



ATESEA holds Conference for Finance Managers

The Conference for Finance Managers organized by the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA) was held at Bangkok Christian Guest House, Bangkok, Thailand on November 21-24, 2017. Twenty-one (21) participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand attended the said gathering. The event was intended 1) to assist and acquaint seminaries with the financial challenges and opportunities faced by the seminaries in Asia today; 2) to identify the latest trends and best practices in Financial Management; and 3) to determine major issues in Financial Planning and Analysis relevant to theological institutions.

The following panelists shared their own experiences on "Opportunities and Challenges of Being a Finance Manager":

- 1) Ms. Sheila Tipon, Administrative Assistant of ATESEA, Philippines; and
- 2) Ms. Dawn Lee, Administration and Finance Manager of Trinity Theological College, Singapore.

Dr. Danny Rantung, President of Asia-Pacific International University in Muak Lek, Saraburi Province, Thailand lectured on "Personnel and Human Resource Issues – Selection, Placement and Trainings." Dr. Rowena Libo-on conducted a lecture and workshop on "Budget and Financial Planning" and "Accountabilities – Records, Cash, Facilities." Dr. Libo-on is currently the Director of Transnational Program, and Lecturer of the Graduate Program of College of Business and Accountancy in Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, Philippines. Representatives from the seminaries led the daily morning devotions.

The activities during the conference became avenues of new learnings. The exchange of best practices inspired everyone to note the relevant policies and procedures from the different institutions which

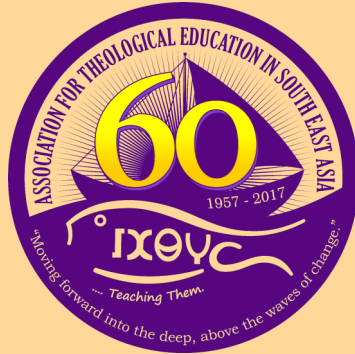
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Words from the Executive Director

ATESEA after 60 years

According to the Chinese tradition, a person who reaches the age of 60 is given recognition not simply for reason of years, but more significantly for having completed the full cycle of years. If we follow that custom, ATESEA has also completed its first cycle of life when it turned 60 last year. It was a time to thank the Lord and remember those who have prepared the ground and the future of ATESEA 60 years ago. Through its various programs conducted in 2017, the story of ATESEA's past was retold to the young seminary educators and leaders to keep them rooted in the ATESEA heritage.



The contexts of Asia have changed a lot since ATESEA's founding. Asia's demography, religio-socio and political environment are no longer the same. These changes are described in the ATESEA's Guidelines for Doing Theologies in Asia (GDTA). These guidelines, however, are not final. They are subject for revision, when needed, to answer the evolving concerns and issues that arise from every new situation. For instance, among the recent developments is the government regulation on theological schools. Some Asian countries require theological schools to register under their Ministry of Education. With this regulation, seminaries have no choice but to comply with the requirements to avoid conflict with the government or threats of possible closure. On the one hand, the regulation attempts to deter the proliferation of theological schools that minimizes the value of institutional and academic standards. On the other hand, some seminaries established by the churches look at this regulation as a form of intrusion in religious matters. This tension between the government educational policies and religious freedom is an example on how change can affect our understanding of higher education and church mission.

Another area of rapid change is the technological advancement that has increasingly radicalized higher education. The offering of on-line degree programs has compelled many seminaries in the West to work for innovation not just for the sake of survival, but also to

seek for doable ways to remain relevant to the churches and society. According to the report of the Association of Theological Schools in the US and Canada, many of its accredited member schools that offer on-line degree programs have increased their enrolment considerably in the recent years.

Correlated with on-line learning is access to information resources. Information technology has transformed many libraries into libraries without walls. It has made learning accessible to everyone anywhere, thus, contributing to the democratization of knowledge and education. However, this unprecedented speed of access to knowledge remains a persistent challenge in most countries in Asia. Last year, ATESEA conducted a simple random survey on the speed of internet connectivity of its member schools. The result varies significantly not only from country to country but also from school to school. For instance, there are schools whose internet speed ranges from 500 megabits per second (mbps) to 1000 mbps, while others have only 5 mbps and below. This disparity of internet speed indicates how the resources of schools are unevenly distributed in the region which has a considerable relation to the accessibility to information.

