

# Welcome Message

## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SERVICE-LEARNING “Service-Learning as a Bridge from Local to Global: Connected World, Connected Future” 4<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013

It gives us great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning, co-organized by the Office of Service-Learning (OSL) at Lingnan University, Sun Yat-sen University and Lingnan (University) College at Sun Yat-sen University, United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and Lingnan Foundation.

While technological advances have the positive effect of connecting regions and countries despite their physical distances, the connected world calls for all parties to collaborate and work together for a connected future. This sets the theme of this year’s conference – “Service-Learning as a Bridge from Local to Global: Connected World, Connected Future” – as we believe that Service-Learning is an excellent platform to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and most important of all, a sense of responsibility when facing issues related to globalization.

Looking back on our experiences, we are proud of the resources that we have all invested, the partnerships built, and the outcomes that we have achieved through the institutionalization of Service-Learning. Looking forward, we hope that through Service-Learning we can enable more young leaders to actively engage in the community and nurture them with qualities of a global citizen. It is to this end that we organize this conference. By gathering experienced and passionate educators, students, service providers and funders from around the world, we hope to “make connections” for the exchange of ideas and new collaborations, as well as to celebrate each other’s success.

This year, we have over 400 conference delegates from at least 19 countries/ regions, from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds. We have received close to 200 papers and offers for poster presentations, panel discussions and interactive workshops. The conference also includes special events, including Pre-conference Workshops and Visits, the WOW Night, the Student Forum, and other networking events.

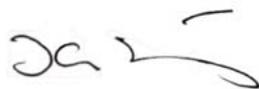
We are also happy to announce that as the host institution, Lingnan University is giving two awards, the “Education for Service” Faculty Award and the Service-Learning Award 2013, for the first time. This is to recognize the effort of committed faculty members and other individuals who have made a significant contribution to society.

Once again, we would like to thank you wholeheartedly for coming to this regional event. Only with your passion and support can we share our ideas of Service-Learning and move forward through making new connections and dreaming bigger dreams! Together, we can make a better world!

We hope that you will enjoy the conference and sincerely wish you a happy and fruitful time in the next few days.



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欢迎莅临第四届亚太地区服务研习会议  
「以服务研习为桥梁：由本地出发，联系世界，衔接未来」  
2013年6月4日至7日

欢迎各位莅临由岭南大学服务研习处、中山大学、中山大学岭南(大学)学院、亚洲基督教高等教育联合董事会和岭南基金会合办的第四届亚太地区服务研习会议。

由于日新月异的科技打破了区域的界限，世界各地的联系因此而变得更紧密，各界也需要同时加强合作，以携手创造更好的未来。因此我们将今年的会议主题订为「以服务研习为桥梁：由本地出发，联系世界，衔接未来」—因为我们相信，服务研习能够装备学生的知识和技能，培养他们的责任感，以面对全球化带来的挑战。

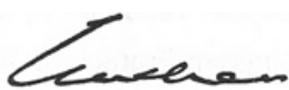
一直以来，我们都投放了不少资源，与不同合作伙伴建立了良好的关系，并成功将服务研习融入大学体制中。展望未来，我们希望透过服务研习培育一批积极服务社会的年青领袖，并使他们拥有全球公民的素质。我们举办是次会议的目的正是希望让世界各地热心的教育工作者、学生、社会机构代表和赞助者聚首一堂，交流心得和创造新的合作机会，并庆祝已取得的成果。

今年，超过400位来自19个不同国家及地区的代表参与是次服务研习会议，他们来自不同的专业范畴及背景。我们亦收到接近200份会议文章，作者将通过主题演讲、分组会议、海报汇报和互动工作坊等形式，分享其成功案例和宝贵的经验。本届会议亦有数项特别节目，例如会议前工作坊及参观、WOW之夜、学生论坛及各项交流活动等。

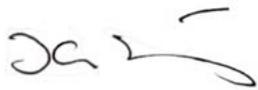
而岭南大学亦将首次在会议上颁发「作育英才—服务社会教学大奖」及「2013年服务研习大奖」两个奖项，表扬努力及坚定发展服务研习的岭南大学老师，以及通过服务研习为社区带来正面改变的各界人士。

我们再次感谢各位莅临是次亚太地区服务研习会议！你们的热情和支持，让我们可以互相分享经验、开展新的合作、追求更大的梦想，一起向前迈进，建立一个更美好的世界！

在此，衷心祝愿各位在未来数天的会议中度过既充实又愉快的时光！



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