Principal's Message

Arise and Go

A reflection on the challenges facing theological education in South East Asia

From 5-17 November 2006, I participated in the accreditation of some theological seminaries in Indonesia within the ATESEA network. Accreditation visits to the various schools are organised by the ATESEA headquarters. Teams are sent to assess the seminaries critically, evaluate the training and administration, and make proposals for future development. At the end of the visits, various reports are discussed thoroughly by the Accreditation Commission and submitted to the ATESEA Executive Committee for adoption. The academic programme of schools meeting the basic requirements will then be accredited, although some are given notations for further improvement.

As a member of the ATESEA Accreditation Commission, I have had the privilege of visiting a number of theological seminaries in the ASEAN region. In the course of these visits, I have witnessed some very exciting developments, as well as depressing situations. Some schools advance by leaps and bounds, while others struggle to survive. There are several factors I observed that are vital for the progress and development of theological education in the countries of the region:

The standard of national education. It is important that basic critical reading, writing and thinking skills are part and parcel of secondary and university education. If insufficient attention is given to these vital learning skills, the seminary must then invest time and effort to cultivate and develop these skills during the first two years of the students' theological training.

The economy and politics of the nation. If a country is progressing well in investment and development, then its people can live peacefully, earn a reasonable living and invest in the future. Similarly, under such favourable conditions, churches and Christians will have the resources to support theological education.

The stewardship of churches. In order for seminaries to carry out their enormous God-given tasks and for theological education to progress well, local churches must emphasise biblical stewardship and generous giving among their own members. We noted that some seminaries had become over-dependent on external support; this is unhealthy.

The spiritual state of local Christian believers. It is crucial that churches give priority to discipleship-training and nurturing so that those whom they send for pastoral training are spiritually mature. If churches are spiritually weak, it is unrealistic to then expect good quality seminarians.

The management of the seminaries. Some schools are stagnant because of weak leadership and financial mismanagement. Visionary leaders can play important roles in providing strong leadership and competent management, and earn the confidence of donors by being accountable and transparent.

Proficiency in English. Last, but not least, a good command of the English language is necessary because many good academic resources are published in English. Proficiency in the language is also needed in order for theological education in Asia to progress and for Asian scholars to be involved in international discussions.

I hope these factors will give us a broader understanding of the challenges of theological education in South East Asia. Pray that our seminaries will truly develop and progress for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ!
差遣礼拜

2006年10月20日是学院具简单又意义深重的差遣礼拜。也是其他群体一同欢庆的日子，尤其是毕业生的家人及亲友们。郭汉成牧师（博士）在信息分享中劝勉毕业生们不要只注重自己的生活也要顾及主所托付的。在当中讲师及学员们也为这群毕业生祷告，求主赐给他们有喜乐的心并带领他们未来的道路。在当中我们觉得高兴也同时也舍不得他们，但我们以爱与祷告差遣他们出去工场服侍。

东南亚神学教育挑战的反思

很荣幸有机会于今年11月5日至17日参与东南亚神学教育协会ATESEA在印尼几间神学院的神学教育学术评审。每年协会总部都会安排评审团到不同区域的神学院作严谨的评审，包括课程训练及行政组织，并针对其将来事工的发展提出建议。过后所有报告书将集合在评审委员会来详细讨论，然后呈交至神学教育协会执行委员会通过，凡是他神学教育协会要求的学术课程将被肯定；有弱点的则被要求作改进。

作为东南亚神学教育协会评审委员会成员之一，我有机会拜访东南亚多间神学院。当中看见有令人振奋的发展，也有令人心情低落的状况。有些学院进展快速，有些则在挣扎求生。在观察中，发现神学教育的发展有几个重要因素：

国家的教育程度。基本的阅读、书写和批判性思考能力在中学和大学教育中是非常重要的学习范围。若缺乏了这些关键的学习技巧，神学院就必须花时间和精力在前两年的课程里帮助和栽培学生获得这些基本的学习技巧。

国家的经济和政治。若一个国家平稳发展，人民安居乐业，也有能力去投资未来，同样的，教会和其他组织也有能力及资源支持神学院的重事工。

教会作为管家。若要神学教育理想地发展，教会本身必须要推动圣经的世界观以及以金钱奉献来推动神学院重事工。我们发现有些神学院过早依赖海外的支持，这是极不健康的现象。

基督徒的属灵状况，教会必须着重信徒的属灵培育。若一般信徒在灵性上是软弱的，我们很难期望会有好素质和潜能的神学者。

神学院管理层。有些学院事工停顿，乃因行政及财政管理欠佳。有远见的领袖扮演着非常重要的角色；他能提供强而有力的领导，能胜任管理事务，学院事工高度透明，因而获得捐献者的信任。