There are other changes and challenges that are posed to theological education. It is ATESEA's mandate to keep up with the recent developments. As the Association enters this year into another cycle of its existence, it stays committed to the schools through its five programmatic areas: Accreditation, Faculty Development, Leadership Development, Library Development and Publication. These initiatives provide access to resources and opportunities to all.

ATESEA's engagement for quality seminary education is a demonstration of its commitment to honor the legacy of its forebears who envisioned this Association from being simply an Association of Theological Schools to truly an Association for Theological Education.



Dr. Limuel Equina

New ATESEA Board reviews actions of the General Assembly



Front row (left to right): Dr. Tan Kim Huat (Chairperson), Dr. Chananporn Jaisaodee (Associate Treasurer), Dr. Judy Berinai (Member), Ms. Sheila Tipon (Recording Secretary), Rev. Maria Regina Adolfini Pada (Member), Dr. Limuel Equina (Executive Director). Second row (left to right): Dr. Joas Adiprasetya (Treasurer), Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan (FTESEA Chairperson), Dr. Samuel Ngun Ling (Member), Dr. Menghun Goh (Member), Dr. H.S. Wilson (FTESEA Executive Director), and Dr. Jeaneth Faller (Secretary).

The newly elected members of the ATESEA Board of Trustees met on August 5-6, 2017 at the Bangkok Christian Guest House, Bangkok, Thailand to discuss updates, transitions and future programs of the Association. The Board members deliberated on matters regarding the adjustments to be done during the transition in the set-up of ATESEA Theological Union (ATU), and Asia Journal of Theology (AJT). They also followed through accreditation concerns and resolutions made during the General Assembly. In this digital age where information is very vital, the need to have an annual update of data from the member schools was also viewed as an important matter to be given emphasis.

Dr. H.S. Wilson, the Executive Director of the Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (FTESEA); and Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Chairperson of FTESEA Executive Committee were also present in the said meeting. They presented the new program focus and direction of the Foundation in 2018 in moving towards "greater and wider impact of theological education."

The next board meeting will be on March 26-28, 2018 at UCCP Shalom Center, Manila Philippines.

Cho: new ATU Senate member

The ATESEA Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Joshua Cho as member of the ATU Senate during its meeting on August 5, 2017. Dr. Cho is the President of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. He will serve the unexpired term of Dr. Simon Chow from 2017 to 2021.

Dr. Cho participated in the Senate meeting on November 24, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Senate, in that meeting, recommended to the Board the offering of Doctor of Theology major in Christian Education in partnership with ATESEA member schools. This is in view of the increasing need of faculty with doctoral qualification in Christian Education in Southeast Asia theological schools. The ATESEA will act on this recommendation in its March 2018 meeting.



Dr. Joshua Cho

Twenty-two Christian Educators attend Teachers' Academy



Twenty-two (22) Christian Educators participated in the 2017 Teachers' Academy on September 17-20, 2017 at Bangkok Christian Guest House, Bangkok, Thailand. The Academy was set to keep the participants informed on contemporary issues and trends in the area of Christian Education, and on teaching tools and methodologies. Furthermore, it provided a venue for the participants to discuss some strategies for demonstrating classroom assessment and student learning.

The invited guest lecturers were:



Dr. Kung Lap Yan, Associate Professor, Divinity School, Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He discussed on "Life Education" wherein he challenged the educators on the need to educate the church members into a "flourishing life" where there is consistency in praxis and orthodoxy.



Dr. James Moore, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, USA. He facilitated a lecture-workshop on 1) "Christian Education is Neither"; 2) "Assessing Effectiveness in a Global World"; 3) "Challenges in the West" and 4) "Toward a Bright Future."

Participants realized that the East and West face the same challenges in Christian Education in terms of the global inter-generation and inter-faith issues that the church needs to address. He also emphasized on the need for a paradigm shift in teaching style from content-centered to learner-centered.

