fr. Bonifacio Ola Praja | Religious Chaplain | Indonesia / South East Asia | | | |
| Anne Beatrice | Lay Female Chaplain | Malaysia / South East Asia | | | |
| Ruki Fernando | Lay Male Chaplain | Sri Lanka / South Asia | | | |

| Incoming coordination and chaplaincy team (2019 Feb – 2022 Feb) | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Position | Country / Sub region | | | | |
| William Nokrek | Coordinator | Bangladesh / South Asia | | | | |
| Sr. Jantana Wongsankakorn, OSU | Religious Chaplain | Thailand / South East Asia | | | | |
| Law Lap Man | Lay Female Chaplain | Hong Kong / East Asia | | | | |
| John Shanth Kumar Joseph | Lay Male Chaplain | India / South Asia | | | | |

c) Introduction of Incoming Chaplaincy Team

i) Religious Chaplain - Sr. Jantana Wongsankakorn, OSU



I am a Thai Ursuline Sister. I have received the strong Ursuline spirit "Serviam" since I was a primary school student. When I studied in the University, I joined the Catholic movement. My background is accounting and finance. I used to work in the Stock Exchange of Thailand as an analyst around ten years. After that I joined the Ursuline Order in 2002. I was inspired by the simplicity of religious life.

I was a chaplain in the team of Catholic Students of Thailand in 2003 –2006. The experience truly imprinted me about spiritual growth opportunities for youth especially serving others in Tsunami experience in 2004. After my final profession, I was sent to Cambodia during 2010 – 2017. My service was to serve the children and young people with informal education and rural development.

At present, responsibilities in Thailand are,

- The coordinator of the Santiwana Eco-Community Project, Bangkok
- Administrative work at Vasudevi school
- Member of the Financial and Asset Committee of the Thai Province

ii) Lay Female Chaplain – Law Lap Man



I am a Social Worker from Hong Kong. I hold a Bachelor degree in Social Work and M Phil in Cultural Studies, and now studying Transformative Studies in Doctorate level. During my university period, I was actively involved in the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students (HKFCS) as External Vice President (2000-2002) and have served as the Full Timer in 1999. Through the HKFCS, I had many opportunities to attend overseas exposure and regional programs organized by the International Movement of Catholic Students - Asia Pacific (IMCS-AP), and thus greatly influenced by the value "option for the poor".

I started to work in the YMCA of Hong Kong as community organizer, responsible for community development and cultural integration. Except

providing direct service to the non-Chinese, Ethnic Minorities (EM), I also concern about cross cultural integration and people's transformation and development, especially focus on young people and EM ladies. I am one of the Gender Equity Committee Member of Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) in 2015-2019. I am passionately involved in the Ecumenical Movement and feel lucky could work in a position that brings faith into action. I would like to see how I could contribute to the movement that nurtures me in the upcoming journey.

iii) Lay Male Chaplain – John Shanth Kumar Joseph

In 1996, when I first became part of All India Catholic University Federation (AlCUF), the first literature I got to read was a declaration made by Indian Catholic University Students in 1970. It read "We were born into an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it as we have found it". This became a key turning points in my life and my struggle to find purpose & vision.



Hello, my name is John and I am from Bangalore, India. Since 1996, I have been part of AICUF. In my journey as a Catholic Tertiary Student, I have been fortunate to engage and collaborate with number of individuals, communities, movements and institutions who contributed to the growth of my perspective and skills. After completion of Graduation in 2001, I served as an AICUF Fulltime National Coordinator. In 2002 – 2005 I had the opportunity to serve as the Asia Pacific Coordinator of International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS), this experience particularly helped in solidifying my faith, perspective and commitment.

Currently, I am part of Youth Empowered in Action for Humanity (YEAH), a Youth Platform formed by a group of former AICUFers to continue to engage with youth in commitment to creating a transformative society. I believe this goal can be

achieved through appropriate and adequate Empowerment, Action and Solidarity.

4) IMCS Asia Pacific Catholic Students Movements Information

a) National Movement List

| NO. | National Movement | Abbreviation | Established Year | Sub-region |
|-----|--|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 01. | All India Catholic University Federation | AICUF | 1924 | South Asia |
| 02. | Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement | BCSM | 1991 | South Asia |
| 03. | Catholic Students Network of Thailand | CSNT | 1956 | Southeast Asia |
| 04. | Hong Kong Federation of Catholic students | HKFCS | 1961 | East Asia |
| 05. | International Movements of Catholic Students of Nepal | IMCS Nepal | 2016 (Reestablished) | South Asia |
| 06. | Union of Catholic University Students of the Republic of Indonesia | PMKRI | 1947 | Southeast Asia |
| 07. | Seoul Federation of Catholic Students (Korea) | SFCS | 1956 | East Asia |
| 08. | Sri Lanka University Catholic Students Movement | SLUCSM | 1928 | South Asia |
| 09. | University Catholic Chinese Students Association (Taiwan) | UCCSA | 1951 | East Asia |
| 10. | Australian Catholic Students Movement ¹⁰ | ACSA | 1931 | Pacific |

b) Other student Groups' Information

• Light of Dawn - China

Language and political issues have caused difficulties of communication. Currently they try to participate in IMCS programmes as observers.

Vietnam

University Students groups lead by Jesuits have been participating IMCS programmes as observers. Due to political issues, it has become a challenge to establish an official movement.

Malaysia

Previous students' movement which was a full member of IMCS was dissolved by Malaysian Bishops conference. After years of lobbying, Bishops conference has given the permission to Malaysian Campus Ministers Association to start the communication with IMCS starting from 2017. Currently Campus Ministers and students are participating IMCS programmes as observers.

Pakistan

Previously Pakistan has had a full member movement of IMCS. Even though they didn't disaffiliate from the international movement, group ceased to exist due to local dynamics. Currently IMCS is in a collaboration with Lahore based "Theological Institute for Laity" (TIL) for reestablishing a Catholic tertiary students organization.

¹⁰ Due to prolonged lack of communication, membership is under review.