马来西亚神学院第二十四届毕业典礼

2006年10月21日是毕业生与家长朋友们的特别日子，那就是学院的第24届毕业典礼。主题为“宣明神的荣耀”，并呼吁我们要个个称颂的名。蔡华平会正与我们分享罗马书12章1至8节，并劝勉毕业生要与教会的肢体同心合一来完成主的旨意。此信息非常贴切的反映毕业生们个别来自不同宗教、文化背景及于不同的服侍岗位。

STM Commissioning Service

By Ms Ho Gaik Kim

The Commissioning Service on 20 October 2006 was a simple and meaningful affair. While it is usually a community affair, we were glad to be able to celebrate this special occasion with some family members of the graduating students. Rev. Dr. Ezra Kok reminded those graduating not only of the importance of keeping watch over their own lives, but also of those who have been entrusted to their care. The community prayed for God’s blessing of joy and continued guidance upon their lives. It was with both a sense of joy and sadness that we sent them off with our love and prayers.
STM 24th Graduation Service
By Ms Ho Gaik Kim

On 21 October 2006, STM celebrated its 24th Graduation Service, usually the highlight for graduating students, their families and friends. It was a celebration of God's goodness and faithfulness, and a call to always, "Declare His Glory", which was the theme of this year's graduation. The Rt. Rev. Chua Hua Peng shared from Romans 12:1-8 and exhorted the graduating students to work together with the whole church in order to accomplish God's purposes for His people. It was certainly a relevant message because they were from various denominational and cultural backgrounds, and would be serving God in different capacities.

New Lecturer 新讲师

We welcome Mr. Lim Kar Yong, who joins us as a full-time faculty member with effect from January 2007. A member of Pataling Jaya Evangelical Free Church, he has served as part-time STM lecturer since 2000 and as an instructor for the Open Learning Theology & Religious Studies at the University of Wales, Lampeter, UK. He is enabled by his many years of experience in the corporate sector to equip pastors and lay leaders to be effective and relevant in the marketplace.

Kar Yong holds a B. Surveying (Property Management, Hons.; UTM, 1991), a BA in Bible/Theology (ICI University, 1997) and a MA in New Testament (summa cum laude, Gordon-Conwell, 2000). He has also received several awards and scholarships. In March 2007, he will defend his PhD thesis at the University of Wales.

Alumni News 校友消息

Congratulations 祝贺
- Rev. Lionel Gan Beng Huat (BD'05) and Rev. Doding ak Rito Jiroi (BTh'05) on their ordination as Priests, and Mr. Victor J. Arputham (BTh'06), Mr. Christopher Daley (BTh'06), and Mr. Raymond Lai Sai Wai (MDiv'06), on being made Deacons at the recent Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia Ordination service.
- Rev. Doding 于今届西马圣公会教区按牧典礼受委任为牧师及 Mr. Victor J. Arputham, Mr. Christopher Daley 和赖世伟先生被按立为会吏。
- Pastor Chiang Yu Hoo (BTh'06) married Pastor Grace Lee Chua Si (BTh'06) on 28 Oct 2006.
- 詹友训传道与李彩霞传道于今年 10 月 28 日共结连理。

Condolences 追悼
- Our deepest sympathy to the family of the Mr. Easaw Thomas (Grad DipCS'00) and Rev. Paul Loh Kuan Leong (MMin'04) who were called to our heavenly Father on 12 September 2006 and 7 December 2006 respectively.
- 本院校友 Mr. Easaw Thomas 及骆宽林牧师客别於 2006 年 9 月 12 日及 12 月 7 日安息主怀，愿主安慰其眷属家人。

To all our friends and supporters 祝贺所有支持我们的朋友们
Wishing you a wonderful Christmas & a blessed New Year 圣诞节愉快及新年蒙恩
Seminari Theoloji Malaysia 马来西亚神学院
Faculty News

Dr Ezra Kok 郭汉成牧师（博士）
19 Aug: Speaker for CAC Manjung District “Stewards Training”, Sitiawan • 25 Aug: Presented STM report at the Anglican DWM Synod, Batu Pahat, Johor • 1 Sept: Speaker for CAC Methodist Youth Fellowship at PD, Negeri Sembilan • 22-24 Oct: Speaker for the retreat of Pioneer CMC at Sitiawan • 5-17 Nov: Attended ATESEA Accreditation visit and Annual Meeting in Indonesia • 17-30 Nov: Presented STM report at various Methodist Annual Conferences (TRAC, TAC, SIAC and SCAC)

