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CHUM Christian Leadership Conference

August 2-4, 2005, the Christian Leadership Conference concluded a four-year program with a theme, 'Servant Leader,' in the Hong Kong Adventist College. The first conference was held in 2002 at the same place. This series was sponsored by the Christian Leadership Center of the Andrews University and the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM).



For this year, the final episode, 'Servant Leader No. 4' was presented by Dr. Stanley Patterson and Dr. Douglas Tilstra from the Andrews University. The program included lectures and discussions to empower around 70 church leaders, administrators and pastors from the CHUM, Hong Kong-Macao Conference, schools and hospitals, and local churches.

How can we be a good 'Servant Leader' for church and even our-

selves? They talked about Integrity and Personal Leadership Challenges, Self-Leadership, the Time Line, Practical Aspects of Servant Leadership, Leadership and Personal Power, and Empowerment and Managing Meeting and Conflicts.

"In the past 4 years, we have really learned a lot. Leaders are the ones who influence others. This year, we have learned how to lead oneself and to empower others. The conference was really fruitful," said Pastor James Wu, President of the Chinese Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church



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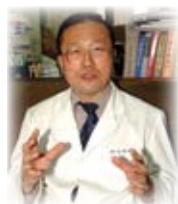
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Sahmyook University Professors Honored

During the year 2005, the three Sahmyook University professors were recognized by the most well known world-wide academic societies for their achievements.

Professor Lee, Jong Keun's authored the book, 'Hebrew Legal Thought,' which was selected by the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Korea as one of the '2005 Outstanding Books' in the field of Social Sciences. In 2003, his book 'Mesopotamian legal Thought' was selected as an excellent book by 'Korean Publishers Association' and 'the Ministry of Culture & Tourism of the Republic of Korea.' Both books were published by the Sahmyook University which is sponsored by the Adventist Church in Korea. Dr. Lee has been a theology department professor and director of the Sahmyook University Museum in Seoul. He has been listed in the 'Who's Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology, 2nd ed. (Washington, DC: Biblical Archaeology Society, 1993).



Professor Ko Weon-Bae, has been listed in the publication '2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 21st Century' published by the International Biographical Centre (IBC), Cambridge, England, the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information said Wednesday, October 5. Also, it is heard that Dr. Ko will be registered at the 'Marquis Who's Who' in the World 23rd ed. 2005-2006. The IBC highlights the achievements of important people to a world-wide audience of academics and researchers. Dr. Ko, a chemistry professor at the Sahmyook University, was recognized as one of the most outstanding scientists for his work on 'the synthesis of fullerene derivatives.' The public news media spotlighted him on October 5.

Life Science Industry Department (Food and Nutrition) Professor Chung, Keun Hee, was selected as one of the 'World Leading Scientists of 2005,' one of the '2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century' and the '2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 21st Century' by the International Biographical Centre (IBC). Additionally, Dr. Chung has been listed in the 'Universal Award of Accomplishment, American Biographical Institute; 2005.' Dr. Chung's scientific achievement was highlighted with a paper, 'A Novel Plasma Proteinase α 2-Antiplasmin Inhibition of Fiblin Digestion,' in 2004. (K.N. Lee, K.W. Jackson, V. J. Christen, K. H. Chung, and P. A. McKee. 2004. A Novel Plasma Proteinase α 2-Antiplasmin Inhibition of Fiblin Digestion. Blood.103(10) 3783-3788).



Yokohama SDA Elementary School Domino Challenge

September 3, the NHK educational channel broadcast a special topic 'Summer Domino Challenge' starring the Adventist school children in Japan. This program is one of the famous children's educational programs, 'Science Favorite Saturday Lesson' which is weekly. August 3-4 the domino game was recorded at the Yokohama SDA Elementary School Gymnasium. The Yokohama SDA school was chosen as the first starring one among the nationwide schools who applied for the program. In spite of the hot and humid weather, the Adventist children concentrated on setting up a 40 meter domino course and tried their best to make the highest-speed in bringing the domino's down.