5) National Movement Membership Data

| No. | National Movement | Number of members | Units | Departments | Thematic Commissions |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------|-------|---|--|
| 01. | AICUF | 22,000 | 220 | National Team | Dalit Commission Women commission Refugee Commission Adivasi Commission |
| 02. | BCSM | 1750 | 25 | National Team | Media Commission Advocacy Commission Indigenous Commission |
| 03. | CSNT | 150 | 3 | National Team | |
| 04. | HKFCS | 200 | 11 | Pastoral Care Committee Financial Committee Current Affairs Committee International Affairs Committee Catholic Post-Secondary Editorial Board Information Management Committee Internal Affairs Group Constitution Committee IMCS East Asia Program 2018 Organizing Committee | |
| 05. | IMCS Nepal | 30 | 1 | National Team | |
| 06. | PMKRI | 1,500 | 70 | Presidiums: International Boards, Organizational Development Education and regeneration, social issue movement, university relations, | |
| 07. | SFCS | 241 | 38 | Executive Committee | |
| 08. | SLUCSM | 2200 | 12 | National Team | |
| 09. | UCCSA | 190 | 31 | International liaison Social media propaganda Communication | |

6) Main Activities of National Movements

| | | | AICUF | | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of Action | National Council On Rejuvenation Of AICUF | 10 States Conducted Capacity Building Leadership Camps | Environmental concerns | and Tamil Nadu cyclone relief camps and contribution | protests for human rights violations |
| _ | 55 leaders representing 13 states in India | 800 Students | 1300+120 | building | Not taking up environmental |
| Period | 4 days in August | conducting | One day public meeting and workshop for 3 days I Tamil Nadu and Patna | leadership camps | programmes on a war footing |
| Theme | Rejuvenation of the nature of student movement of AICUF | | Care for the common home | Cultural training | |
| Objectives | justice-oriented history of AICUF | socioeconomi c and political analysis of present situation in India To make the Adivasis and | To make the student community to understand the social teaching of the church on environment To understand the local environmental problems To take practical resolutions to safeguard the environment | | |
| Key Outcomes | AICUF leaders from different states took a pledge to revitalize the student movement | involved for | In Patna huge gathering of catholic students to understand the environmental problems | | |

| | | work in vedharnyam area. Students have taken | Students gained new insights and understanding regarding environmental issues. Students have taken initiative to plant saplings and establish plastic free campus | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | BCSM | | |
| Key Actions | A | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Action | (Workshop / Exposure) | Training | Conference | _ | •Most of the Priest/Religious |
| Number of Participants | 30 | 40 | 100 | Advocacy Commission formed | person/ Chaplains don't know about |
| Period | 3rd- 8th February 2018 | 18-22 April, 2018 | 22nd to 24th November, 2018 | (National level) | |
| Theme | Interreligious/Intercult ural Dialogue and Cooperation, Ecological | and capacity | _ | | Fund crisisLeadership crisis rural areaLack of training |
| Objectives | Vision and Spirit for Lay leaders based on FABC & CSTs •Providing "Asian | leadership capabilities among the members of | •Giving members idea about Social Analysis: Students in Prophetic Action •Emphasize on Interreligious/Intercultural Dialogue and present scenario •Ensuring Youth in Peace keeping | •BCSM President represents Bangladeshi youth in the Pre Synodal meeting in | for Chaplin/Animat or •Youths are busy their studies/exam •Most of the times parents do not allow their child to attend the programs for their study |

| Key | | | | | and insecure |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Outcomes | | | | | and insecure |
| | | | | | •Youths are not |
| | | | | | interested for |
| | | | | | study |
| | | | | | session/training |
| | | | | | but they are |
| | | | | | interested for |
| | | | | | cultural event/party |
| | | | CSNT | | event/party |
| | <u> </u> | | | | |
| Key Actions | Α | В | C | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of | Gathering the youth | Student | Seminar and Camp | • The university | • Lacking of co- |
| Action | from all dioceses in | | | student realized | operation |
| | Thailand | | | that world is | between CSNT |
| Number of | About 300 participants | About 50 | About 20 participants | changing, they | |
| Participants | | participants | | | club. • Our CSNT |
| Period | 15 - 19 October 2018 | 27 - 30 July | 1-year program | social. But our | has no support |
| | | 2018 | | CSNT tried to | |
| Theme | "Into the Deep" | Past is | Deepening and learning | | that's why our |
| | ' | present, | | formation, so | <u> </u> |
| | | present is | Ignatius of Loyola | that students | |
| | | Future | | have | Catholic club. |
| Objectives | Training to be discipline | This activity | Magis group will focus | consciousness | |
| | either physical and | gives a | on charism of St. Ignatius | to distinguish | |
| | · · | | of Loyola which consists | | |
| | program concerned | | to reinforce a | Christ and standard of | |
| | | | relationship with a group | | |
| | and those who have | now to make a | in order that they can be reflective person. More | Suturi. | |
| | | | than that participants | | |
| | such as orphanage, | | also have opportunity to | | |
| | handicap, and etc. | others. | share their experiences | | |
| | р, ана сос | | with friends and to know | | |
| | | | more about oneself | | |
| | | | through Ignatius | | |
| | | | spirituality. | | |
| Кеу | Concern on human life | | Being aware of the | | |
| Outcomes | in social. | · · | situation and | | |
| | | _ | circumstances of oneself | | |
| | | | and world. | | |
| | | present, and | | | |
| | | make a good plan for | | | |
| | | future. | | | |
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| | | | HKFCS | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of Action | Exposure | Exposure | Movie Sharing | | No executive committee |
| Number of Participants | 41 | 15 | 5 | | |
| Period | 1/8/2018-7/8/2018 | 10/6/2018- 16/6/2018 | 19/5/2018 | | |
| Theme | EAP 2018 | The Key to Peace | Movie sharing (Spotlight) | | |
| Objectives | Understand Hong Kong homelessness situation | | Reflect our role and duty in the church | | |
| Key Outcomes | | | | | |
| | | IM | CS Nepal | | |
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievemen ts | Challenges |
| _ | Recollection and | Christmas | | Formation of | |
| Action | Masses | Drama | lare Movement | the Core team and the first | |
| Number of Participants | 30 or so | 30 or so | 30 or so | IMCS social | |
| Period | Thrice in the year | 23rd and 24th of December 2018 | October 2018 | performance | |
| Theme | Leadership in the youth; Creating better future for ourselves | Youth empowermen t | Deepening one's spirituality | | |
| Objectives | To take the movement forward | To create an awareness in the youth for the need for forgiveness | | | |
| Key Outcomes | Creation of a core team with the president, vice-president, treasurer and Secretary and a full-time volunteer | | Daily spiritual activities enriching one's life. | | |

| | | | PMKRI | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of Action | Indonesia" (We Are Indonesia) campaign in | • | Seminar | •The addition of the number of PMKRI Branches to 70 | organizational system that has not been updated |
| = | 1000 participants per city | 50 Branches (2 delegates per branch) | 300 | •2 New Branches Candidate | according to the progress of the times |
| Period | July 2018, September2018, October 2018 (One week Every Month) | 7 Days (7-12 August 2018) | April 20, 2018 | | - |
| Theme | Kita Indonesia | | Indonesian women in the tempest of human trafficking | PMKRI congress | |
| Objectives | diversity of Indonesia which has been | PMKRI | understand the problem of violence against women | | |
| Key Outcomes | People the younger generation realize that diversity is Indonesia's national identity, and respect each other | | participants understand the problem of violence against women in Indonesia | | |
| | | | SFCS | | |
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of Action | PAX Fiesta | Seminar/ Lecture (Eojjeoda- catholic) | Farm camp | | |
| Number of Participants | | | | | |
| Period | 2018.1 | 2018. 9~11 | 2018.6 | | |