The panel discussion centered on "Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching Christian Education Courses in Asia." These panelists shared their respective experiences on this regard:

- Dr. Tabita Christiani, Lecturer on Christian Education, Spirituality and Theology on Disability at Duta Wacana Christian University
- Dr. Judy Berinai, Dean of Studies at Sabah Theological Seminary
- Dr. Jessica Raposa, Lecturer on Christian Education at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary

The participants agreed that being a Christian Educator is a calling to be a witness, and an agent of transformation through the curriculum, teaching materials and training of church workers. In this age of globalization, the church is faced with challenges with the advancement in technology, the shift in demographics, and the rise of the Generation Z. With this, the Christian Educator (in both East and West) is urged to review his/her curriculum, materials and teaching strategies to be contextually relevant and provide Christians the guidance towards the real meaning of life.

The group had the following recommendations to address the said demands of the times:

- To have a regular forum or venue for Christian Educators to collaborate, and exchange ideas and resources for the enrichment and strengthening of one another.
- To have exchange programs for students and teachers among the member schools
- To enrich resources by encouraging more Christian Educators to write and publish their works which are appropriate to a pluralistic context
- To be involved in interfaith dialogues.

Equina visits Association of Theological Schools

As part of his US travel, Dr. Equina visited the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in Pittsburgh, USA on September 26-28, 2017. ATS and ATESEA have a long history of relationship in their engagements with the theological institutions. Aside from consultancy, ATS has provided support to ATESEA by allowing a number of its professional staff to serve as lecturers/speakers in the various programs of ATESEA and as a member of the accreditation team. Conversely, ATESEA was privileged to provide assistance to ATS when the latter requested ATESEA to be a part of the ATS team that evaluated the capacity of a school in Asia to serve as the extension site of an ATS accredited school.

Dr. Equina met with the ATS professional staff. They discussed possible initiatives in the future where ATESEA may be also invited to share the experience of leaders of schools with the ATS community. He had an encouraging conversation with new Executive Director, Dr. Frank Yamada. The latter expressed his continued support to the ongoing ATESEA-ATS collaborations.

Dr. Equina also reconnected with Dr. David Esterline, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS), whom



Dr. Limuel Equina and Dr. Frank Yamada

he first knew when they were members of an ATS Accreditation team that visited a school in Asia. Dr. Equina and ATESEA board member, Dr. Joas Adiprasetya, also met with Dr. Helen Blier, former ATS professional staff and guest lecturer of ATESEA. She is currently the Director of Continuing Education at PTS while Dr. Adiprasetya is presently doing his research at PTS as a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

MLIS-TL Academic Coordinator undergoes library training program



Ms. Cynthia Peleña (fourth from the left) and the librarians from John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, USA.

Ms. Cynthia Peleña, the academic coordinator of the Master of Library and Information Science with Specialization in Theological Librarianship (MLIS-TL) was granted a two-month library exchange visitor program in Georgia, USA. This library internship course is part of the Professional Enhancement and Training Program of Central Philippine University (CPU) in partnership with the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA) and the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (FTESEA). The John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, USA hosted the said exchange program from August 1 – October 1, 2017. This course was intended to provide training and exposure in administering quality theological library education especially to students of diverse nationalities. Last April 2016, 12

scholars from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Philippines have graduated from this course. This academic year 2017-2018, another 12 librarians from Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan and Philippines have enrolled in this academic program.

Ms. Peleña shares her rewarding and challenging experiences:

"It was a privilege to be able to work with John Bulow Campbell Library (JBCL), Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) headed by the proactive and dedicated Library Director, Dr. Kelly Campbell. She, together with her passionate and supportive librarians, readily welcomed me as part of the team, and willingly imparted their knowledge and skills. The JBCL librarians, in spite of their diverse strengths and qualifications, organize their work in sync with one another, to provide quality library information resources to seminary students, faculty members, CTS community, and researchers. The 8-week library exposure provided me with more insight into the different roles and responsibilities of a teacher-librarian and widened my perspective in theological librarianship. Being immersed in a different culture greatly enhanced my personality and enabled me to gain skills in inter-cultural learning and understanding. Truly, I have learned a lot, more than I thought I would in a short period of time."

