

## 5th Asia Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) held in Malaysia

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This 5th Asia Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) has been successfully held in Malaysia from 29 July to 30 July 2017 with the presence of our great Regional Group Chairman of Asia Couple, Dr. and Mrs. Yong Chung Sik and Director of BFD of Asia, Mrs. Ursula McLackland. This event welcomed 23 parents from 3 other countries in Asia and 92 parents from all over Malaysia. BFD leaders from the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore also participated in this event.

A total of 47 candidate profiles were presented by their respective parents by way of power points introduction and a total 137 profiles were extracted internationally from the bcmatching/ bfmach websites and displayed for parents viewing and consideration.

The PMC started with one day education on 29 July 2017 (9 am to 5 pm) with a total of two lectures by the BFD Asia director and special internal guidance by Mrs. Sasaki Yoshie Yong. These lectures deeply impacted all blessed families and many were moved to tears. In the evening (5 pm to 9 pm), we had power point presentations by the candidates' parents introducing their children to the other parents for 3 min. each. The parents then started to view profiles from 9 pm to 10.30 pm.

On the following day (30 July 2017), parents started to network among themselves from 8 am until 12 pm, parents also had the opportunity to personally consult with Dr. & Mrs. Yong about potential matches for their children.



Special thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Yong who led the morning devotion every morning (29 July-31 July 2017) from 5 am to 7am giving special guidance to all the blessed families based on the Hoon Dok material. Such spiritual conditions set the spirit and right mood for creating a very holy and high spirited atmosphere for the success of the whole event.

On 30 July 2017 (4 pm to 9 pm), we also conducted a first level Matching Supporters Training for parents or leaders who were interested in learning about and volunteering to become Matching Supporters. The Training was conducted by BFD Asia director, Mrs. Ursula McLackland.

On 31 July 2017 (8 am to 12 pm), the BFD leaders from Asian countries who had attended the PMC gathered for the BFD meeting. Based on the evaluation of this PMC, we made plans for the next PMC event in Thailand (2 – 3 January 2018). Considering the numbers of second gens reaching matching & blessing age, with proper preparation and education of parents and children, we are confident to have a total 70 Asian candidates during the next PMC. We also discussed important issues in preparation of the Cosmic Blessing in Korea next month.

The whole PMC event was officially concluded on 31 July 2017 with a special celebration lunch together with Dr. & Mrs. Yong for all leaders and staffs who worked so hard to make this PMC a great success. It was also a great learning experience for all the young members in Malaysia who took responsibility for all the practical arrangements and hospitality towards all participants as it was their very first experience of hosting a PMC. They could witness the dedication of all parents and leaders to sincerely search for God's guidance in the matching process. Learning from this experience, we also wish to apply the same heart and dedication for the 1st gen matching process.