Students setting up for the Domino Challenge

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Beautiful Music - a Message of Happiness for Kofu, Japan

September 17-21, 2005, people in Kofu City, Yamanashi, Japan were touched by the beautiful music presented by the gospel singers, the Golden Angels, and the message of happiness by an evangelistic speaker empowered by the Holy Spirit. 'Usukushi' and 'Kouhuku' may be a matter of primary concern for those who had difficulties and traumas through typhoons, earthquakes, and wars. But these two words, 'Usukushi (Beautiful)' and 'Kouhuku (Happiness)' used for the meetings gave the participants' hope in addressing the external and internal fears.

The meetings were held in two places. Two nights of the meetings at a hospitable couple's home and other meetings were hosted in the Kofu Church that PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement) Pastor Lee, Chang Sup began planting several months ago.

The presentations by Dr. Lee were delivered to the participants with the translations into Japanese by Ms. Yokoyama Ayako who attends the Tokyo Central Church. "How can we have peace in the midst of the war-torn world? How can we escape from death? It is only through one's hope and faith in Jesus Christ that we can receive the eternal life," said Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the Kofu meetings.



Dr. Lee with Kofu evangelism attendees



Kofu PMM pastor Lee, Chang Sup visiting in preparation for the meetings

"This evangelistic series brought more new souls to Jesus' Love and made the distance closer between the church and those who had not been coming to church for the long time. I would like to give the glory to the Lord for his guiding in these meetings. May God bless all who served and prayed for this series!" said Pastor Lee, Chang Sup.

After the Kofu meetings, Dr. Lee said, "I have same feeling whenever I visit Japan. Evangelism is slow in the 130 million population country. I feel a big challenge with evangelism here. However, God will open the door widely for His mission."

"What a miracle it is! The 15 PMM pastors took one year of Japanese language study, but now they speak fluently Japanese as a foreign language. I can see they feel real accomplishment with a confidence in the language. The same can be said about evangelism in Japan. It is marvelous! The Lord performed miracles for the PMM pastors to spread the Gospel throughout the Land."

MMF First Youth Festival

October 15 was Mongolia Mission Field's first Youth Festival. 120 college students from many places throughout Mongolia gathered together for spiritual nourishment, fun, and fellowship. Part of the excitement was to begin organizing the Adventist Mongolian Youth Federation. This first meeting was filled with speeches from college students, church leaders, and pastors. Pastor Dale Tunnell had the opening welcome and introduced idea of AMYF.



He reminded all of the fact that "the SDA church began by young people that read their Bible, had a close relationship with God, and had a desire to share the Good news with others. God's remnant church was started by young people and God's remnant church today is full of young people. God's last day message will be carried around the world by young people." Pastor Elbert Kuhn shared from 1 Timothy 4:12 and challenged each of the youth to continue to live for Jesus and set an example for others.



The evening activities were filled with games and getting to know each other. Each 1000 missionary batch shared a special song or skit. A competition was held for the pastors. Joy and excitement filled the air. It was an event that was enjoyed by all.

There was excitement among the students that came from small towns to realize that there were other Seventh-day Adventist college students that they could fellowship with. Some students were talking about the possibility of living together to support each other. Others were sharing the need to have fellow believers with whom they could study and pray.

Mongolia – An Awesome Experience

After three and a half weeks in Arvaikheer, 22 weary yet inspired people return from Mission Mongolia to tell their stories. Here is how David Shaw, Mission Mongolia coordinator, saw it:

The aim of Mission Mongolia was to uplift God and the Seventh-day Adventist church in farming community of Arvaikheer, which has a population of about 30,000. The small, but faithful Seventh-day Adventist church comprises two missionaries and seven locals. To do this we choose three tasks: build a playground, refurbish a school for the deaf and establish a children's feeding program.

Mitch Kelerman of Midland church designed the playground before we left and he had planned for it to be built over two weeks. But, thanks to God's blessing and a mighty effort, we finished it in one week. The best thing about the playground was the smiles on kids' faces when they played on it. Mothers would come from the other side of the village just so their kids could use the playground. Over 100 kids per day used it.

Local officials said before the playground was built, kids had nothing to do and the government was at a loss as to what to provide for them. But now they have seen the children's delight over the playground, they have been inspired to build more.

August 22-September 15, 2005, twenty two Adventist Members from the Western Australia volunteered for Jesus Mission in Arvaikheer, Mongolia. The mission field is a farming community, which is 450 kms from Ulanbatarr.