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|---------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| Theme | God of the low man | It is about the explanation how we all became Catholics. | | | |
| Objectives | To make a space to be together with socially disadvantaged people | | | | |
| Key Outcomes | | Many students participated in listening to this lecture, and they were all impressed by the meaning and the interpretation , and new info. | | | |
| | <u> </u> | | LUCSM | | |
| Key Actions | A | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges |
| Form of Action | National Seminar | Retreat | Charitable Projects | establishment | It is difficult to inculcate |
| Number of Participants | 120 (limited number) | Altogether about 700 | Altogether about 850 | Committee we, | Spiritual values in our students |
| Period | 3 days; In May | We conducted 17 of 3-day Retreats | Different Dates (20 Charitable Projects) | Students could | in the midst of their studies and modern Medias. |
| Theme | Environmental Pollution | Different themes | Revision classes, Medical camps, Drug prevention programs, Motivational programs etc. | (There are 2 main ethnic | |
| Objectives | To protect our World | To strengthen Spirituality | To help the Poor and the marginalized | | |
| Key Outcomes | Students firmly decided to love the Nature. | learned to | Students could identify their responsibilities towards the Poor and the Marginalized. | | |
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| | UCCSA | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Key Actions | Α | В | С | Key Achievements | Challenges | | | | | | |
| Form of Action | 88th Faith formation camp 89th Faith formation camp | Leadership formation camp | 46th National conference | regional bonds: Each region has accomplished several regional movements by themselves, such as regional reunions, regional retreat, regional caroling to homeless people) The Amendment of constitution has accomplished on January | regional bonds: Each region has accomplished | in national movement has | | | | | |
| _ | 88th: Participants: 38 Staff: 22; 89th: Participants: 46 Staff: 13 | Delegates: 31 Secretariat: 5 | Delegates: 25 Secretariat: 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Period | 88th : 2/4-2/9 ; 89th : 9/1-9/6 | 10/13-10/14 | 1/27-1/30 | | | | | | | | |
| Theme | Faith formation vocation self-acknowledgement | Leadership formation Sharing and solving reality problem | | | constitution has accomplished | constitution has accomplished | constitution has accomplished | constitution has accomplished | constitution has accomplished | constitution has accomplished | |
| Objectives | All UCCSA members who are interested in | administrator | All executives or delegates from each branch | | | | | | | | |
| Key Outcomes | Weekly gathering in each branch | Regional administrator meeting (once a month) | New Constitution Amendment National objectives and action plan for 2018 | | | | | | | | |

7) Sub-regional programmes

IMCS sub regional programmes are designed to provide focused study trainings and study sessions to students based on issues common to the particular subregions. Thematic areas for these programmes are decided by the student representatives from the sub regions' national movements and IMCS Asia Pacific coordination provides the facilitation for programme organization. Following the major 3 sub regions under IMCS Asia Pacific, it's expected to facilitate 3 sub-regional programmes annually. With the available Human and Financial resources, IMCS AP secretariat facilitated South East Asia and East Asia Sub regional programmes in year 2018. Secretariat is envisioning to facilitate South Asia sub regional training programme as well in the near future.

a) East Asia Programme (EAP) 2018 - "Homeless, option for the Poor?"

The East Asia Programme (EAP) is participated by all member societies in the sub region and is held during the summer break in different locations (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan and South Korea) in a rotating manner, with themes varying by year. EAP 2018 was held in YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel and City University of Hong Kong from 1st to 7th of August 2018.

Taking homelessness as the core concern is decided by all members of East Asian Branch in the 2017 EAP held in Taiwan. Around the Second Council of Vatican, the Magisterium, including Popes St John XXIII, Bl. Paul VI and St John Paul II, formed comprehensive teaching on human rights. Basic rights are not limited to the rights for one to live, but to the rights to live in dignity. Thus, protections on human rights do not mean only to protect some specific rights, but to protect the rights of man, material or spiritual,



as an entirety. The poor and suppressed in the society, in this perspective, are not only short of resources for living, but also suppressed in psyche, deprecated of dignity, denied of personhood. Therefore, Option for the Poor is the calling of Our Lord, the first specific way to exercise the charity of Christian, the method to follow the example of life of Jesus Christ and witnessed by the Tradition of the Church.

Every baptized Christian is entrusted a mission, to "preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16: 15) In this age of human dignity denied, we have the obligation to have dignity of man restored by the authority conferred by Our Savior, be "salt of the earth", "light of the world." We thus expect, considering the situation faced by the homeless, the structural cause and all the social injustice connected with the problem, and reflect how the Christians students in higher education can respond to the society, and take action to fulfil their duty as servant and prophet, through the pastoral circle "see, judge, act,".



Participants Data

| Country | Number of Participa | Number of Participants | |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| | Male | Female | |
| Japan | | 4 | |
| Hong Kong | 5 | 5 | |
| South Korea | 4 | 5 | |
| Taiwan | 2 | 5 | |
| IMCS AP | 1 | | |

Programme

| Time | Session | Facilitator/Speaker |
|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Day 1 | l | |
| Afternoon | Icebreaking | |
| Night | Welcoming Mass | Rev. Fr Martin IP Po Lam |
| | | Chaplain-General to the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students |
| | Night Chat with Youth - | His Eminence Joseph Cardinal ZEN Ze-kiun, S.D.B. Bishop Emeritus of |
| | Social Concern as a | Hong Kong |
| | Mission of Christian | |
| | Students in Higher | |
| | Education | |
| Day 2 | Т. | |
| Morning | The Homeless in Hong | Prof. WONG Hung |
| | Kong – Policy and | Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University |
| | Situation (Keynote | of Hong Kong |
| Afternoon | Speech) Inauguration Mass | Principal Celebrant: |
| Arternoon | maagaration wass | The Most Rev. Michael YEUNG Ming-cheung |
| | | Bishop of Hong Kong |
| Night | National Corner | Organized by participants |
| Day 3 | | - 0 , , , |
| Morning | Holy Mass | |
| _ | National Report | Representatives of National Movements |
| Afternoon | Stand with the | Rev. Fr Marciano BAPTISTA, S.J. |
| | oppressed – | Professor of Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy |
| | theological reflection | Former Ecclesiastical Advisor, Justice and Peace Commission of the Hong |
| | | Kong Catholic Diocese |
| Night | Field Trip | Rev. Fr Franco MELLA, P.I.M.E. |
| | | Advisor to the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students, Former |
| | | President of Street Sleepers Action Committee |
| | | Instructor: Prof. WONG Hung |
| | | Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University |
| | | of Hong Kong |
| Day 4 | I | |
| - | Holy Mass | |
| Morning & | Exposure | Rev. Fr Franco MELLA, P.I.M.E. |
| Afternoon | | Advisor to the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students, Former |
| | | President of Street Sleepers Action Committee |
| | | |
| | | Cooperation: Society for Community Organization, Christian Concern for |
| AI' I I | D | the Homeless Association, CSSA Alliance |
| Night F | Participants Sharing | |
| Day 5 Morning | Holy Mass | |
| 14101111116 | Movie | "Franco Mella" Documentary |
| Afternoon | Inclusion and | Prof. Lisa LEUNG Yuk-ming |
| | separation: The | Associate Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan University |
| | Homeless | Former Chairperson, Justice and Peace Commission of the Hong Kong |
| | | Catholic Diocese |
| | | |
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| Night | Cultural Night | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Day 6 | | | | |
| Morning | Holy Mass | | | |
| | Action Plan | Facilitator – IMCS Asia Pacific | | |
| Afternoon | Free Time | Free Time | | |
| Day 7 | | | | |
| Morning | EAP Way Forward discussion | IMCS Asia Pacific Coordinator | | |
| | Closing Mass | Principal Celebrant: The Most Rev. Joseph HA Chi Shing, O.F.M. Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong | | |

