



BIBLICAL SCHOLARS GATHER AT HONG KONG ADVENTIST COLLEGE

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## HKAC

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## 2017 Theological Symposium

by Dan Cheung, PhD

The first annual Theological Symposium organized by the Religion Department of Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) was held on the campus of HKAC on November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Clinton Wahlen from Biblical Research Institute, Dr. Ron Clouzet and Dr. Richard Sabuin from Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Dr. Robert Folkenberg and Dr. Daniel Jiao from Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), and Dr. Daniel Chuah and Dr. Onn Liang from HKAC were the speakers of this symposium.

The theme of this symposium was **Hermeneutics, Interpretation of Biblical Texts**. Close to 100 pastors, Bible workers, chaplains, Bible teachers, and administrators of Hong Kong & Macao Conference and CHUM in the area of Hong Kong and Macao, along with 45 senior Adventist



pastors from China participated in this symposium. Many of these pastors came from far away regions of China like Mongolia, Tibet, Qinghai, Heilongjiang, and Xinjiang to name a few.



Additional to provide the front-line mission workers an opportunity to learn from Biblical scholars and share their theological insights with their colleagues, this symposium also gave the participants an occasion to network with their counterparts in Hong Kong and in China. Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS) also used this gathering to inquire how CAS could more effectively educate church workers and teachers in China.

The second HKAC annual Theological Symposium has been planned to be held on campus on November 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the theme will be **Creation Science**.

## New Faculty Revolutionized HKAC

By Eric Stocker

### Director of Nursing

**C**orjena Cheung, PhD, MS, RN (USA), FGSA is a professor at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC). Dr. Cheung came with a rich teaching and research experience. She completed her doctoral and post-doctoral education at the University of Minnesota focusing on gerontological nursing and complementary therapies. She has taught in a variety of nursing programs including Associate Degree, Bachelor's and Master's as well as Doctoral Nursing programs in the United States. Prior to coming to HKAC, Dr. Cheung was a faculty at the Nursing Department, University of Minnesota.



Dr. Cheung has conducted a number of research projects about the use of complementary/integrative therapies for managing symptoms, promoting physical activity and quality of life, and preventing functional disability in community dwelling older adults with chronic health conditions such as Osteoarthritis and Parkinson's disease. She has published over 25 articles at reputable journals and presented broadly at national and international academic and professional conferences. Dr. Cheung has received a number of national research awards and is a fellow at the Gerontological Society of America. She is active in advancing quality nursing education and in promoting the health and wellness of older adults.

### From Pastor to Academic Dean

**S**am Shum, PhD, PGCE, MS, BS is the new Academic Dean at Hong Kong Adventist College. Dr. Shum received his PhD degree in Chemistry from Iowa State University and PGCE from University of Hong Kong. He has previously served as the Pastor of the Greater Boston Chinese SDA Church, worked as research and development (R&D) scientist/executive in the pharmaceutical industry for over 30 years, and taught at HKAC for 5 years.



Dr. Shum is currently serving as a member of the Union College (in Lincoln, Nebraska) Board of Trustees. He has previously served as chairperson of the United States Food & Drug Administration Expert Panel on orally inhaled and nasal drug products, chairperson of the Inhalation Technology Focus Group of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, and board member of the International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium on Regulation and Science. His research interests focus on pharmaceutical aerosols, fine particle engineering and measurement, and separation sciences. His latest research on "inhalable insulin" for diabetes has been recognized and published in the March 2015 Adventist World Magazine, NAD Edition.

## 2017 Has been a Blessed Year



**S**tudent Enrollment for Hong Kong Adventist College has been increased in 2 consecutive years. At the beginning of 2017-2018 school year student enrollment has been increased by **43%** over the beginning of 2016-2017 school year which was increased by **31%** over the beginning of 2015-2016 school year.

**O**ver **40%** of our student body this year is come from 17 countries outside of Hong Kong.

**F**inancial statement for school year 2016-2017 ended in the amount of **HK\$1,000,000** surplus.

**2** consecutive school years that Hong Kong Adventist College posted with surplus.

## Campus Ministries

By Stefani Leeper



**H**ong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) has no shortage of spiritual leaders, pooling pastors from Bayview Church to assist in everyday HKAC and Hong Kong Adventist Academy (HKAA) worship activities. Starting in September, Bayview Church hosts five pastors: senior pastor Chan Chean Seng, associate pastors Jane Li, Zephaniah Tay, and Tyson Moody, and ministerial intern Jacky Yeung.

