



12 February 2018

Dear Alumni,

I bring you warm greetings from TTC, and to all who are celebrating the Lunar New Year, we wish you 'Xin Nian Kuai Le'! As we enter the second month of the January semester, I would like to share some updates with you.

1 On this 70th year of our college, we commenced celebrations with the 'Trinity Rhapsody' on 2 February – the first in the series of year round events leading up to TTC's 70th Anniversary on 5 October 2018. The 100-strong TTC choir under the baton of Mrs Simon Chan inspired a packed audience who braved the rain and traffic jam to listen to powerful and harmonious voices. CDs of the choir's renditions, on sale that evening, are now available at TTC. We thank God for students and lecturers alike who made the evening a memorable one.

2 A re-arrangement of the Trinity Anthem was also launched during the concert. It was sung towards the end of the evening's programme with pride and conviction. We thank a friend of our college, who wishes to remain anonymous, for his contribution to the music score.

3 70th Anniversary Events (February – May 2018). We encourage you to participate in these events:

- A Preaching Symposium with the theme: "[Light of the Word](#)" (*Lux Verbi*) will feature local and overseas speakers and workshop leaders. It also has a parallel programme in Chinese. Many have already signed up.
- "Southeast Asian Chinese Churches and the World of the Chinese" "[华文教会与华人世界](#)"专题演讲暨座谈会" is an event conducted in Chinese. It hopes to engage the voices of the different generations' concerns and aspirations about issues faced by Chinese churches.
- "[Christian Spiritual Formation: Its Nature, Potential and Pitfalls](#)". This half-day seminar seeks to create greater awareness of the nature of and need for spiritual formation in the congregation...why it is important for the minister and his/her flock, and the roles pastors and pastoral staff could play. Where do I begin if I want to provide soul care for my congregation? Are there dangers and pitfalls to avoid?

4 TTC's annual Open House was held on 24 January. More than 80 persons attended the occasion which included attendance at lectures, worship in chapel and community lunch at the dining hall. For the first time about three fourths of those who attended requested to meet a lecturer for one on one discussion.

5 We received two students on exchange for the January semester:

- a. Mr Jacob Cogman, an MDiv student from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, USA.
- b. Ms Li Yijun, Robin (李宜君) a visiting PhD student from Fudan University's School of Philosophy (Shanghai) researching on "*The Theology of Personhood of John Paul II*".

6 Our 16-year-old building's repainting works is completed. Over the years, we have been setting aside funds for this purpose simply because donors usually prefer to donate to scholarships rather than to brick and mortar. With responsible stewardship, we were able to meet the costs of the following in time for the 70th Anniversary celebrations:

- Repainting of exterior walls of TTC buildings and interior of hostel rooms, walkways and surroundings
- Interior re-designing of Faculty Lounge, Alumni Room, Board Room and Computer Room
- Upgrading of the Chapel PA system, and restoration of its pews.

Once again, we thank you for your prayers and support and look forward to your participation in TTC's 70th Anniversary events. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones with the best of health and circumstances.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Principal