b) South East Asia training Programme 2018 (SEAP 2018)

"Influence of Mass Media and Gender Equality, For God Does not show favoritism -Roman 2:11"

As stated in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Jesus Christ is the "ultimate foundation of the radical equality and brotherhood among all people, regardless of their race, nation, sex, origin, culture, or class." This has been a basis of the South East Asia



Training Programme (SEAP) 2018 themed "Influence of Mass Media and Gender Equality" where a series of lectures and workshops were prepared to equip the participants with knowledge about different concepts in Gender studies and how media affects gender equality.

Gender Equality is one of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal, aiming to eradicate all forms of discrimination and any harmful acts towards women and girls in both private and public sphere. Recognition of the importance of universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights to promote gender equality is present as well. In the eyes of God, man and woman are of equal dignity and value since all are created in God's image and likeness and so inequalities based on gender must be abolished. Mass media can make or break gender stereotypes, gender roles, sexism, homophobia, and all other related



concepts. It plays a critical role in creating models and images in society and so it has a huge role in perpetuating, and possibly ending, gender inequality. It is the main source of information of today's society about local and international happenings, and Mass media also has the power to expose and hide such information. It also has the power to convey messages to people through its various platforms like print, video, audio, and social connectivity, as well as the ability to manipulate public opinion. Through those, understanding how to use Mass Media to create a positive change must be achieved.

36 participants with different backgrounds from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam were given lectures about Feminist Theology and why inequalities must be erased according to catholic social teachings, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE), how inequalities affect the lives of women and other minorities, as well as workshops about media literacy and mass media awareness. They were also given the chance to immerse themselves in different sectors of the Philippine Society through

the program exposure where they met political prisoners, family members of a drug-trade victim,

alternative media practitioners, and non-profit organizations advocating the rights of women.

Through SEAP 2018, the participants were able to meet people with different nationalities from different walks of life, acquire a broader perspective on the world, learn about feminism and the feminist theology, and have working knowledge on the inequalities pertaining to Gender and Sexuality and better understanding of mass media and how it can be harnessed to create positive impact on social issues such as gender inequality.



Visiting Political prisoners

Project Intervention & Methodology

Capacity Building and Campaign Development utilizing alliance building and current social media tools training. Gender Equality experts, Theologians and former IMCS leaders made the participants engaged in the topics related to mass media and gender equality. The knowledge about the strategic interventions they have been using in their activism were shared with the students. Students and actors of the field shared their experiences during the programme and with the programme setup designed to follow the peer to peer educating methods to make it more effective.

Participants Data

| Country | Number of Partici | Number of Participants | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| | Male | Female | | |
| Indonesia | 3 | 4 | | |
| Malaysia | 4 | 4 | | |
| Philippines – Luzon | 4 | | | |
| Philippines – Mindanao | 2 | 2 | | |
| Philippines – Ecumenical Partners | 1 | 2 | | |
| Vietnam | 1 | 7 | | |
| ICLA and Youth Groups (DKA) | 1 | 1 | | |

Programme

| Time | Programme | Responsibility | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Day 0 (2 nd June 2018) | Day 0 (2 nd June 2018) | | | | |
| | Arrival of Participants | Local Organizing Team (LOC) | | | |
| 5.30pm | Welcome and Opening Mass | Fr Dr. Jojo M Fung, SJ | | | |
| 8.00 – 9.30pm | Ice Breaking Expectation Check Orientation: Theme and Methodology of Programme House Rules, Working Groups, and Building Safe Spaces (Gender inclusive policy) | Anne Beatrice Ravi Tissera | | | |

| Day 1 (3 rd June 2018) | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 8.00 | Sunday Morning Mass | Fr. Dr. Jojo Fung S.J. |
| 9.00-10.00 | Keynote Address: Role of Media & Its Influences Gender Equality | Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB |
| 10.00-10.30 | Tea Break | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | UDHR (Continuation) | Anne Beatrice |
| 11.00 -12.30 | Country Presentations: Influence of Media on Participants In their Local Movement Context | Moderator - Felicia Dian Ravenska Parera |
| 12.30-2.00 | Lunch | |
| 2.00 – 3.00 | Engendering Gender Justice in Social Context (Forum) • Equality • Standard Setting: CEDAW AND SDG Framework | Prof. Bernadette Villanueva Neri |
| 3.00-4.00 | Workshop-Understanding Gender Equality | Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB |
| 4.00- 4.30 | Tea Break | |
| 4.30-5.30 | Workshop-Understanding Gender Equality | |
| 5.30pm - 6.00pm | Evening Prayer – Indigenous Spirituality | Bricks Sabella Sintaon |
| 7.30pm – 9pm | Workshop Output | IMCS AP team |
| Day 2 (4 th June 2018) | | |
| 8.00am -8.30am | Morning Liturgy (cultural) | Organized by Participants from Malaysia |
| 9.00am | Exposure programme in women's organization & alternative media organization. | LOC |
| 4pm | Return from Exposure and Rest | LOC |
| Day 3 (5th June 2018 |) | |
| 8.00am - 8.30am | Morning Liturgy (cultural) | Organized by Participants from Indonesia |
| 9.00am -10.30am | Reporting of Exposure Experiences | Moderator - Felicia Dian Ravenska Pereira |