ATU scholars earn doctorate degree



Dr. Welfrid Fini Ruku

Dr. **Welfrid Fini Ruku** was conferred the Doctor of Theology degree by Duta Wacana Christian University (UKDW), Yogyakarta, Indonesia. His dissertation was entitled "Cursing / Blessing Phenomenon in the House of Naomi: Ethnophenomenology Hermeneutic of Atoin Metoat Timor on Ruth 1: 1-6."

He expressed his enriching experience as part of the ATESEA Theological Union (ATU) doctorate program:

"First of all, my participation in the ATU Methodology Seminar in Singapore in 2011 broadened my theological insights. This significant activity brought together persons from different parts of Asia to meet, engage and share experiences and ideas based on their respective contexts. Secondly, the learning process during my doctorate studies in the Duta Wacana Christian University deepened my focus on contextual hermeneutics. The method

of doing theology and hermeneutics in the Asian region and culture, especially in Indonesia, brought a positive impact in my teaching and preaching. Students and church members appreciated the insightful learning they have gained from the Bible and their contextual significance. Thirdly, earning a doctorate degree under the ATU program helped my institution, Artha Wacana Christian University (UKAW), in meeting the required number of qualified faculty for accreditation purposes. And lastly, being the first in our village and the second one in our district to graduate with a doctorate degree, parents were encouraged to motivate their children to study hard and pursue a doctoral degree. With all these, I express my heartfelt thanks to ATESEA. God bless you all."

Dr. Ruku earned his Master of Theology degree from Duta Wacana Christian University in 2003, and his Master of Arts degree from Free University, Amsterdam in 2008. He is currently a Lecturer in Faculty of Theology, Artha Wacana Christian University, West Timor, Indonesia.



Dr. Cao Yong Feng Philip

Dr. **Cao Yong Feng Philip** earned his Doctor of Theology degree with the dissertation entitled "Reading the Wilderness Motif of Deutero-Isaiah and the Mongolian Nomadic Tradition." As a recipient of the ATESEA Theological Union (ATU) scholarship assistance, he is most grateful and expresses his academic journey:

"My orientation with the Doctor of Theology Program of ATESEA Theological Union has begun with the ATU Methodology Seminar in the Philippines. There, I learned that an Asian theologian has to bear in mind the reality of diversity between cultures, ideologies and races, as well as the need to respect and show concern for others. I am really grateful that I have been able to study the course Hebrew Bible and Cross Cultural Studies under the supervision of Professor Archie Lee. In Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK, being the Centre of Theological Excellence of ATESEA, I benefited from other courses - for example the Hebrew Bible in Context - which broadened my horizons, and deepened my knowledge. Theology does not build pure and independent scientific theories, but rather studies life rooted in culture and faith. This is the aim and content of the Hebrew Bible.

I was born in Inner Mongolia, where I grew up and was educated. This is the background to the choice of my D.Th. dissertation on the comparison between readings in the Hebrew Bible and Mongolian Culture. The wilderness tradition is the core of Mongolian culture and ethnic identity. It exhorts Mongolians to embrace their passion for the nomadic ideal of freedom. The dissertation compares the scope of the perspective of the Mongolian wilderness tradition on one hand, with the ideals of the prophet in Deutero-Isaiah who encourages the Exiles to embrace the idea of the nomadic ideal on the other hand - and to believe in the message of God's redemption for their further progress.

As anticipated, there were many challenges that had to be overcome in carrying out this part time research while continuing full time teaching and ministry at Sabah Theological Seminary in East Malaysia. This proved more than worthwhile, bringing synergy and fresh insights into my teaching and ministry."

Dr. Cao earned his Master of Theology degree at Singapore Bible College, Singapore (2006) and Master of Arts in Biblical Studies at China Great Commission Centre Theological Seminary (2001). He is currently a Senior Lecturer at Sabah Theological Seminary, Malaysia and a Teaching Pastor of Song En Methodist Church, Sabah, Malaysia.

ATESEA leaders and FTESEA Board meet in China



Front row left to right: Ms. Tammy Jackson, Dr. Manhong Lin, Dr. H.S. Wilson, Dr. Chen Yilu, Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala, Dr. Tan Kim Huat. Second row left to right: Dr. Wen Ge, Dr. Limuel Equina, Mr. Norm Donkersloot, Dr. Lester Ruiz, Ms. Rebeca Asedillo, Dr. Joan Sauca, Dr. Allen Yeh, Dr. David Esterline, Canon Peter Ng, Mr. Joseph Kaung (NJUTS faculty), Mr. Zhou Xuebin and Rev. Leslie Turley.

