



Christian Conference of Asia

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To: Member Councils and Churches of Christian Conference of Asia

Dear Ecumenical Colleagues,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA).

We are pleased to share with you information about the upcoming Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI), an intensive month-long ecumenical formation training programme initiated by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA). Member councils and churches of CCA are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates to attend the AEI. The AEI will be held at the Payap University Campus in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 15 July to 13 August 2018.

The theme of the AEI-2018 will be 'Wider Ecumenism in Asia's Pluralistic context'. Admissions will be given to 25 students who will be selected from among the applicants between the age of 25 to 35. Selection of prospective participants will be based on competence, gender and confessional balances, sub-regional representations, ability to communicate in English, as well as their ability to contribute and participate actively in class room discussions.

Focusing on a conceptual framework on ecumenism, its challenges, and on developing ecumenical formation and leadership development, the course outline and contents of AEI will focus on helping participants to envision wider ecumenism with theological insights, and contemporary socio-political realities. The thrust of the AEI will also aim at empowering the participants to understand the concept and scope of ecumenism from a strong sense of rootedness in one's own faith, tradition, and heritage, as well as involving them in the crossing of boundaries of denominational, cultural, social, economic and political strata.

CCA will offer scholarships for deserving applicants. Limited travel grants also will be made available for candidates coming from South and South East Asian countries. Participants from East Asia and Australia are requested to arrange their own air tickets from their home country to Chiang Mai and return.

Application Form and other details about the Asian Ecumenical Institute are enclosed herewith. **The deadline for receiving of Application Forms will be 31 May 2018.**

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours along the journey,

Mathews George Chunakara
General Secretary, CCA