8月19日：为鹰绒教区执事训练班讲师
8月25日：于西马圣公会教区大会中呈现学院年表
8月9日：於森美兰，波德申为卫理青年大会讲师
10月22-24日：为吉州院卫理公会“拥有爱，分享爱”之退休会讲师
11月5-17日：出席於印尼东南亚神学院校稽查委员会会议
11月17-30日：出席马来西亚教会、发改委文、砂拉越华人和伊班卫理公会年议会

Rev Tan Jin Huat 陈仁发牧师
19-21 Aug: Participated in St Gabriel's Church Camp • 24-26 Aug: Attended Synod of Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia • 6 Aug, 3 Sep, 1 & 8 Oct: Spoke at St. Gabriel's Church on "Growing Deeper, Reaching Outward" • 1 Sept: Spoke on the "Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" at Taman Tun Dr Ismail Gospel KL

8月19-21日：参与圣迦百列堂之营会
8月24-26日：出席西马圣公会教区会议
8月6日，9月3日，10月1 & 8日，为圣迦百列堂讲师
9月1日：於吉隆坡 TTCD 福音中心演讲“圣灵论”

Mr Allen McClymont
13 Aug, & 19 Sept: Preached at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, KL • 23 & 24 Aug: Preached at Taman Midah Lutheran Mission Conference, KL • 8 Sept: Preached at Baptist Church, Seremban • 15 Nov 2006 - 15 Oct 2007: Going on OMF Home Assignment in New Zealand and the United Kingdom

8月13日，9月1 & 19日：於吉隆坡圣安得烈堂讲道
8月23 & 24日：于吉隆坡美达图信义会差会分享信息
8月8日：于拉沙再也浸信会讲道
2006年11月16日 - 2007年10月18日：返回纽西兰及英国海外基督使命团做汇报及休假

Rev Tee Heng Ping 陈亨平牧师
1 Sept: Speaker for Adult Fellowship at KL Hokkien Church • 13 Oct: Speaker for PD Presbyterian Church

9月1日：为吉隆坡福建堂成人团契主讲题目“传经”
10月13日：为波德申长老会主讲题目“认识加尔文的教会观”

Rev Dr Philip Siew 萧帝佑牧师（博士）
21-23 Aug: Speaker for Bentong CMC family camp at Chefoh Methodist Centre, Cameron Highlands • 26 Aug: Speaker for the revival meeting at KL Setapak CMC • 21 Aug-2 Sept: Speaker for Terengganu Presbyterian Church “Marriage & Family Camp” at Dungun Resort, Terengganu • 23-24 Oct: Speaker for Batu Pahat Emilian Presbyterian Church Family Camp at Tiara Beach Resort, Port Dickson • 28 Oct: Speaker for: Revival meeting at Kuala Pilah Chinese CMC • 10 Nov: Speaker for Revival meeting at Pangkor CMC • 11 Nov: Speaker for evangelistic rally at Trinity CMC, Sitiawan • 12 Nov: Speaker for evangelistic meeting at Sitiawan Simpang Lima CMC • 13-15 Nov: Expository preaching on Ruth at the CAC Methodist Women's Annual General Meeting, KL • 20-23 Nov: Attended the East Asia Regional Assembly of Serving in Mission (SIM) in Kota Kinabalu • 27-30 Nov: Speaker at A.C.T.S. (Assembly of Christian Therapeutic Services) Students' Camp at Gundang MBS Recreation & Training Centre, Rawang

8月21-23日：於彭加朵卫理中心为文冬卫理公会家庭营讲师
8月26日：文冬卫理公会之培灵会讲师
8月21-9月2日：为登嘉楼长老会之婚姻与家庭营讲师
10月23-24日：於波德申为长老会恩典堂之家庭营讲师
10月26日：为瓜拉庇劳卫理公会之培灵会讲师
11月10日：为邦咯卫理公会布道所之培灵会讲师
11月11日：为实兆远卫理公会三一堂之布道会讲师
11月12日：为实兆远五路卫理公会布道所之讲师
11月13-15日：於吉隆坡为华人年议会妇女青年大会之邀请讲员
11月20-23日：出席於亚庇之东南亚区域国际事工差会集会
11月27-30日：於马圣培训中心为基督徒治疗服务协会之学生营讲师

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# 2007 English Theological Education by Extension (TEE)

## Kuching Centre
- **Interpreting the NT Books**
  - Mr Lim Kar Yong
  - 26 - 27 Jan & 9 - 11 Feb
- **Leadership & Spirituality**
  - Dr Chew Tow Yow
  - 16 - 22 April
- **Christian Spirituality**
  - Dr Voon Choon Khiing
  - 14 - 16 & 21 - 23 Sept

