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The growth and development of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) has been attested by God's grace, which allows us to experience deeply God's wonderful and true guidance.

It All Started with a Beautiful Deed

In early 2009, soon after I assumed presidency, a Christian who loves HKBTS promised to donate a considerable sum of money for the construction of a new building on our Sai O Campus. As the seminary was faced with many difficulties at that time, the priority of implementing a campus extension project was not high and the project was therefore put on hold. Meanwhile, I devoted most of my attention and efforts to the rebuilding of the seminary's team by nurturing the teachers, students and staff and increasing the synergy between them. Moved by God, I was inspired by the Holy Spirit to make more visits to alumni and donors, in the hope of reconnecting one another on the basis of mutual trust and thanking them for walking with us in the past.

As a result, I made a number of visits. On one such visit, the donor told me I need not visit her anymore as she was too old to be able to make further donation to HKBTS. But why should that matter to me? I continued to visit her on her sickbed, just out of gratitude and care. To our total surprise, the seminary received a substantial donation in her will after she had passed away! After this incident, I realized that **God had never turned His eyes from the replanting needs of our seminary.** This unexpected and beautiful deed has become a significant sign of God's presence with HKBTS.

Be God's Good Steward

On another occasion, a couple approached me proactively with care and made a donation to the seminary. They told me that they could only donate \$100,000 to the seminary as they did not have much spare cash.

Understanding that it was their donation of love, just like what the "poor widow" in the gospels made (Mk 12:41-44; Lk 21:1-4), I invited them to come to our seminary so that I could receive the cheque from them in front of all the teachers and students, witnessing the couple's faith and love toward God and making the teachers and students understand that ***we should be thankful all the time and always be ready to be God's good stewards who use every dollar and cent wisely. Only by doing so will we not fail the donors who saved money in order to give so generously.***

Later, while looking for someone to be the director of a foundation, I came to know a veteran accountant, who is a partner of one of the Big Four accounting firms in Hong Kong. During conversations with him, I unofficially learned some financial concepts from him, understanding that ***we have to let people know that the seminary is cautious and responsible in managing its finance before people can make donations willingly.*** This valuable lesson learned has become an important concept of financial management for me to guide our colleagues in the use of money and other resources.

On its path of growth, the seminary has encountered hurdles at times. In 2016, someone mentioned some trouble from the past, giving others the wrong conception that the problem still existed at the seminary. The incident has dealt blows to the seminary in one way or another. Despite this, we continued to follow God closely and fought against all odds to move forward steadily. ***In those years, HKBTS cultivated intensively to implement the edification of theological education in a practical way.*** With planting and watering going on day by day, the seminary gradually grew in the hands of God. In recent years, the theological education and academic research of HKBTS has even gained recognition from various non-Baptist churches and academic bodies, which has gone beyond our expectation indeed.

Steady Growth with Campus Extension

With the ongoing growth of the seminary, there was a need to open up more campus space for future development.

The need was recognized by the Board of Directors, hence its establishment of the Working Group on Property Purchase in mid-2014 to negotiate matters concerning the purchase of village houses in the Sai O area on the seminary's behalf. At that time, several directors and I made site visits to a few village houses for sale under the scorching sun, only to find that they all failed to meet our needs. What made matters worse was that the government had just introduced the so-called "Double Stamp Duty," which greatly increased the cost of purchasing properties. The seminary's plan of purchasing village houses was hence shelved.

After a number of cautious considerations, we finally came to a consensus that constructing a new building on the Sai O Campus would be the best way out as it would facilitate both the re-planning of land use and the future administrative and security management at the same time. In early 2016, the Board of Directors agreed on the implementation of the Extension Project of the Sai O Campus (Phase 3) and simultaneously set up the Campus Development Committee and its Building Committee to assist the seminary's gradual implementation of the plan for the construction of the new academic building.

Navigated by God and Followed by All

Right at the initial stage of the Campus Extension Project, we experienced the wonderful guidance of God together. At that time, the seminary applied to the Lands Department for the addition of a building area of 8,000 sq. ft. for the Sai O Campus. The first premium the Department quoted to us was HK\$37.97 million. All the committee members considered the amount too high as compared with the market price for an equivalent area for the same purpose. It was therefore unanimously decided that the seminary should appeal to the Lands Department, demanding a re-assessment of the land premium.