The mission team coordinator was Mr. David Shaw who is a member of Livingstone Church at Perth, Western Australia. Livingstone Church Pastor Anthony McPherson and other members of team from various churches throughout Western Australia worked together for building a school playground and running kid-feeding program with the help of the ADRA.

"Western Australia has committed to a 5 year program at Arvaikheer, Mongolia. This group was the first to go. It was very successful through Gods blessings," said Mr. David Shaw.



Children enjoying the playground built with ADRA's assistance

The second project we embarked upon was the renovation of a school for the deaf. Under the expert direction of Gillian Michel, we transformed a two room building into one large room and then painted the floor, ceiling and all the walls. Pastor Anthony then painted the sign language alphabet on the wall and on the other side he painted numbers.

We built a blackboard and table for the teacher and desks and stools for the 16 students. ADRA supplied a computer and we took over with us back packs, writing equipment and sports equipment, which we presented to the teacher when the building was finished. The teacher cried for 15 minutes. She just couldn't believe what we had done for the students. There were a lot of wet eyes around the place that's for sure.

We started work on establishing the children's feeding program as soon as we arrived in Arvaikheer. Our first job was to get permission from parents to enrol their children in the program. This meant visiting families at their homes, which they call 'gers'. Gers are tent-like structures that house many family members.

When we left, 35 children were attending the lunch feeding program. A local café, owned by Christians, offered to make the lunches at no charge provided we supplied the food. Some of the money that people donated will be used by local missionaries to purchase the food for the feeding program over the next 12 months.

These projects gave the Adventist church a huge profile in the community as we reached out and showed the love of God. This laid the foundation for the evangelism series, which was run over 10 nights by Pastor Jim Fitzsimmons. An average of 70+ people came every night and, as a result, two people were baptised on last Sabbath we were there. Another 40 responded to a free bible and further study with the local pastor.



Pastor Fitzsimmons assisting with one of the two people being baptised at the end of the series

A New Day at the NSD Office

History was made in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division on Jun 3, 2005. At 11:05 in the morning the Executive Committee voted to purchase the seventh floor of the Sam Hee Plaza building. This decision came after several months of negotiations.

With the anticipation of additional staff, additional room was needed. The NSD plan from the first of the year was to have another director for the Ministerial Association position. Knowing that changes were possible at General Conference time NSD did not want to appoint someone to this position until GC time.



Fifth floor new office area getting carpet in preparation for occupancy

Another position anticipated at the beginning of the year was a media position. A desire to use video more for promotional and reporting purposes, necessitated additional staff. Additional staff equal additional room.

Administration and the directors agreed that the office space for directors was too small. And there was a desire for additional functionality for our office. One of the initiatives for this coming five years is that every institution in our division plant a new church. NSD needs to lead the way. So we wanted

a church area. Some of the staff felt an exercise room needed to help keep fit. And there was a desire to be able to house some of our guests in comfortable facilities within our own area. A new

idea came up that it might be good to have a Mission Museum to highlight the work of missions within the NSD territory.

The most important reason for change was just that our office needed a facelift.

When you visit the NSD offices now you will find a totally new look.



It may look like a bomb has exploded, but this is the beginnings of the new church. Bare floor and walls, but not for long.



Elder Don Upson, NSD Treasurer, leading out in morning worship in our newly refurbished worship room.



Artist concept of the new main entrance on fifth floor

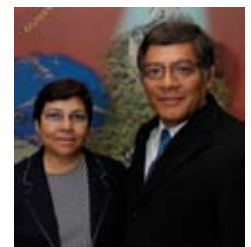
Welcome Dr. & Mrs. Miguel Luna

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division is happy to welcome to its work force, Dr. Miguel Luna and his wife, Idalida Luna. Both Dr. & Mrs. Luna are from Peru. They are blessed with two grown children: one boy and one girl.

Dr. Miguel Luna finished his Bachelor's degree in Theology at the Peruvian Union College, took his Master's degree at the Theological Latin American Adventist Seminary, and Ph. D in Systematic Theology and Religious Education at Andrews University. He comes to NSD with rich experiences in pastoral, theological and youth education and leadership. Prior to his assignment as NSD Ministerial Secretary and Director for Stewardship, he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Religion at Hong Kong Adventist College from September 1999.

