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# MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ATA IT SOLUTIONS: ATA ONLINE ACCREDITATION

A couple of years ago, the ATA leadership team enumerated 7 strategic initiatives, one of which is to strengthen ATA's operational services through technology. In a move towards that, ATA undertook an IT Solutions project, part of which is the development of an online tool to facilitate most aspects of the ATA's accreditation processes. This new tool is named ATA Online Accreditation (or ATA OA). The software has been developed by Teknon Solutions (in India), headed by Mr. Dennis Aloysius, who has also been serving as ATA's IT consultant. Apart from his team in Teknon Solutions, Mr. Aloysius is being assisted by ATA's IT staff, Mr. Alex Lactaw. Working with them is Dr. Rick Weymouth, ATA's new (and second)

Associate Secretary for Accreditation, who has been providing some oversight for the Online Accreditation system.

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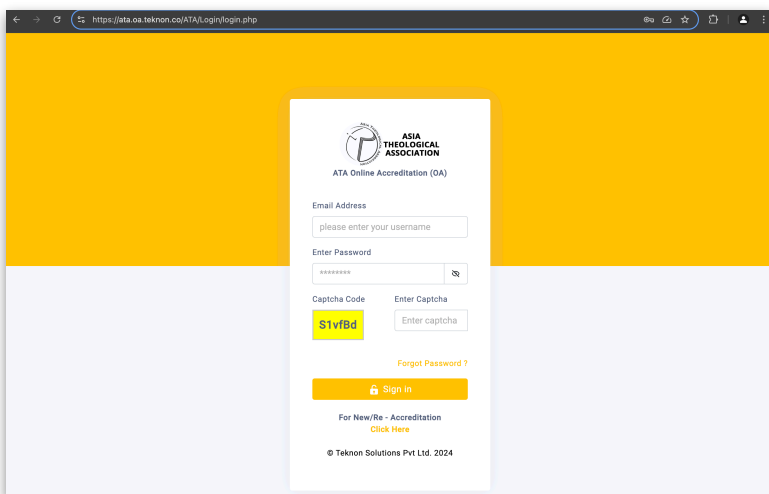
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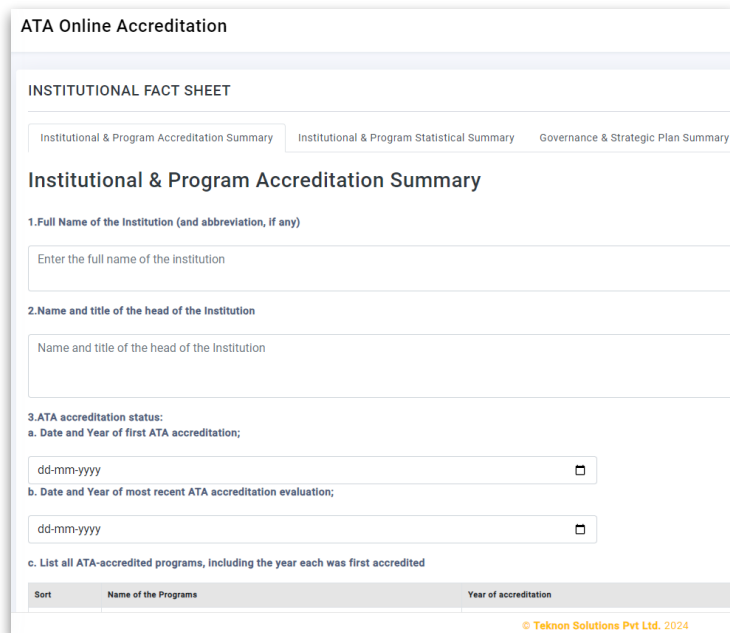
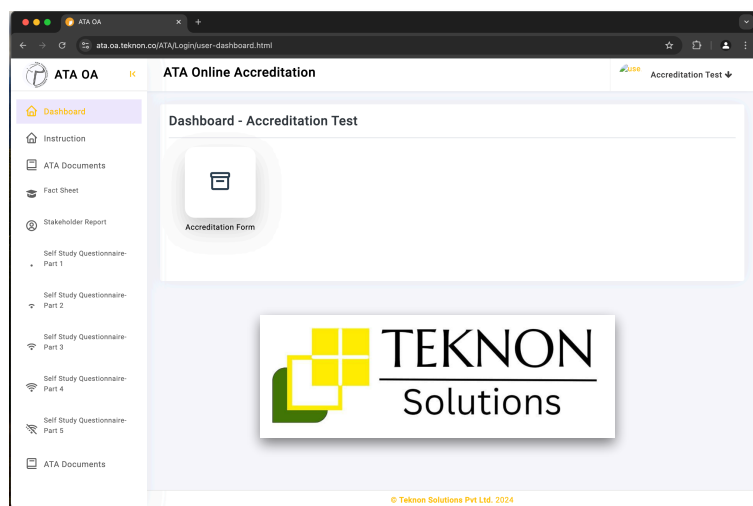
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The new Online Accreditation system is a web-based software developed with the objective to digitalize the accreditation process. It is easy to use and can boast of secured access to data along with a centralized and transparent process. From its inception last year, there has been significant progress in its development. The new system is live and piloted by a few schools who have agreed to be ATA's pilot batch. During this Pilot phase, the system will be tested with select ATA schools and institutions going through the full accreditation process, including the ATA's Fact Sheet, Stakeholder Survey, Self-Study Report, all the way through to the


