



The **Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI)** organized by the Christian Conference of Asia is a month-long ecumenical formation training course in ecumenism. The AEI is designed to increase the knowledge and skills of prospective church and ecumenical leaders in Asia who seek to enhance their engagement in church and society and to assume future leadership positions in the ecumenical movement.

The training in ecumenism annually given for about 25 selected participants from Asia focuses on a wide range of emerging issues. The theme of the AEI-2018 will be on '**Wider Ecumenism in Asia's Pluralistic context**'. Various topics related to wider context of ecumenism and its relevance in contemporary global and regional context will be addressed by the participants with expert assistance of eminent scholars and internationally reputed ecumenists from the academic field and the ecumenical movement. .

The participants will take part in a range of activities, including presentations, panel presentations, and thematic discussions, as well as exposure programmes. Various interactive sessions of AEI will include case studies and collaborative peer-to-peer learning, to turn knowledge into practice.

Objectives of AEI-2018:

- To develop the capacities of a selected group of young prospective ecumenical leaders in Asia and to develop their leadership skills.
- To equip potential church leaders to widen their biblical, theological and socio-political understanding with a wider ecumenical vision.
- To make them understand the principles of wider ecumenism in in Asia's Pluralistic context, and to learn the tools of analysis of Asian reality.