



THE 10TH REGIONAL CONGRESS OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS

26-28 May 2023

HONG KONG

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

*Dear Rev. Fr. Joseph NGUYEN THINH PHUOC, Rev. Fathers Provincials and Rev. Mothers Provincials;
Rev. Br. Dominic NGUYEN DUC NAM, Rev. Sr. Lucrecia URIBE, Antonio BOCCIA and World
Councillors; Regional Delegate Sr. Celia TACUJAN, Provincial Delegates SDB/FMA, Provincial
Coordinators, Salesian Cooperators:*

Greetings of Peace from Hong Kong!

It is our great pleasure to invite everyone of you with love in Christ to Hong Kong and join the 10th Regional Congress of Salesian Cooperators from 26th to 28th May 2023 in Hong Kong, China. The China Province is honored to host this Congress and welcome all of you with love of Don Bosco.

§ **THEME**

Youth as the YEAST Fermenting Today's Family

§ **Goal**

For the theme and objectives, please refer to the convocation letter of Dr. Philp Yu. Together, we want to achieve the following goals through the Congress:

- To enable the Youth as the YEAST in our role of Salesian Cooperators
- To continue/deepen "For the Young" project in every province
- To share the experience and knowledge with other members
- To share the dream/hope/future of living our unique vocation with young people
- To elect the next World Councillor for EAO

§ **Registration**

Please refer to the enclosed registration form (one in PDF format for printing, one in MS Word format for local language editing) for more information.

✘ Please complete and return it to the Secretariat (email: info@SCC.org.hk) no later than 31-Mar-2023.

- ※ The Congress venue is Mary Help of Christian Church, 16 Tin Kwong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- ※ Considering the CoV-19 virus is still infecting many people every day, we are organizing a small but hybrid congress with less than 100 participants.
 - In principle, each Province should have 3 voting members to attend in person at the election session of the Congress, namely the Provincial Delegate, Provincial Coordinator plus one more Provincial Councillor. In case the Provincial Coordinator cannot attend in person, he/she may nominate another Provincial Councillor to vote.
 - Other non-voting members are also welcome to join, about 3~5 but please include at least 1~2 youth (age 16-35) while more than 5 will be put on the waiting list.
- ※ The cost per person is \$480 USD for a full-board registration. Hope you could appreciate the economic impact after three years of pandemic control measure and try your best to support us.
- ※ For youth participants, we are working on a discount rate and will be announced a little later with a separate registration form.
- ※ Official language: **ENGLISH**

§ Main Programme

Please refer to the enclosed Excel file with 5 tabs, Day 0 to Day 3, and important notes. The Programme is still being refined with further input but the main schedule is fixed.

- ※ Day 0: on your arrival, 25/May or earlier, you will find our hospitality team greeting you at the airport with ASC signage (details to be informed) and they will assist you to go to the hotel. Please collect your welcome package at the check-in counter.
- ※ Day 1: please remember to bring your national flag and national anthem for the opening ceremony. Each province will be invited to share your own performance during the Welcome dinner like cultural night. [N.B. your hotel is about 10 min. walk to the Congress venue]
- ※ Group Discussion – considering the language issue, each province will be assigned a group and the group number will be printed on the name tag; and English-speaking members from any provinces will group for better cross exchange.
- ※ Day 2 afternoon: all voting members join the Caucus Session for Election of World Councillor while a parallel event will be arranged for other participants.
- ※ Day 3 morning: we shall celebrate the Closing (Sunday) Mass with new members entry. Please advise in advance if you have new member(s) from your province to make first Promise.

§ Preparation Work

Provincial Coordinators are kindly requested to prepare the Provincial Report (no more than 3 pages, A4-size) and send us before 30 April 2023. It should include the following:

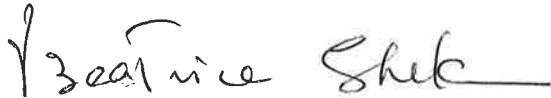
- Statistics of the Province similar to what you did for Tokyo Congress
- Highlight of the activities related to “For the Young” project
- Formation program or inspiration from 2019 Cambodia Formators Workshop

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Each province please bring your own computer for use in group discussion, please inform us in advance if you have difficulty to bring and we are happy to help. You may also want to install online meeting software MS Teams but no need to sign up user account as we shall prepare one for each province with a link for your members to join online.

May God bless us all! See you in Hong Kong!

Sincerely yours in Don Bosco,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beatrice Shek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Beatrice Shek
Provincial Coordinator, China Province

Encl. – Programme and registration form