| 10.30 | Tea break | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 10.30-11.00 | Cont: Reporting of Exposure Experiences | Moderator - Felicia Dian Ravenska Pereira | | |
| 11.00 12.30 | Critical Analysis | NCCP | | |
| 12.30 -2pm | Lunch | | | |
| 2pm 3.15pm | Theological Reflection 1: Media and Social Justice According to the Signs of The Times | Dr Jose de Mesa | | |
| 3.15pm - 4.00pm | Theological Reflection 2: Feminist Theology in Action | Dr. Kristine C. Meneses | | |
| 4.00pm - 4.30pm | Tea Break | | | |
| 4.30pm -5.30pm | Synthesis of the Theological reflection | Dr. Kristine C. Meneses | | |
| 5.30pm - 6.00pm | Evening Prayer | | | |
| Day 4 (6th June 2018 | | | | |
| 8.00am - 8.30am | Morning Prayer | Organised by Participants of Vietnam | | |
| 9.00am - 12.30pm | Media Literacy - Workshop on Analyzing Media | Iilang Iilang Quijano | | |
| 12.30pm - 2.00pm | Lunch | | | |
| 2.00pm - 3.00pm | Social Media Tools for Gender Equality | | | |
| 3.00pm - 4.00pm | Power of Social Media in Bringing Changes | | | |
| 4.00pm - 4.30pm | Tea Break | | | |
| 4.30pm - 5.30pm | Workshops: Media- Advocacy Using Creative Tools | Wensislaus Fatubun & Anne Beatrice | | |
| 5.30pm 6.00pm | 5.30pm 6.00pm Evening Prayer | | | |
| Day 5 (7 th June 2018) | | | | |
| 8am | Morning Liturgy (cultural) | Organized by Participants from Philippines | | |

| 9.am-10 | Skills Building: Optimizing technical/practical knowledge via Coaching | Wensi & Anne |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 10.30-11.30 | Using Mass Media/Social Media to Drive Change | Wensi & Anne |
| 11.30-12.30 | Statement Video | Wensi & Anne |
| 12.30-2pm | Lunch | |
| 2.00-3.00pm | Presenting Statement Video | Wensi & Anne |
| 3.00-5.30 | Plan of action: Gender and Social Justice Via Movement Building | IMCS AP Team |
| 7.30pm- | Solidarity/Cultural Night | Organized by Participants |
| Day 6 (8 th June 2018) | | |
| Morning | Morning Liturgy (cultural) | Organized by Participants & LOC |
| 9.00-11.00 | Pre-Production Action Planning | IMCS AP Team |
| 11.00-12pm | Closing Mass | Organized by Participants |

Resource Persons

| No. | Name | Organization |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| 01 | Sr. Dr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB | Ecclesia of Women in Asia |
| 02 | Prof. Bernadette Villanueva Neri | Center for Women's and gender Studies, university of Philippines |
| 03 | Dr. Jose de Mesa | Inter-congregational Theological Center, Philippines |
| 04 | Dr. Kristine Meneses | University of Santa Tomas, Philippines |
| 05 | Wensislaus Fatubun | Geneva for Human Rights |
| 06 | Anne Beatrice | IMCS AP Chaplain / North South initiative, Malaysia |
| 07 | Snap Mabanta | National Council of Churches of Philippines |
| 08 | Bricks Sabilla Sintaon | Indigenous Activist - Mindanao, Philippines |
| 09 | Ilang Ilang Quijano | Altermidya |
| 10 | Felicia Dian | Asian Lay Leaders Forum |
| 11 | Fr. Dr. Jojo Fung S.J. | Director - Jesuit Companion of Indigenous Ministry |

8) Regional Programmes

a) Chaplains and Animators Formation and Exchange 2018

"Mission of Accompaniment - Accompanying Asia Pacific Students' Prophetic Action"



Chaplains and Animators Formation and Exchange 2018 (CAFE 2018) was held from 12th to 18th September 2018 in the Camillian Pastoral Center, Bangkok, Thailand. The 7-day long programme was conducted

under the theme "Mission of Accompaniment - Accompanying Asia Pacific Students' Prophetic Action" with the participation of 23 chaplains, animators and pastoral workers from 11 countries. Catholic Students Network of Thailand (CSNT), national IMCS member of Thailand, hosted the programme.



Participants Data

| Country | Number of Participants | | |
|-------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| | Male | Female | |
| Bangladesh | 1 | | |
| India | 3 | 1 | |
| Indonesia | 3 | | |
| Hong Kong | 1 | | |
| Nepal | 1 | | |
| Pakistan | 1 | | |
| Philippines | | 2 | |
| Sri Lanka | 3 | | |
| Thailand | 4 | 1 | |
| Vietnam | 1 | | |
| Tanzania | 1 | | |

Objectives

- To help chaplains and animators understand the Modality and Spirituality of the IMCS Movement.
- To jointly study and develop new effective methodology of Accompaniment of Students.
- To build strong network among chaplains and animators especially in Asia Pacific.



Programme

| | Session | Facilitato r/s |
|---------|---|--|
| Day 0 | (Tuesday, 11 September 2018) Arrival & Registration | |
| _ | (Wednesday, 12 Sept): Picturing our World cal appraisal of the Asia Pacific context as a basis for validating the need for stud | dent action |
| 8.30am | Opening Liturgy | |
| 9.30am | Welcome, Introduction & Orientation of the Programme | IMCS AP |
| 10.30am | TEA/Coffee Break | |
| 11.00am | Session 1: Keynote "Mission (of) Accompaniment: Accompanying Asia Pacific Students' Prophetic Action" | Fr. Fratern Masawe SJ |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | |
| 2.00pm | Workshop 1: Real World Realities – Geo-Political, Socio-Economic and Cultural Context of Asia Pacific | John Shanth Kumar |
| 7.00pm | Dinner | |
| _ | (Thursday, 13 Sept): Exposure & Immersion standing of student realities, struggles, actions & community engagement | |
| 8.15am | Reflection/Meditation | |
| 8.30am | Exposure Visit Bringing Chaplains and Animators face to face with the, Current student realities. Students' Struggles for Identity. Witness Role of students in the local communities. Take stock of successes and challenges of Student Social Action. Student Spirituality. Listen to the Students understanding and experiences of existing forms of Accompaniment. Take note of Students' expectations of Accompaniment. | Ruki Fernando & Anne Beatrice (IMCS AP Chaplains) |
| 4.00pm | Panel 1: Students and community action in Asia Stories of Community Struggle from different Students groups across Asia Pacific | Ruki Fernando |
| 5.30pm | Buzz Group 1: Discussion & Analysis of the immersion experiences To collectively engage in critical analysis of exposure experiences & learning; | Ruki Fernando |