The ATESEA leaders, Dr. Tan Kim Huat and Dr. Limuel Equina were invited by the FTESEA Board to attend its Annual Meeting on November 1-2, 2017 held at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NJUTS) in Nanjing, China. NJUTS is a member of ATESEA. ATESEA was given the opportunity to share its ongoing programs and plans with the Board. As one of its major partners, FTESEA expressed its continuing support to ATESEA's initiatives for the enhancement of theological education Asia.

Prior to and after the FTESEA Board meeting, the participants visited East China Theological Seminary and met with the faculty and students. They also engaged in a conversation with the leadership of the China Christian Council & Three Self Patriotic Movement in Shanghai. The sharing focused on the current development in theological education and ministries of the churches in China. It was the first time that the FTESEA Board met in China, 80 years after its founding.

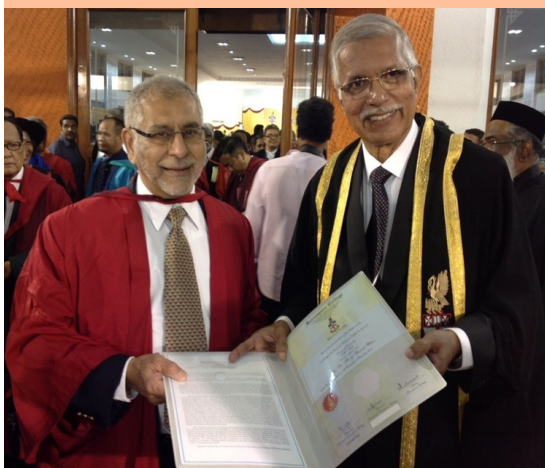
Dr. H.S. Wilson receives degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*)

At the 90th Convocation of Serampore University on December 7, 2017 at Lutheran Theology College and Research Institute, India, Rev. Henry Steward Wilson (known as HS among his friends), the Executive Director of the FTESEA, has conferred the Degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) in recognition of his outstanding scholarship in the field of

history of Christianity, missiology and ecumenism, and his distinguished leadership in promoting theological education. He is instrumental in strengthening

relationship among different accrediting bodies in SE Asia, China, especially with Serampore.

HS received his Master's degree from Princeton and Doctorate from Drew University, USA. After his studies in 1977, he served at UTC, Bangalore and later became the Director of the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College from 1980 to 1988, and in 1989, he became the founding director of South Asia Theological Research Institute (SATHRI) of the Serampore University. In 1989, he was invited by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva to be its Executive Secretary of the Department of Theology. From 1998 to 2003, HS served as Associate Professor of World Mission and Director for the Centre for Global Theologies at the Wartburg Theological Seminary; and from 2003 to 2006 as Professor of Mission and Cultures and Director of Multicultural Mission Resource Centre of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He has written more than 100 articles, 4 books and edited 17 monographs.



Dr. HS Wilson with Dr. John Sadananda, Master of Serampore College

from the Office of the Registrar
Senate of Serampore College (University)

ATESEA Board appoints new members of the AJT Editorial Board

The ATESEA board appointed Dr. Tabita Kartika Christiani and Dr. Kung Lap Yan as new members of the Editorial Board of the Asia Journal of Theology (AJT) during its meeting on August 5, 2017.



Dr. Tabita Christiani

Dr. Tabita is currently a Lecturer on Christian Education, Spirituality and Theology of Disability in Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Dr. Kung Lap Yan teaches Christian Ethics, Public Theology and Life Education at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also a member of the ATU Senate.



Dr. Kung Lap Yan

They will take the place of Dr. Ezra Kok and Dr. Emanuel Gerrit Singgih, whose valuable contributions to AJT were greatly appreciated by the ATESEA board. Dr. Simon Chan is the current Chief Editor of AJT.

AJT is a joint publication of ATESEA and the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College (University). It is published biannually in April and October.

