



## A Condolence Message of CCT General Secretary In honor to Rev. Dr. C.M. Kao (1929-2019)

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Dear Rev. Lyim Hong Tiong  
General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

It is a great shock to all of us to hear the peaceful passing away of Rev. Dr. C. M. Kao on February 14, 2019. On behalf of the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT), I wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to Ms. Li Le-Tin and members of family at this time of grief and mourning.

Rev. Kao as an advocate of ecumenism live-up on wider and contextual meaning of ecumenism that is rooted on the life and struggle of the people of Taiwan and Asia. He began his involvement in ecumenical movement since he was young. During his time as the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, he was arrested and imprisoned for four years three months and twenty-one days (4321).

His critical point of view on justice and peace; tireless and humbly for churches and Taiwanese people was enough to inspire new other church and ecumenical leaders to deepen their involvement to the ministry and mission set by Jesus Christ. His preferential option for the cause of the poor, deprived and oppressed people and of the world served as another guiding principle on how Asian churches and ecumenical movement will develop a theology rooted on the concrete situation of the oppressed and struggling community.

Truly, Rev. Dr. Kao left us already but his insights, examples, lessons and experiences he shared to each one of us will further gives us lessons and reminders that our ecumenical journey will never come to an end. It will gain a new face and dynamism as times pass but the passion will be the same as before rooted on the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and on our continuing commitment to unite all the people of different faiths and religions.

For you Rev. Dr. Kao, thank you very much! You are such an 'ecumenical advocate' that your lessons became an integral part of our continuing ecumenical journey. May God of life and history gives you peace and eternal life.

  
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