| Introchapting an connections between the general contact of Asia Dacific and current | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Introspecting on connections between the general context of Asia Pacific and current Student realities; | | | | |
| Dinner | | | | |
| (Friday, 14 Sept): Redefining Accompaniment tive reflection on current Accompaniment forms, gaps & challenges | | | | |
| Reflection/Meditation | | | | |
| Presentation 1: National Movement Reports – Needs, Relevance, Action and Challenges | Anne | | | |
| A brief historical account of the national movement, particularly the context of its emergence, Journey and contribution to the students and communities | Beatrice | | | |
| Share on current activities and challenges | | | | |
| TEA/Coffee Break | | | | |
| Presentation 2a: Stories of Accompaniment – Current work of Chaplains & Animators, Struggles and Challenges | John Shanth Kumar | | | |
| An opportunity for the Chaplains and Animators to Share on: - Current Structure, Roles and Responsibilities - Specific model of Accompaniment presently practiced in the movement - Success stories, struggles and challenges | Kamai | | | |
| Lunch | | | | |
| Presentation 2b: Stories of Accompaniment – Current work of Chaplains & Animators, Struggles and Challenges | | | | |
| An opportunity for the Chaplains and Animators to Share on: - Current Structure, Roles and Responsibilities - Specific model of Accompaniment presently practiced in the movement - Success stories, struggles and challenges | | | | |
| TEA/Coffee Break | | | | |
| Buzz Group 2: Redefining Accompaniment | | | | |
| Brainstorm on the suitable modules of accompaniment | | | | |
| (Saturday, 15 Sept): Redefining Accompaniment ive reflection on current Accompaniment forms, gaps & challenges | | | | |
| Workshop 2a: Accompaniment & Gender | Anne | | | |
| Introspecting on current practices of the movement & Accompaniment in relation to Gender Equality Discuss strategies for gender just policies, structures and accompaniment within the | Beatrice & John Shanth Kumar | | | |
| | Friday, 14 Sept): Redefining Accompaniment | | | |

| 10.30am | TEA/Coffee Break | |
|---------|---|---------------------|
| 10.45am | Workshop 2b: Accompaniment & Gender - Introspecting on current practices of the movement & Accompaniment in relation to Gender Equality - Discuss strategies for gender just policies, structures and accompaniment within the context of Student Action | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | |
| 2.00pm | Workshop 3: Accompaniment in the context of Diversity (Interfaith & Intercultural) | Fr. Jojo |
| | Share current practices of accompaniment in the context of diversity; Discuss strategies for inclusive accompaniment | Fung SJ |
| 4.30pm | Session 2: Theological Reflection – "Christ's Model of Accompaniment" | Fr. Jojo Fung SJ |
| | - Understanding the concept and methodology of Christ's Model of Accompaniment - Engage in theologising personal experiences, struggles, challenges in Accompaniment | |
| - | (Sunday, 16 Sept): Equipping to Accompany or effective accompaniment | |
| 8.30am | Reflection/Meditation | |
| 9.00am | Workshop 4: Theologising Experiences to Prophetic Action - Devotional/Ritualistic to Prophetic spirituality | Fr. Jojo Fung SJ |
| | - Learning ways to theologise personal movemental experiences to reflective actions - Learning to develop student centric spirituality of action to address the current context of society | |
| 10.45am | TEA/Coffee Break | |
| 11.00am | Workshop 5: Human Rights & Youth – Rights & Implications | Jerald Joseph |
| | Introduction to the basic concept of Human RightsDiscuss Youth and Human Rights and ways to converge | зозерп |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | |
| 2.00pm | Workshop 6: Local Governance and Youth – Policies, Representation & Participation | Jerald Joseph |
| | Case Study on Student Leaders in governance of the country - Understanding relevance and dynamics Youth Policies in Asia Pacific - Introduction to Multi-level governance structures in relation to Youth in Asia Pacific - Discuss ways of aligning current work with local Youth Policies and implementations | |

| 4.30pm | Workshop 7a: Skills for Accompaniment – Popular Education & Communication Skills Learning various skills that are necessary for effective Youth Training, Management and | | | | |
|---------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 7.00pm | Mentoring. Dinner | | | | |
| Day 6 | (Monday, 17 Sept): Equipping to Accompany for effective accompaniment | | | | |
| 8.30am | Reflection/Meditation | | | | |
| 9.00am | Workshop 7b: Skills for Accompaniment Learning various skills that are necessary for effective Youth Training, Management and | | | | |
| | Mentoring. | | | | |
| - | (Tuesday, 18 Sept): Empowered to Accompany Forward | | | | |
| 8.30am | Reflection/Meditation | | | | |
| 9.00am | Presentation 3: Report on IMCS Asia Pacific - Coordination, Relevance, Action & Challenges | | | | |
| | i. Introduction to IMCS Asia Pacific, Its structure, History, forms of accompaniment, contribution and Challenges ii. Examine the need & relevance of Regional Coordination to current Asia Pacific Context | | | | |
| 10.45am | TEA/Coffee Break | | | | |
| 11.00am | Workshop 8a: Action Plan 1. National, Sub-regional & Regional Commitment to Accompaniment 2. Roadmap for School of Accompaniment – Formation & Exchange (SAFE) | Anne Beatrice & Ruki Fernando | | | |
| | Discuss strategies of effective partnership in accompaniment at local, National, Sub-regional, Regional and Global levels | | | | |
| | Draft Action Plan for stronger movement building and Accompaniment | | | | |
| | Brainstorm on possible school of Accompaniment for sustained nurturing of Chaplains and Animators | | | | |
| | Creation of task forces for better movement building | | | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | | | |

| 2.00pm | Workshop 8b: Action Plan 3. National, Sub-regional & Regional Commitment to Accompaniment 4. Roadmap for School of Accompaniment – Formation & Exchange (SAFE) | | | | |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Discuss strategies of effective partnership in accompaniment at local, National, Sub-regional, Regional and Global levels | | | | |
| | Draft Action Plan for stronger movement building and Accompaniment | | | | |
| | Brainstorm on possible school of Accompaniment for sustained nurturing of Chaplains and Animators | | | | |
| | Creation of task forces for better movement building | | | | |
| 4.00pm | Finalizing Declaration of Accompaniment | | | | |
| 7.00pm | Dinner | | | | |
| 8.00pm | Closing Ceremony & Cultural Night | | | | |

Resource Persons

| No | Name | Organization |
|-----|--------------------------|---|
| 01. | Fr. Fratern Masawe, S.J. | International Chaplain - IMCS pax Romana |
| 02. | Fr. Jojo Fung, S.J. | Director - East Asia Pastoral Institute |
| 03. | John Shanth Kumar | Director - Youth Empower in Action for Humanity (YEAH), India |
| 04. | Anne Beatrice | IMCS AP Lay Chaplain Director - North South Initiative, Malaysia |
| 05. | Ruki Fernando | IMCS AP Lay Chaplain Director - Human Rights Documentation Center, Sri Lanka |
| 06. | Jerald Joseph | Human Rights Commissioner, Malaysia |
| 07. | Ravi Tissera | IMCS Asia Pacific Coordinator |