## Youth Ministry TEE – STM Campus
- **Strategic Development & Implementation of a Youth Ministry**
  - Dr Herbert Tan & Team
  - 23 - 26 May
- **Christian Theology I**
  - Mr Sherman Kuek
  - 30 May - 2 June
- **Youth Practicum**
  - Ms Sarah Yap - facilitator
  - Oct - Nov

## Seremban Centre/ STM
- **Introduction to the NT**
  - Rev Tan Jin Huat
  - 31 Jan - 3 Feb
- **Major Religion in Malaysia**
  - Dr Albert Walters
  - 14 - 17 Mar
- **Biblical Interpretation**
  - Mr Lim Kar Yong
  - 25 - 28 April
- **Christian Ethics**
  - Ms Ho Gaik Kim
  - 19 - 22 Sept

## Malaysian CARE
- **Certificate of Christian Ministry (Social Ministry)**
- **Interpersonal Relationship Skills & Counselling Principles**
  - Mr Tan Beng Tiong & Ms Poh Siew Lin
  - 28 Feb - 3 Mar
- **Supervised Practicum**
  - Ms Sarah Yap & Pa Esther Alfred
  - April - June
- **Introduction to the OT**
  - Rev Wendy Ching
  - 27 - 30 June
- **Introduction to the NT**
  - Rev Tan Jin Huat
  - 29 Aug - 1 Sept
- **Christian Theology I (Doctrines)**
  - Mr Sherman Kuek
  - 24 - 27 Oct
- **Biblical Interpretation**
  - Rev Anthony Loke
  - 5 - 8 Dec

## KL / PJ Centre
- **Christian Theology I**
  - Mr Sherman Kuek
  - 13 - 15 & 20 - 22 Jan
- **Interpreting the NT Books**
  - Mr Lim Kar Yong
  - 12 - 14 & 19 - 21 May
- **Pastoral Leadership & Ministry**
  - Dr Chew Tow Yow
  - 16 - 18 & 23 - 25 June
- **Study on the Book of John**
  - 24 - 26 Nov & 1 - 3 Dec
  - Mr Allen McClymont

**Note**: Venue for the KL/PJ Centre is at PJEFC (Heritage Centre), No. 3, Jin 13/6, 48200 P.J.
2007 Master of Ministry Courses 教牧硕士课程

Serenban Campus (English)

Leadership Mentoring
Bishop Yong Chen Fah (tentative)
15 – 18 Aug

Pastoral Spirituality
Dr Chew Tow Yow
22 – 25 Aug

Fuzhou Campus

Old Testament and Sermon
Hor En Lai博士
7月 3-6日

Leader Model
Yang Heen Chong
7月 10-13日

Night Classes 夜校课程

Serenban Campus (English)

Christian Spirituality
Dr Voon Choon Khing
16 Jan - 24 Apr
Every Tue 7:30pm-9:30pm

Fuzhou Campus

Old Testament
Wong Yik Tung
1 月 15日 – 4月 30日
每週週一晚上 7 时半到 9 时半

2007年中文神学延伸课程

八打灵再也总校长老会道堂

基督教伦理学
陈秀英长老/张文光长老
3月 10、17、24、31日与4月7日

教会历史综览
郑亨平牧师
7月 7、14、21、28日与8月4日

神学纲要 II
陈俊明传道
10月 27日与11月3、10、17、24日

Developmental Psychology & Personology
(TEE Youth Ministry module) 1 – 4 November 2007

The above module was very well attended (28 persons) and from feedback given by the students, it was well received. The team of lecturers, comprising Mdm Goh Kim Guat (TRAC), Dr Ng Wai Sheng (HELP University College), Annette Arulrajah (FES), Tryphena Law (PLUC) and Loh Ling Ming (MCCC), were not only learned but had wide experience in the components they taught. The general consensus was that the learning process was ‘fun’, interactive and practical. During the three-and-a-half days of classes, the students felt that they had learned much and that their perspectives were broadened. They could see the relevance of the course and were able to relate it to their current situations.

Ms Sarah Yap (English TEE Director)

Staff News 职员消息

Resignation 离职

We would like to express our appreciation to Ms Milka Priya Dharshini (Receptionist cum Office Clerk) and Ms Ng Hui Hui (Communications Officer), for their service to STM. We wish them all the best for their future studies and ministries.

我们感激 Milka 姐妹（办事处文员）和吴慧仪姐妹（传讯主任）在 STM 的服务。我们祝福她们有美好的学习与事奉。

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