Mrs. Idalida Luna possesses an MA in Educational Psychological from Andrews University. She was Associate Professor at Hong Kong Adventist College from September 1999. She now serves as office Personal Assistant to the Family/Children/Women's Ministries Department Director.

Dr. and Mrs. Miguel Luna's vast exposure in education and leadership will certainly be an asset to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.



ADRA Pakistan Earthquake Response Targets Survivors

With the major earthquake that struck Pakistan, India and Afghanistan on Oct.8, causing tremendous destruction and leaving tens of thousands feared dead, thousands are responding with various forms of aid. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has established an emergency team to assist with the implementation of emergency relief projects in Kashmir, such as the distribution of tents, blankets and food.

In its first international shipment of aid, ADRA International is airlifting 20 boxes of medicine from Malaysia to the Islamabad airport, the group said.

“Each box can treat 1,000 patients for 90 days,” said Raafat Kamal, regional vice president of ADRA’s Trans-European office. The boxes can be used for distribution by small medical teams in rural areas.

ADRA Germany is preparing an airlift of antibiotics and anti-bacterial equipment valued at U.S. \$84,000 to be distributed by the ADRA team in the disaster-struck area. ADRA is also dispatching a medical team to Kashmir to assist with the distribution of medical supplies and attend to the health concerns of those injured in the earthquake.

To coordinate relief efforts on the ground, ADRA is setting up an office in Rawalpindi, a city near Islamabad, Pakistan, and a field office in District Bagh, where authorities have already given ADRA permission to begin relief activities.

“We have a major crisis on our hands and we are trying our best to meet the needs of the people of Pakistan,” Kamal added.

ADRA/ANN Staff

Pioneer Missionaries in Tomigusuku Church

Will it never stop? Typhoon seems to never end in Japan making people always alerted. Of course, Christ’s Mission will be ceaseless too! Our pioneer missionaries brought a strong wind of the Holy Spirit to promote a month-long evangelistic series in Japan, just around the time when ‘Navi’ hit Okinawa, Kanto, Kyusu area September 4-5.



NSD PMM Coordinator Pastor Kwon Johng-Haeng preaching to a standing room only congregation in the Tomigusuku Church

September 4-10, Tomigusuku Church in Okinawa was flooded with people who were seeking the gospel of Jesus. The theme was ‘True Happiness and Eternal Peace.’ The meetings were held in the Tomigusuku Church which PMM pastor Nam, Hyoung Woo planted this.

The Golden Angels proclaimed the Jesus’ messages with graceful music while NSD PMM coordinator Kwon JohngHaeng delivered touching sermons to the audience. Neighboring Adventist church pastors, families, and members united in support of the meetings with prayers and activities.

Suri Church Pastor Watanabe and Dr. Noris Matsumoto, Okinawa Adventist Medical Center President translated Pastor Kwon’s presentations. A 79-year-old retired Pastor Arakaki Saburo joined the activities giving a great spiritual support to the people by sharing his wonderful stories. Pastor Saburo was sentenced to death for war criminals that occurred during the fighting with the U.S. in World War II. How-

ever he was miraculously saved by the grace of God then became an Adventist Pastor.

Pastor Kwon shared a story: “I am too excited to sleep because of this wonderful meeting. On the last night of the series, God sent people more than our expectation. A young man saw the banner, “True Happiness and Eternal Peace” on the Church building, and entered the church. He asked Pastor Nam, “Can I find ‘Happiness and Peace’ at the church?” The Golden Angels sang for him, ‘You are born to receive His Love,’ and Pastor Arakaki Sabbro suggested that all pastors pray together for the young man putting their hands on his shoulders.”

