

## **Sixth Fu Jen Academia Catholica International Conference:**

# **Inculturation of the Catholic Church since Vatican II**

### **Background**

The Academia Catholica was established in 2008 at Fu Jen Catholic University. Since then, annual international conferences have been held for the purpose of promoting dialogue among different areas of Catholic research, and of offering an open platform for international Catholic scholars/professionals to communicate with, and to learn from, each other. It is also hoped that, by means of organizing annual international conferences at Fu Jen Catholic University, we can help to enhance the academic research capabilities of Chinese Catholic scholars around the globe.

### **Mission**

2015 marks not only the 90th anniversary of Fu Jen Catholic University (1925-2015), but also commemorates the closing of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Vatican II opened a variety of paths and directions that have helped the Church to engage with the modern world and be enriched by different cultures, traditions and religions.

50 years after Vatican II, we seek to assess its results and achievements. What challenges lie ahead and what mistakes were made? What are the urgent issues to which we should pay attention here and now so that we can keep walking humbly with God as humble servants in his vineyard? We believe that honest reflection on, and examination of, what we, as Chinese Catholics, have done in the light of Vatican II is a good way of celebrating this glorious historical moment.

### **Introduction to the Sixth Fu Jen Academia Catholica International Conference**

The Sixth Fu Jen Academia Catholica International Conference will be held from May 29th to 30th, 2015. The location of the conference is the St Paul Hall at the Academia Catholica, Fu Jen Catholic University. The topic of the conference is: Inculturation of the Catholic Church since Vatican II.

After the promulgation of *Ad Gentes* (On the Missionary Activity of the Church, 1965) both Pope St John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI paid attention to the issue of the inculturation of the Church, as stated in *Catechesi Tradendae* (1979), *Redemptoris Missio* (1990), and *Fides et Interculturatio* (1988). We hence propose the following three sub-titles for the Conference:

- (1) The Tradition of the Church: Inculturation of the Church after Vatican II;
- (2) Religion and Culture: Chinese Culture and Christianity;

(3) Fruits of Inculturation: Achievements of the inculturation of the Church in the Chinese context after Vatican II.

The Conference will be held over two days, and each day will start with a keynote speech. The first speech will be given by Archbishop Savio HON Tai-Fai, S.D.B., who is currently the Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples at the Holy See. The other speech will be given by Professor Vincent Shen, who is currently Chair Professor at the University of Toronto. The Conference will have six sessions, at which international scholars will be presenting papers. The names of the speakers can be found in the table below:

**Date and Location:**

May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

St. Paul Hall (DG 410), Academia Catholica, Fu Jen Catholic University

# Day One

May 29th, 2015

May 29th (Friday)				
Time	Sessions	Host	Presenter/Topic	Discussions
9:00-9:30	Registration			
9:30   10:30 (60')	Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speech	Dr. Vincent Han-Sun Chiang		
		The Most Reverend Savio Hon Tai-Fai, S.D.B.		
10:30-11:00 Tea Break				
11:00   12:30 (90')	Tradition of the Church	Dr. Tak-Kwong Chan	Fr. Mohan Doss, S.V.D. (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Fr. W. M. Choy (20')	
			Fr. Kim-Chinh Vu, S.J. (20')	
12:30-14:00 Lunch				
14:00   15:30 (90')	Religion and Culture	Fr. Louis Gendron, S. J.	Dr. Archie Lee (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Dr. Van-Doan Tran (20')	
			Dr. Wing-Chung Kwan (20')	
15:30-16:00 Tea Break				
16:00   17:30 (90')	Fruits of the Inculturation	Dr. Hsiao-Huri Pan	Dr. Bernard Li (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Dr. Katia Lenehan (20')	
			Dr. Ying-Fen Su (20')	

# Day Two

May 30th, 2015

May 30 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)				
Time	Sessions	Host	Presenter/Topic	Discussions
8:40-9:00	<b>Registration</b>			
9:00   10:00 (60')	Keynote Speech	Dr. Shang-Shing Peter Chou	Dr. Vincent Shen	
10:00-10:30 Tea Break				
10:30   12:00 (90')	Tradition of the Church	Dr. Shih-Ming Ko	Fr. Simon Kam Man Wong, S.J. (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Dr. Tak-Kwong Chan (20')	
			Dr. Fang-Chung Chen (20')	
12:00-13:30 Lunch				
13:30   15:00 (90')	Religion and Culture	Fr. Leszek Niewdana S.V.D.	Dr. Maria John Peter Selvamani (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Dr. Mei-Ting Huang (20')	
			Dr. Wen-Hsiang Chen (20')	
15:00-15:30 Tea Break				
15:30   17:00 (90')	Fruits of the Inculturation	Dr. Yi-Jia Tsai	Dr. Li-Xing Hong (20')	Open Discussion (30')
			Dr. Feng-Chuan Liu (20')	
			Dr. Paulus Iee-Ming Chang (20')	
17:00   17:10	Closing Ceremony	Dr. Tak-Kwong Chan		