Way Forward Discussion

In the final day of the CAFE 2018, participants and IMCS Asia Pacific secretariat had an open discussion on national and regional concerns focusing on development and productivity of the students' activism. In the table are the concerns brought forward and agreed upon by the IMCS Asia Pacific national movements and the regional secretariat.

| CAFÉ | Country | National Movement Commitment after CAFÉ | Expectations of the National Movement | Expectation from the AP Team | Expectation of the AP team from the National Movements |
|------|---------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
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| India | Preparing student for politics based on spirituality inspired by CST National level CAFÉ in the movement | Train student leaders to lead in regional and international movement Rejuvenation of the movement | Fund the issues in the national movement Constant link up with coordinators along with students in the national movement | 01. Explore the possibilities of lay/religious female advisors and more female student leaders. 02. Nominate competent student leaders for IMCS Asia Pacific and International Team. |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|
| Indonesia | To internalize CST | To give more attention to the branches esp the branch who are in need To conduct TOT | Visitation to national movement Connection to funding agencies | 03. Nominate competent student leaders for the UN MGCY and other leadership and training opportunities. |
| Sri Lanka | To revive catholic social teaching amongst students | To provide opportunities inter-universities to have interactions | To maintain a close link with the national movement , in a special manner when IMCS directly intervene in social justice issues | 04.Explore the possibilities of contributing insights and information towards regional / international representation work. 05. Explore the possibilities of contributing/sharing national movement resources for the IMCS programmes. Ex:- |
| Thailand | Students have right to give free speech | The understanding between the government and young people so social activities and cooperation | Monthly report or newsletter about country their activity, sharing and learning together | -EAP is financed by the national movementsAICUF has offered AICUF house for the programmes several times without charging. O6. Regular |
| Hong Kong | To promote HR issues among federations | Expect to have a close relationship with the students | Develop the sustainable relationship with AP team so as to get the most update info | communication and updates from National Movements to AP team. 07. Dissemination of IMCS AP information to the national movement members (Whenever |
| Nepal | Reinvent | Reconnect | Resources | members (whenever |

| Pakistan | Discussing and discovering the opportunities of IMCS mission with local leadership Start campaigning among the student regarding IMCS work through social media and face to face interaction | | Recognition, educational, training and institutional support | possible translate and simplify.) 08. Including CST in the contextual way in the regular training programmes. 09. Promote the Option of the poor and Justice and peace oriented activities. 10. Consider possibilities of being inclusive of diverse gender | |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Vietnam | More study abt CST, esp Human dignity, the poor and poverty and ecological issues | Help student more awareness of social responsibility | More resources, guideline | identities, sexual orientations and different faith traditions in the movement and activities. | |
| Philippines | Expand membership of the movement to other universities and colleges Strengthening the movement by Unifying issues of the indigenous student/people | Collaboration/linkage | | | |

9) Chaplains and Alumni Visitation to National Movements

IMCS AP coordination is expected to pay periodical visits to National Movements for the purpose of regular assistance and evaluation. This has been a challenging task as the finances and human resources in the IMCS Asia Pacific coordination are limited. Chaplaincy team, former coordinators, and alumni have been assisting IMCS through visitation to national movements during their travel in the region. Below are 2 reports from IMCS AP lay chaplain Anne Beatrice's visitation to national movements in year 2018.

a) Visit to HKFCS

Anne Beatrice, IMCS AP chaplain, visited the Catholic Student Society of Hong Kong University on the 3rd of February 2018. It coincided with the inaugural mass for the newly elected committee for the Hong Kong University Catholic Student Unit (HKUSU). Fr Martin IP, the chaplain for HKUSU and HKFCS, was introduced by Hugo Law, Vice President of HKUSU and then joined the Chinese New Year celebrations held by the students. They were also joined by other Catholic Students Group from the other universities.





When she met the committee members, she briefed the newly elected External Vice President, Ms Phoebe, and Ms Teresa Tan, the person-in-charge of Social Affairs, about IMCS. Aside from that, Anne also met with Ms Joyce Tse from the Chinese University Catholic Student Unit and Mr Paul Li, the President of the Lingnan University Catholic Student Unit. They both shared their experience and the reality of being a student in their respective branches.

b) Visit to PMKRI

IMCS AP Chaplain, Anne Beatrice, participated in the PMKRI national planning meeting during her visitation to Indonesia on the 25th to 26th March 2018. The meeting started with a session of introduction and the spirituality of IMCS. The session emphasized on the spirituality of justice, peace, and solidarity. It also helped, those new to IMCS, to realize that they are part of a bigger family of Catholic student movement. The next session, Transformative Leadership, was facilitated By Maria M Restu Hapsari. She talked about the time of Reformation in 1998 in which PMKRI is part of this reformation process, the PMKRI transition history from year 2000. She gave emphasis on differences between Reformation and Transformation;



Reformation is about changing its form slightly differently but the base remains the same while Transformation is



about changing the whole structure. Ms. Maria concluded that the reformation in Indonesia did not have much impact on the socio-economic and political situation of the country.

Following these two sessions, Juventus Prima Kago, the PMKRI President, briefed his team on his vison for PMKRI 2018 - 2020 by giving the mission for each of the six Presidiums, five institutions, and one commissariat. The team decided on the theme of "Kita Indonesia" and focus on issues of Human Rights Violation, Ecology, and on the unity by looking into "Pancasila."

10) IMCS Asia Pacific and International coordination Collaborations

a) Pan African Assembly and IMCS Global Evaluation Meeting

IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator was invited to IMCS Pan African Assembly (PAA) and Global Evaluation Meeting which were held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast from 2nd to 20th October 2018. The 12th Pan African Assembly was held under the theme "African Youth Celebrating 60 Years of Engagement in Sustainable Integral Development and in Conversation of Future Action." During the PAA, participants evaluated the historical engagement of IMCS Africa in the region and made the strategic planning for the way forward for the coming four years. New Pan African coordination team



was elected by the national movement representatives during the Pan African assembly.