This team actively assists HKAC's chaplain Pastor Ben Seo in organizing Gospel Week and Wednesday college chapel, as well as in leading dormitory evening devotions. They may also assist Pastor Nycollas Flores, chaplain for HKAA, in leading out high school, secondary, and primary worships. Additionally, they assist with Friday Night Vesper services, the children's choir, and they even work alongside the deans and student ambassadors (SAs) in conducting weekly Care Group meetings for the HKAC students.

When not busy leading out worships, Pastor Jane overlooks the Adventurer Club, whilst Pastor Jacky directs Pathfinder Club. Meanwhile, Pastors Tay, Moody, and Seo are involved with discipleship, Bible studies, and Campus Ministries. But, nothing speaks Campus Ministries like free food. Once every month, Pastor Maviael and his wife prepare a Sabbath lunch for the students. The lunch

involves homemade haystacks, socializing with friends and new faces, a Bible study, and a sundown worship at the beach. Through such ministries, Pastor Maviael has been able to reach several students and conduct individual Bible studies with them. As a result, several students have chosen to follow Christ.

This life change is due in large part to friendship evangelism—getting to know the students for who they are on an individual basis. “What I find the most enjoyable is seeing how interested and engaged the students can be in the various activities,” shares Moody. “Also, I enjoy seeing that moment when they finally understand that Bible passage or something that I have shared with them and knowing it has impacted them.”

The three SAs also share in this friendship evangelism, participating in Bible studies, as well as helping lead dorm and academy worships, Care Group, Vespers, and the collegiate Sabbath school. Befriending the students and showing them around Hong Kong is another popular way the SAs use God's love to plant seeds.

The spiritual team of HKAC and HKAA offers many opportunities for students to grow in their walk with Christ, and the Bayview Church pastoral team is always there to lend a helping hand.



## Speakers of Weekly Chapel

By Ariel Lynch



Weekly Chapel at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) is a time where students can take a breath from their day-to-day routine of classes and have an hour of just recognizing Christ's work through successful people. Three people who have significant accomplishments and were leaders in their perspective fields were invited to speak at

Hong Kong Adventist College during this Fall Semester.

Roberto Fusté who is currently Executive Advisor for regional strategy at Fresenius Medical Care (DAX). He was formerly member of the company's corporate Management Board in Germany for 18 years as well as CEO of its operations in Asia Pacific for the same period.

Mr. Fuste came to HKAC to inspire our college students as he has been doing for his nearly 10,000 team members in Asia Pacific to achieve outstanding performance through higher levels of professional engagement, personal satisfaction, and career development. "Never stop changing," Fuste emphasized, "never stop growing".



Robert Lilwall, a world-renown journalist and author who shared his experiences while traveling around the world. After completing his PGCE at Oxford

University, he taught geography for two years. Lilwall decided to take a break from his teaching job. He left his home in London, to travel the world while only riding on his bike. Lilwall traveled over 30,000 miles from easternmost point of Russia to England passing through Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, Iran, and Turkey, experiencing new cultures, food and people. Chased by bandits, camping at minus 40, and crossing deserts. Along this journey, Lilwall stated that, he found his "ultimate success", marrying his wife, Christine Liu.

"You know what the key to success is?" Lilwall began, "I'll tell you what it is. The key to success is to take calculated risks." Lilwall explained to our college students that calculated risks are carefully examined decisions that have an estimated positive or negative outcome. By taking these calculated risks, one will only benefit from their failures or successes. Succeeding keeps an individual moving "upwards" while failing teaches a lesson that will impact future decisions.

Lilwall and his wife now live in Hong Kong together where they share his story of overcoming hardships and attaining the reward of success that comes afterward. Lilwall has been invited to share his story with major corporations like Nike, Microsoft, HSBC, AIA, Hyatt, HP, Prudential, Citi Bank, and Adidas just to name a few. Lilwall has written 2 books that were published and translated into many languages. His expeditions were made into television series by National Geographic.



May Lam, a seasoned Corporate Real Estate Executive with over twenty-five years of commercial experience was another successful executive invited to speak to our college students during weekly chapel. May joined Li & Fung in 2014 and is currently Senior Vice President, Corporate Services. May

manages the corporate real estate portfolio for the whole Li & Fung Group globally, covering end to end from transaction, projects to facility management.

May presented on the subject of "how to survive after college". She expanded on the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey to elaborate on the guidelines to achieving a job and to be successful after college.

May said, "My life motto is: 'Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?'" (Mat 6:25-26)