

PMA National Director Joins PCEC Leaders for CFS Training in Korea

Philippine Mission Association (PMA) national director, Dr. Rey Taniajura, joined 24 other leaders of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC) attend a training program called "Pioneering Spirit Project" of Canaan Farmers School (CFS) in South Korea on September 30 to October 2, 2010.

The purpose of the training was to learn the factors for the phenomenal economic development of Korea from a Christian perspective, and the role of Canaan Farmers School in the economic growth of the country.

The delegation was led by PCEC national director, Bishop Efraim Tendero, and board chairman, Dr. Andrew Liuson. Five other PCEC board members traveled with the group. The rest were heads of commissions and staff of PCEC. While in Seoul, South Korea the group also revisited the vision and mission of PCEC and discussed how the Council can move forward to seeing the nation discipled for the Lord Jesus Christ. Canaan Farmers School and Myung Sung Presbyterian Church served as host of the delegation.

The training subjects included the following: Life and Practice of Canaan; History and Spirit of Canaan Pioneering; Community Development and Christianity; Life of a Pioneer; Canaan Strategies in Transformation; and True Way of Life. Dr. Kim Bum-il, president of Canaan Farmers School, handled most of the training. He was assisted by Dr. Kim Jangsaeng, planning coordinator of Canaan Global Leadership Center and Kwansoo Lee, director of Canaan Training Center in the Philippines.

The training also included an early wake up and morning roll call beginning at 5:00 am, jogging and exercise. On the second day of the training the Philippine delegation went up Canaan's prayer mountain to pray for the Philippines and its national leaders. The group also visited the Yongam-ri Village located close to the school. The village, whose population is made up of only 90 households, is reputed to be the richest village in the entire South Korea. It practices the philosophy that is being taught and promoted by Canaan Farmers School.

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In the introductory brochure of Canaan Global Leadership Center it mentions that the "first component of leadership training is mindset transformation." The school therefore aims "to produce model communities of poverty eradication based on mindset transformation and raise leaders who would practice and live out the changed mindset."

KOREA in the PAST	KOREA in the PRESENT
GNP at \$US67 in 1953	One of 13 largest economic countries
Budget subsidized by 47.1% through external donors (1962)	South Korea is a donor nation

Canaan Farmers School was established in 1931 and played a key role in "teaching national pride to the Korea public, stimulating them to work for poverty eradication through agriculture." Since 1990 several branches of CFS were already set up in many countries around the world in response to requests of governments. Today, there are CFS branches in Bangladesh, Philippines, Myanmar, Indonesia, China and India. Other branches are planned to be opened up in Palestine, Malaysia, Cambodia, Tanzania and Uganda.

Elder Kim Yong-ki, father of the current president Dr. Kim Bum-il, founded Canaan Farm in 1931 in an effort to search for an answer to the survival of Korea. In 1954 Canaan Farmers School was established in Pungsan, Gyeonggi Province for the purpose of spreading the pioneering spirit of Canaan. To date, five communities or Canaan Farms were set up in South Korea. These are the Bongan Ideal Village (1931-1945), Samgaksan Farm (1946-1949), Yongin Eden Village (1952-1954), Hwangsan Canaan Farm (since 1954) and Sillim Canaan Farm (since 1973).

Dr. Kim Bum-il wrote his autobiography, titled, "Achievers Are Dreamers." It has a subtitle, "Turning Barren Wilderness into Fertile Soil Everywhere around the World...." Dr. Kim's father, Elder Kim, is a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay award of Asia, the equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize. In his foreword to the book, Dr. Randall Hoag, director of Canaan-Yonsei Global Agricultural Leadership Center and former president of Food for the Hungry International, had this to say:

Korea's rapid transformation is indeed astounding. South Korea's GNP in 1953 was \$US67. Today South Korea has the 13 largest economy in the world. In 1962, the South Korean government budget was subsidized 47.1% by external donors. Today, South Korea is a giving nation to others. Most nations never make it out of such dependency, let alone become a donor nation. But South Korea did and it wasn't by accident.