IMCS Global Evaluation Meeting was participated by Edouard Karoue (IMCS International President), Ravi Tissera (IMCS AP Coordinator), Phillip Ottenbreit (IMCS North American Coordinator), Maria Hajamiharisoa (African Coordinator – Francophone), Patrick Ochiba (African Coordinator – Anglophone), Ryan Kelly (IMCS UN Advocacy Team representative). During the meeting, Regional and international work conditions, International Structure, Policies and internal work documents, Strategic orientations, Sustainability and expansion, World Assembly 2019 and Centenary celebration were discussed. Based on the conclusions of the evaluation meeting, the group recommended the need of a rejuvenation plan for the global movement and decided to have a planning meeting for the rejuvenation programme in Manila, Philippines.

b) IMCS Global Initiative planning meeting



IMCS Global Initiative Logo

During the IMCS Pax Romana evaluation meeting conducted in Ivory Coast in October 2018, participants were concerned about the need of rejuvenation of Catholic students' action in a more relevant way to the current socio-economic political context in the global level. Following the evaluation meeting decision to address the above need, a planning session for IMCS Global Initiative was held in IMCS Asia Pacific coordination based in Manila, Philippines from 28th November to 8th December 2018. Planning session was conducted with the participation of full time IMCS regional coordinators Maria Hajamiharisoa (Pan African region), Ravi Tissera (Asia Pacific region), and IMCS alumni John Shanth Kumar (Director – Youth Empowerment in Action for Humanity, India), Anne Beatrice (Director – North South Initiative, Malaysia) who are experts on areas such as

youth action and human rights. Planning session was conducted under the theme of "Globalising Students Catholic Action - Empowerment, Action and Solidarity".

Through the IMCS global initiative, it's expected to build the capacity of the leadership of the movement in national, regional and international levels through 3 types of programmes such as,

- International Coordinators training (IMCS international team and coordinators from 6 regions)
- Global CAFÉ (50 Chaplains and animators all over the world)
- National level trainings (27 countries for 1500 university student leaders)



Through the above said programmes, it's expected to achieve the following specific objectives:

- 1. Strengthening the IMCS Movement Internally
- 2. Enhancing Networking and Collaborations between Grassroots and Global Movements
- 3. Developing Spirituality of Social Action

11) Administrative Updates

a) IMCS Mission House Renovation

In 1995, the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Asia Pacific moved its Regional Secretariat to "Avocado House" which is located in 20, Avocado Road, Pilar Village, Las Pinas City, Metro Manila, Philippines. For more than two decades, "Avocado House" has been an Identity and Resource Centre to the movement Locally and Internationally. It has sheltered the Asia Pacific coordinators, Regional Chaplains, National Movement representatives Leaders/Chaplains), Local Student leaders, Likeminded movements, visitors from Funding Agencies, Refugee Students from various countries in Asia Pacific region. Unfortunately, due to the change in the programmatic and structural focus of the funding agencies, the funding assistance that the IMCS Asia Pacific received over the years has declined. This halted timely physical maintenance (adequate repairs and renovation) of the house. Now, the Avocado House is close to 43 years old and is in very unhealthy condition. We have been



advised by the engineers to consider demolition rebuilding. However, taking consideration appalling financial condition of the Regional Coordination and refusal of support by the funders, the regional coordination has started with minimum renovation as an immediate solution as the outer structure could withstand for few years until we find resources to rebuild. former members. national member movements,



collaborators and well-wishers of IMCS Asia Pacific are supporting the renovations.

b) Election for IMCS Asia Pacific Coordinator

Election for the IMCS AP Coordinator for the term of 2019 March – 2022 March was held from 11th to 20th November 2018. Election was conducted online through emails following the provisions of IMCS Asia Pacific statutes. Coordination had received 3 nominations from national movements and Mr. William Nokrek from Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement was elected as the new coordinator. Mr. Nokrek is currently serving as the national president of both Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement and Bangladesh Indigenous Students Action Forum.

| Candidate Votes | | | | | Total | |
|---|--|--|--|--|-------|--|
| Alban Dickgrose South Korea 1 | | | | | | |
| Bhim Tamang Nepal 1 | | | | | | |
| William Nokrek Bangladesh Hong Kong India Indonesia Sri Lanka 5 | | | | | | |
| Election Results | | | | | | |
| *Australia, Taiwan, and Thailand have not cast their votes. | | | | | | |

12) Collaboration with other organizations

a) BILA IV on Youth

Federation of Asian Bishops conferences (FABC) Office of the Laity and Family (OLF) organized the 4th Bishops Institute for the Lay Apostolate (BILA IV) on the Topic of "Young people, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" from 9th to 13th July 2018 in Pattaya, Thailand. IMCS got the opportunity to participate in BILA IV as a part of the organizing committee representing Catholic Organizations for Youth in Asia (COYA) network.





The conference was participated by sixteen countries with 1 archbishop, 9 bishops, 10 priests, 3 religious brothers and sisters, and 41 lay people, including 6 youth delegates to the Pre-Synodal Meeting held last March in Rome. One of the aims of the institute was to draft a message from the Asian youth in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in October this year. IMCS AP could share with BILA IV participants about the information on IMCS mission and how the members are engaged with progressive global advocacy efforts with other like-minded organizations.

b) Participation in IYCW seminar

IMCS AP coordinator got the opportunity to participate a cultural exchange, natural tourism and sharing about young people and culture today organized by International Young Christian Workers (IYCW-JOCI) and Young Christian



Workers of the Philippines (PYCW) which was held in Manila, Philippines from 24 to 28, September 2018. Programme was participated by many other regional and international networks such as MIJARC and FIMARC.

Throughout the programme, participants got the opportunity to immerse with the urban poor communities such as Pedicab drivers. After the sharing with the community, participants spent the night in the households of the pedicab drivers, sharing the same facilities

which was an eyeopening

experience for many foreign participants about the lives of the marginalized communities in Philippines. After returning from the immersion, participants shared their observations and reflections throughout the immersion. Furthermore, they discussed about the possibilities of collaboration among youth led progressive Catholic organizations in the regional and global level. Seminar was a great opportunity for likeminded youth led organizations for networking for the future efforts.



c) ALL Forum - 2018 Collaboration and Board of Trustees Meeting

IMCS Asia Pacific is one of the founding partners of ALL Forum. Since the beginning of the network, IMCS Asia Pacific national movements have received a number of opportunities for participating in Asian Youth Academy (AYA) which is annually organized by ALL Forum focused on themes such as migration, human rights, indigenous communities and theology. In 2018 AYA programme held in Philippines, 10 members from IMCS Asia Pacific national movements got the opportunity to participate the programme.

Expanding the mission of the network ALL Forum has started a "Moving School" programme from this year. Through the moving schools, it is expected to focus more on local situations which may give the opportunity for participants to have a much grounded and a closer to heart understanding. One of the moving schools was held in Mymensingh Diocese for the university students in collaboration with Bangladesh catholic Students Movement which is the national partner of IMCS in Bangladesh.

Annual Board of Trustees meeting of the Asian Lay Leaders Forum was held on 28th November 2018 Ateneo De Manila University in Philippines. ALL Forum director, Dr. Paul Hwang, presented the report of ALL Forum activities for 2018. Following the report, the board discussed about the future activities and the administrative changes of the organization. After that, the board discussed about the proposal of IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator being a member of Board of Trustees of ALL Forum. The board unanimously approved the proposal and welcomed the IMCS AP coordinator, Ravi Tissera, to the board. Concurrent IMCS AP coordinator may join the ALL Forum meetings in the future representing IMCS AP coordination.