NSD Officers/Departmental Responsibilities

At the September 26, 2005 Administrative Committee meeting, departmental responsibilities were discussed and reassignments made. The new areas of responsibilities are as follows for the Officers and Directors:

Kwon JohngHaeng

Global Mission/Mission Awareness Coordinator
PMM Coordinator
Mission Museum Curator
Global Evangelism Coordinator

Phoon Chek Yat

Education
Language Schools Coordinator
NSD-GRI Coordinator
Library Supervisor

Joshua Shin

Youth Ministries
Music Ministries Coordinator
1000 MM Coordinator
Golden Angels Supervisor
AMiCUS Coordinator

Stanley Ng

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AHCA (Adventist Health Care Association) Coordinator
Publication Supervisor
Leadership Training Coordinator

Kim, Dae Sung

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Publishing Ministries
Voice of Prophecy Coordinator
ASI Coordinator

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ADRA Coordinator
IDE Affairs Coordinator

Sally Lam-Phoon

Women's Ministries
Family Ministries
Children's Ministries
Shepherdess International Coordinator

This article was published in the Victorian Conference "IntraVic" newsletter to the church:

HOPE CHANNEL TO GO TO MONGOLIA

A Mongolia Mission Team in the Victorian Conference (Dr. Robert Gan & Pr. Tony Campbell) have invited Robert Stankovic to co-ordinate a special project for the installation of large (2.3 metre) C-BAND satellite dishes & receivers for the viewing of HOPE CHANNEL & possibly 3ABN Russia (many people in Mongolia read and understand Russian). Several experienced people who are passionate about satellite ministry have also been invited to join the team for this project. The project is to install as many satellite dishes as possible throughout Mongolia beginning in August 2006. The goal is to train local Mongolians to install & maintain the satellite units. Some parts of Mongolia (outside of cities) have no power. Therefore there is a need for additional equipment (i.e. solar panels, batteries etc). Complete units (including solar power) will cost within the vicinity of \$700-1000 each. With this modern technology we are able to provide immediate and continual exposure to the Everlasting Gospel for the spiritual nurture and mission of the Mongolian people. An account has been opened at the Conference Office specifically for this project. If as a church or as an individual member - you feel impressed to financially support this "faith" venture (a new mission field), then you can make your cheque or money order payable to:

"HOPE FOR MONGOLIA"

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New Media Center - New Staff

Video is becoming an essential means of sharing the Good News. After an extensive search process, on September 26, 2005, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) ADCOM (Administrative Committee) voted to hire Mr. Joe, Sung Hwui as a Media Center Technician. The NSD Media Center is being developed and currently being equipped.

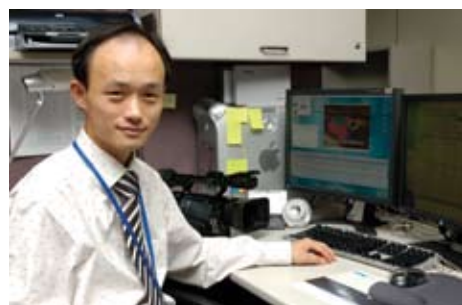
Mr. Joe who was raised an Adventist family has studied in the Wonju High and Middle Schools sponsored by the Adventist Church in Korea. He graduated from the Andong Institute of Information Technology majoring in Media & Broadcasting in 1997. He was awarded a bronze meddle for a music video submitted to the 2nd MBC Media Contest in 1996.

Mr. Joe has used his specialty in media, computer graphic, animation and video as a multi-media team leader at various companies including Hongik Animation and RDK Ltd.

After seven years of experiencing in profit making business society, Mr. Joe decided to work for the Lord and began to work at the Nomok Nature Observatory. This nature center was originally sponsored by an Adventist church member, but now under the direction of the Korean Union Conference. He has been involved in developing educational documentary videos and the website as the media team leader at Nomok.

"I want to be a messenger to spread the Lord's message through the multi-media to people around the world. I wish I can create some unique and best visual forms that meet the Christianity," said Mr. Joe.

We welcome him and appreciate his willingness to use his talents for the NSD mission works.



Mr. Joe, Sung Hwui, NSD media center person-

Radios for Mongolia AWR

Thursday, October 13, 2005, a shipment of 1,000 shortwave radios left Seoul, South Korea, bound for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia aboard a Korean Air flight. This project of the NSD Communication Department will bring the message of a loving Savior to those in the far reaches of Mongolia.

A year ago the idea was born to provide radios to be use to increase the number of people listening to AWR Mongolia. Two plans for distribution are planned. Some of the radios are destined to be given to the nomadic shepherds. The most exiting plan is for the 1000 Missionaries to use them. They will invite people to come and listen. Then as they listen they will learn of Jesus love and be invited to study God's word.



Communication Department personnel displaying one of the 1,000 shortwave radios for Mongolia before shipment.

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