I have come to believe that Kim Bum-il has it right. The key to eradicating poverty is not throwing more resources at the problem. The key is in our mindset. In Kim Bum-il's words, if you want to change a nation, you have to change the people. And that change begins with "Change Me First!" We need to restore the attitudes of work, service and sacrifice. This transformational mindset must be lived out by a new generation of leaders who are daring enough to dream. There are no shortcuts. In my experience, strategies that bypass these fundamental truths ultimately end in failure.



The Philippine delegation led by Bishop Ephraim Tendero and Dr. Andrew Liuson



Group photo of CFS trainees. Countries represented are Korea, Uganda and the Philippines



Dr. Kim and son welcoming the Philippine delegation



President Kim delivering a lecture in one of the sessions

About Canaan Global Leadership Center

MISSION:

"We exist to eradicate and empower leaders to practice the values of work, service and sacrifice in overcoming world poverty through lasting and sustainable development."

Core Values:

- Work – gladly toiling and moiling
- Service – gladly serving others in humility
- Sacrifice – gladly sacrificing for the good of the community

Vision:

- "From Barren Land to Fertile Soil" – eradicating poverty in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- "From Dependency to Self-sufficiency" – raising up leaders to eradicate poverty on their own instead of relying on foreign aid.
- "From Polluted Planet to Green Earth" – sustainable development in harmony with ecosystem.

CFS's school ideas are encapsulated in the following slogan:

- I work first.*
- I serve first.*
- I sacrifice first.*



Citation given by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation for Kim Song-il*

Whangsan," or "Wasted Hill," was the local name for the inhospitable three and one-half hectare plot outside Seoul that KIM YONG-KI and his family chose as their challenge 11 years ago. There, with "one hand on the bible and a hoe in the other," KIM provided for his family and built a productive farm and school for farmers. Today the transformed hill is respectfully called "Canaan."

For the war-scarred ancient land of Korea and some three-fourths of its citizens who are farmers, he has shown that the most basic and enlightened of skills applied with work and love for the soil bring consequential material returns. Reaching far beyond agriculture, he has demonstrated the value of erecting simple houses of improved design, adopting a cheaper and more healthful diet, wearing more practical clothes and shunning wasteful, customary social demands. Within this context he has tested his ideas, established a nondenominational Christian Church and written his book, *The Way To a True Living*.

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In electing KIM YONG-KI to receive the 1966 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service, the Board of Trustees recognizes his example of Christian principles practically applied to improve agriculture and imbue rural life with new joy and dignity.

*This is an excerpt taken from the Citation provided at the Ramon Magsaysay website, www.rmaf.org.ph

Japan based Nigerian pastor visits PMA office

Rev. Kenny Ewans, Asian coordinator for Church of God Mission International based in Japan visited the PMA office last September 28, 2010.

Pastor Ewans is a Nigerian minister with a Filipina wife. He is also coordinator for the Japan for Jesus Connection. He visited the Philippines to study the system of Faith Academy based in Valley Golf, Cainta. Their organization is into church planting in one of the provinces in Mindanao.

Rev. Ewans talked about their vision, which is to build people into leadership with a global passion deeply rooted in Christ.

Dr. Rey and Rev. Ewans discussed various possibilities of partnership in the future for sending workers into Japan and vice versa. At the end of the visit, he had lunch and prayed over the PMA ministry



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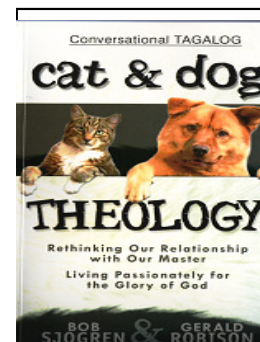
The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization

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The 3rd Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization was done in Cape Town, South Africa last October 16 to 25, 2010. Looking back, the first Congress was done in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 1974 and the second in Manila on July 1979.

In this new millennium, where many challenges arise such as poverty, HIV/AIDS, persecution, terrorism, other faiths, and with new media arising, internet, social networks, etc. where should the church invest its efforts and energies to most effectively respond to Christ's call to take the gospel into all the world and make disciples of all nations . . . lives that are changed for all eternity, broken families mended, physical and emotional hurts healed, communities transformed. Continuing its mission:

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