accreditation evaluation on-site visit and the VET Report. All these processes will now be completed online. The new system will be fully secure for all users.

We will announce when all ATA members can access the system with our formal Online Accreditation launch. In the meantime, please remember to pray for the team behind it as they persevere in finishing this new tool to better serve you, our members. ♦




## Enjoy and be blessed by the resources produced by CTIA!

A couple of months ago, the Center for Theological Inquiry or CTIA was formally launched. Since then, the team behind it has been producing content, mostly in the form of articles, to benefit you and the church at large. Most of these articles tackle some of the most difficult issues facing the Asian church today. These resources are available both on their website [www.ctiasia.org](http://www.ctiasia.org) and through their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/theologicalinquiry>. We are likewise inviting you to like their Facebook page for the latest updates.

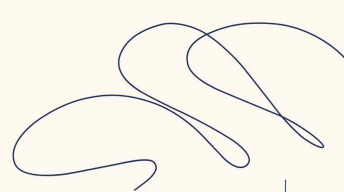


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# SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and STORIES

ATA Theological Consultation 2024 (TC24)  
November 12-15, Chiangmai, Thailand

A creative open space for vibrant conversations  
about faith, life and the arts in Asia



## TC TEASERS

### Why does art matter in theology?

Learn what some of the plenary speakers and presenters have to say about that:

*“Art continues to speak of and to God where even our most brilliant speech fails.” – Marie Joy Pring Faraz*

*“Storytelling is among the oldest of art forms, and that is what largely what the Bible uses to mediate theology.” – Havilah Dharamraj*

*“Music is an art of time, which is best paired with the Divine Word”.- Joshua Chang*

*“Art, in its many expressions, is an extension and participation in the divine nature, showing us ourselves and who we can become.” – Fritz Melodi*

*“...art reflect artists’ hermeneutics.” - Samuel Goh*

*“Art communicates theological reflection in ways that words can never express.”- Angelica de Vera*

*“Armaking helps us enter a creative process of imagination and meaning making that go beyond the immediate reality which to me is another form of theological reflection.” - Joyce Chan*

Find out more in Sights, Sounds, and Stories, the 2024 ATA Theological Consultation to be held from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November in Chiang Mai Thailand! Interested? Well, see the details you need to know to join below:

**Venue: Furama Hotel, Chiang Mai**

### Cost:

- **Stay-in participants:**

	Hotel room/meals	Registration fee	Total
Single room	US\$ 205.00	US\$ 95.00	<b>US\$ 300.00</b>
Twin sharing	US\$ 145.00	US\$ 95.00	<b>US\$ 240.00</b>

(Inclusive of 3 nights hotel accommodation (Nov. 12-14, checkout on Nov.15) and meals starting breakfast on Nov. 12 to lunch on Nov. 15.

\* Dinner on your own on Nov. 14 as participants are free to go for sightseeing after lunch.

- **Stay-out participants with meals : US\$ 190.00**

Inclusive of meals starting A.M. snack- Nov. 12 to Lunch- Nov. 15, 2024 w/ 2 dinners.

- **Stay-out participants without meals : US\$ 95**

**Registration deadline:  
September 30, 2024**

Register through this [link](#) or simply by scanning the QR code:

See you there!





# A PEEK AT TC 2024: UNVEILING THE CREATIVE ART SPACES

The 2024 ATA Theological Consultation is just a few months away- and there is so much to look forward to! So, we are pleased to give you a peak at what is in store for you in the upcoming Theological Consultation as we, little by little, unveil its Creative Art Spaces...