Subscription update on AJT

The management and publication of the Asia Journal of Theology has been handled by ATESEA since the October 2017 issue. All communications related to AJT must be addressed to:

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Special accreditation visits in Taiwan



From left to right: Dr. Menghun Goh (Lecturer, TTCS and ATESEA Board member), Dr. H.S. Wilson, Dr. Limuel Equina, Dr. Shang-jen Chen (President, TTCS), Dr. Shu-Pin Chiu, Dr. Kung Lap Yan and Dr. Chi-jung Chiu (Dean of Academic Affairs, TTCS).

Accreditors conducted a special visit to Taiwan Theological College and Seminary (TTCS)/Taiwan Graduate School of Theology (TGST) on December 10-13, 2017. The team was composed of Dr. H.S. Wilson (ATESEA Executive Director), Dr. Limuel Equina (ATESEA Executive Director), Dr. Kung Lap Yan (Associate Professor, Divinity School of Chung Chi College, Hong Kong) and Dr. Shu-Pin Chiu (Assistant Professor and Head Librarian, Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary, Taiwan). They reviewed the degree programs and conducted interviews with the administrators, board of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and students during the duration of the visit.

Another team was requested by Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary (YTCS) to reassess its Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry programs on December 13-15, 2017. The team was composed of Dr. Muriel Orevillo-Montenegro (Professor, Silliman University Divinity School), Mr. Li-Jen Lin (Librarian, Tainan Theological College and Seminary), Dr. Equina and Dr. H.S. Wilson.



First row from left to right: Dr. Kapi Chin, Mr. Steven Chih, Dr. H.S. Wilson, Dr. Muriel Orevillo-Montenegro, Dr. Limuel Equina, Dr. Pusin Tali (President of YTCS) and Mr. Li-Jen Lin. Second row from left to right: Dr. Chun-Lan Tung, Dr. Walis Ukan, Dr. Wati Longchar, Dr. Shu-Pin Chiu, Rev. Yuhaw Piho and Rev. Ting-Yin Lee.

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Dr. Danny Rantung

Dr. Rowena Libo-on

are applicable in their own seminaries. These built closer ties among the different theological institutions. Some of the encouraging feedbacks of the delegates were :

"We were able to have a deeper appreciation on the role of a Finance Manager in the fulfilment of the mission and vision of the institution."

"We gained additional knowledge about financial management and personnel matters."

"We learned to be creative in making budgets."

"We learned from the good experiences shared by the speakers."

Moreover, partakers of this conference formulated the course of actions that they will undertake and to be shared with their respective seminaries. These comprise the formulation of policies on records retention and disposition, restructuring of the Finance Department for proper segregation of duties, implementation of internal controls in the institution, conducting performance review and preparing operations and procedures manual for the seminary. Truly, the participants were challenged to be more efficient financial stewards.

The participants look forward for a follow through – level 2 of this enriching conference. Congratulations ATESEA for achieving the objective to enhance the knowledge and skills of Finance Managers! May God bless you for fulfilling a significant role in theological education!

by Ms. Leticia Ngoslab
Conference delegate
from Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Philippines

Upcoming Events

"Innovation and Transformation in Asian Theological Libraries"

ATESEA will hold a consultation workshop for librarians, in partnership with the Forum for Asian Theological Librarians (ForATL), on May 21-25, 2018 at Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia. The consultation workshop will focus on "Innovation and Transformation in Asian Theological Libraries." The said workshop aims to provide a venue for theological librarians to strengthen global networking; to be a venue to exchange ideas, best practices; to learn innovative library management styles; and to discuss trends, issues and challenges in the Asian theological libraries.

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2018 Accreditation visit in Indonesia

ATESEA will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the schools' degree programs in Indonesia on September 9-15, 2018. Accreditation is a service of the Association to its member schools with the following aims:

1. to ensure that standards of quality theological education programs of schools in the region are maintained; and
2. to encourage the schools to continue improving their degree programs.

Beginning this year, the five-year cycle of accreditation visit will be implemented as approved by the General Assembly on March 22, 2017 in Iloilo City, Philippines.

Below are the scheduled accreditation visits in the following countries:

2019 - Philippines and Singapore

2020 - Myanmar

2021 - Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand

As part of the process, member schools are expected to submit their self-study reports three (3) months prior to the scheduled accreditation visit.



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