## ATA Theological Consultation 2024: Sights, Sounds, Stories Creative Art Spaces

Paper-Project  
Presentations

Plenaries

Devotionals

Creative Art  
Displays

Creative Art  
Workshops

Performance Space  
(Live)

Digital Website  
Space

Publications

### OPENING REMARKS: Dr. Michael Ortiz

### THE PLENARIES: SPEAKERS AND SESSION TITLES

Havilah Dhamraraj, *Elements of Storytelling*

Marie Joy Pring Faraz, *Magnificat from the Margins: Utilizing Art in Research Among The Poor.*

Wageeh Mikhail, *Arabic Calligraphy and Arab Christianity*

Sawai Chinnawong, Thanit Lokeswaree, Arnan Moontrakorn, *Layers of Contextual Art by three Thai Artists.*

Joel Navarro, *Homeward Bound: Returning Ancient Hymn-Texts and Sacred Choral Music to Congregational Worship.*

SBC School of Church Music Faculty, Chang & Palaruan, *Beyond Music, Transcending Borders: Rethinking Theology of Worship and Church Music Education for Asian Pastor-Musicians.*

Panel with Michael Ortiz, Wageeh Mikhail and others, *Theology and the Arts: The Way Forward.*

This is just a glimpse of the many exciting things we have in store for you in the upcoming 2024 Theological Consultation! Watch out for more exciting details in the days to come!

# SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and STORIES



**WORKING SCHEDULE for SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND STORIES  
ATA TC 2024**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:00-10:00 am Registration  10:00-10:20 Coffee Break	8.30-9.00am	Worship Devotion Havilah Dhamraraj Gen 29:13-30: Jacob marries Leah and Rachel	Worship Devotion Havilah Dhamraraj Luke 11:5-8: The Friend at Midnight	Worship Devotion Havilah Dhamraraj Gen 32:22-32: Jacob wrestles with God
10:20-10.50 am  Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions  (Theresa Lua, Michael Ortiz, Tan Sooi Ling)	9.00-10.00am	Plenary 2: Joel Navarro  Homeward Bound: Returning Ancient Hymn-Texts and Sacred Choral Music to Congregational Worship  Q and A	Plenary 4: Havilah Dhamraraj  Elements of Biblical Storytelling  Q and A	Plenary 6: Digital Arts  Q and A
10.50am-12.30pm  Plenary 1: Layers of Contextual Art (Thailand)  1) 10.50-11.10 am: Sawai Chinnawong 2) 11.10-11.30 am: Thanit Lokeswaree 3) 11.30-11.50: Arnan Moontrakorn 4) 11.50-12.30 Q and A for all three artists	10.00-10.20am	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
	10.20-10.40 am	Coffee and Creative art presentations live	Coffee and Creative art presentations live	10.20-11.00 Wageeh Mikhail Arabic Calligraphy and Arab Christianity
	10.40-11.20 am	Plenary 3: SBC School of Church Music Faculty (Chang, Palaruan)  Beyond Music, Transcending Borders: Rethinking Theology of Worship and Church Music Education for Asian Pastor-Musicians.	Plenary 5: Marie Joy PringFaraz  "Magnificat from the Margins: Utilizing Art in Research Among The Poor"	11.00-12,15 Theology and the Arts: The Way Forward. (with Michael Ortiz, Wageeh Mikhail and others)  12.15-12.30 Concluding Summary Rei Crizaldo and CLOSE.
	11.20am - 12.20pm	Discussion, Feedback, Q and A	Discussion, Feedback, Q and A.	
12.30 LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2.00-2.40pm	Paper/Project Presentations	Paper/Project Presentations	Group Tour of Chiangmai	
2.45-3.25pm	Paper/Project Presentations	Paper/Project Presentations		
3.30-4.00pm	Coffee Break			
4.00-5.00pm	Workshops	Workshops		
6.00-7.30pm	DINNER	DINNER		
7.30-8.30pm	Performances Esther Chuang "Beauty out of Brokenness"	Arts night (5 minute presentations)		

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# SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and STORIES

# Asian Christian Leaders and Emotional Health: a Joint Research Project of Fuller Theological Seminary and ATA



An often-overlooked area in the training of Christian leaders in many formal Theological institutions is that of emotional health. Sure, many seminaries excel in intellectual formation and, fortunately, a focus on spiritual formation is beginning to gain traction. Yet if seminaries are serious about equipping their students wholistically, preparing them to handle the emotional and relational challenges that come with Christian service, seminaries need to begin addressing this gap. This need prompted Fuller Theological Seminary together with the Asia Theological Association to conduct research on the emotional health of Asian Christian leaders.

This joint research project aims to “develop and disseminate a comprehensive resource on emotional health and sustainability in ministry that will speak directly to the challenges that pastors and Christian leaders face throughout different regions in Asia.” To

move towards that goal, Fuller and ATA will be assembling theologians, mental health practitioners, and leaders of the various ATA member institutions to participate in listening conversations to “assess gaps in training pertaining to emotional health and catalyze interest and collaboration in the creation of contextual resources and research in the area of the emotional health of Asian Christian leaders.” These listening conversations are led by no less than Cliff and Joyce Penner Chair for the Formation of Emotionally Healthy Leaders and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. David Wang.

The initial gathering was held last July 11 in the B Hotel, Quezon City, Philippines. 12 leaders from various seminaries across Metro Manila came and participated. ♦



Dr. David Wang led the conversation



# The 2024 Academic Leadership Seminar: Building Institutional Capacity for Quality Online Education

With the speedy digitalization of the world, Online Education continues to become more of the norm across all disciplines- with countless embracing it to learn and be equipped. But with that comes the need for theological institutions to ensure that the education they provide online continues to be of good quality. This is why the Asia Theological Association in partnership with Local Leaders International is organizing the 2024 Academic Leadership Seminar with theme “Building Institutional Capacity for Quality Online Education”. This seminar will be held on October 17 to 19 at the Cityview Hotel, Hong Kong.

This year’s Academic leadership seminar’s aim is twofold: first, it aims to build the competency of academic deans in developing institutional capacity for quality online education. Participants will engage with the Distance and Online Theological Education Competency Framework (D/OTEC) developed by the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). Second, it aims to facilitate the sharing of best practices, mutual encouragement, and networking among the ATA academic deans.

For this seminar, Local Leaders International (LLI) not only committed to provide facilitators, but it likewise subsidized the cost of the seminar, which includes meals, conference facilities, and the airfare of facilitators. The subsidy of LLI has made the cost of this seminar significantly more affordable to more, as seen in the rates and options below:

### Option 1: Stay-in participants with meals

	Actual cost	Subsidized cost What you will pay
Single room	US\$685	US\$ 350
Twin-Sharing	US\$535	US\$ 200



The seminar begins 8:30 am on the 17<sup>th</sup> so, participants are expected to arrive on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The given amounts include your accommodation in Cityview Hotel from October 16-18 and all meals from breakfast on October 17 to lunch on October 19. Dinner is not included as participants are free to go out for sightseeing at night. There are a number of inexpensive restaurants and shopping areas in the area.

### Option 2: Stay-out participant with meals

Actual cost	Subsidized cost What you will pay
US\$360	US\$ 150

### Option 3: Stay-out participant without meals

Actual cost	Subsidized cost What you will pay
US\$105	US\$75

The Asia Theological Association is deeply grateful for the partnership of Local Leaders International in this endeavor to equip those in academic leadership.

So, if you are in a position of academic leadership, make the most out of this wonderful opportunity and register soon! Deadline for registration is on September 5, 2024. ♦

TO JOIN US, PLEASE REGISTER HERE:





## From Dubai to Albania: Be Part of ICETE's C-25!



Last month, the ICETE leadership made a very important announcement: the location of C-25 has been moved from Dubai to Tirana, Albania. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aE-ROArekwj>] The venue of C-25 will now be in Grand Blue Fafa Resort, Long Beach, Golem, Kavaje, Albania. Yet while the venue has changed, several things remain the same:

The dates are still on March 3 to 7, 2025. The gathering still aims to have participants consider and respond to the ongoing realities along with the challenges the church can expect. Of course, the theme is the same: Next for Theological Education.

Furthermore, discounts still await you! You can still avail of the early bird discount if you register on or before 01 October 2024 and participants from ATA member schools may ask the ATA office for the ATA discount code.

So, what are you waiting for? Be part of this historic event! Register now by clicking on the following link: <https://web.cvent.com/event/01d27adf-a2ae-41a7-a809-74dde8b2cfe4/summary>.

We look forward to seeing you there! ◆

## tearfund

### CALLING ALL POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS (ThM, Dmin, PhD) IN ATA ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

You are invited to apply for the ATA- Tearfund scholarship!

To do so, kindly follow the following instructions:

1. Application Form: Fill in the ATA-Tearfund Integral Missions Scholarship application form on google forms.) [Click here](#).
2. Information about your research project: In the application form, there is space to tell us more about your integral mission research project:
  - Topic, scope and purpose of your dissertation/thesis research project
  - Field research methodology: data gathering and analysis.
  - Research subjects and context
  - Contribution of this research to the church and to the field of integral mission.
3. Recommendation: Provide one academic recommendation.

Transcript: Current academic transcript of grades.

The deadline for applications is on September 30, 2024. ◆



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The purpose of APTS Press and the Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies is to encourage serious theological thinking and articulation by Pentecostals/Charismatics and dialogue with other Christian traditions in Asia to stimulate creative contextualization the Christian faith; and to provide a means for Pentecostals/Charismatics to share their theological reflection.



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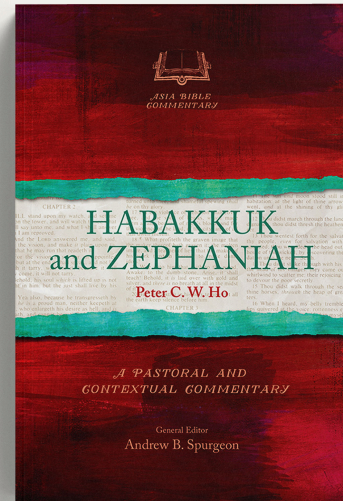
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