At that time, bearing in mind that every cent required by the extension project was a dedication of love from the brothers and sisters in Christ, I firmly believed that the seminary must not take a weak stand on the premium issue. The seminary would rather withdraw the extension project if the premium could not be reduced to a reasonable level.

After a number of serious efforts, the seminary submitted plenty of documents to the Lands Department, together with sufficient rationale. As a result, the premium was significantly

reduced to HK\$16.57 million and finally we managed to complete the deal at an even lower amount of premium, i.e. HK\$15.91 million. ***This amazing experience has enabled us to declare firmly with faith again: God is the only Lord of HKBTS. The whole campus extension project must be navigated by the Lord and on our part, we had to follow Him closely in His will.***

Closely following was the work of designing the floor plans of various stories in the new academic building. Members of the Building Committee contributed their expertise again. Meetings were held in a happy atmosphere, and everyone enjoyed the interactive exchange of ideas around the meeting table. ***There were neither arguments nor wasted time and energy. Everyone was dedicating their own efforts wholeheartedly for the greatest benefit of the seminary and for the prospect of theological education.*** Amazingly, everyone experienced unity in the fellowship despite the hard work; we appreciated and complemented one another, testing and approving what God's will was.

Unchanged Mission amid Turbulent Changes

While the campus extension works were progressing step by step, Hong Kong encountered earthshaking changes, which made me ponder again if we should proceed with the huge construction project: fellow believers might have financial difficulties; besides, as different people might have different perspectives toward the future of Hong Kong, would the churches in Hong Kong still support HKBTS's theological education ministry? After praying earnestly to seek God's will, I firmly believed ***HKBTS must continue to keep its roots in Hong Kong, carrying forward the mission held by its Baptist predecessors to provide theological education and forging ahead into the future to preach the gospel and train up the servants of the Heavenly Kingdom.***

With such determination, we marched forward steadfastly, braving winds and waves by the grace of God. Again, God let us experience His wonderful deeds on the issue of raising funds for the campus extension project.

More Beautiful and Touching Stories

I happened to know a lady believer who had at that time recently joined a Baptist church after leaving a local church with a different background. We met each other as we had the opportunity to worship together. When she learned that HKBTS's campus extension works were in progress, she took

the initiative to make donations well before any large-scale fundraising event had commenced for the project. To date, she has donated over HK\$3.4 million for the campus extension project.

In mid-March this year, I went for a follow-up visit to a clinic at the appointed time. The cardiologist I visited had donated HK\$1.1 million for the project in response to our call for donations. On that visit, I meant to thank him for his offering as well. To my surprise, he offered to donate an additional HK\$2 million after asking me if there was still need for funds for the extension project. What a wonderful sign of God's grace to us! He had donated a considerable sum for the campus extension already. It was simply logical not to expect any further offering from him under the current circumstances in Hong Kong today. But he donated even more than the previous time!

Since the commencement of the construction works for the new academic building, two members of the Building Committee, Deacon John Pak and Mr. Sam Chan, have been entrusted by the seminary to be the on-site supervisors, overseeing the contractors' work according to our plans and schedules. They spared no effort in contributing their own time and expertise. Feeling indebted to them, we meant to give them a token of thanks by means of an insignificant amount of honorarium, but when we were about to do so, we received a cheque of HK\$1 million offered by Deacon Pak instead!

In mid-June, while I was having a meal with a couple whom I had not met for a while, they gave me a cheque of HK\$1 million as offering for the campus extension project. I know there are still many brothers and sisters who have given offerings of love, ranging from hundreds or thousands of dollars to millions, just because they were moved by God, they had a calling to support theological education, they loved and cared for HKBTS or because of the encouragement of church pastors and deacons. ***Regardless of the amount, their selfless offerings to HKBTS in fact stood for their love for God and a vote of confidence to the theological education ministry of our seminary.*** There are many more beautiful stories like these, which cannot be detailed here. I hope there is a chance to share their stories in greater detail in future.

As a scholar and pastor, I do not know how to raise funds or how to carry out the campus extension works. There are too many things that I am neither experienced nor talented enough to handle. However, God has moved his faithful believers to help the seminary, fulfilling one after another beautiful deed in this place where servants of the Heavenly Kingdom are nurtured. ***By recounting these touching and beautiful stories, we are able to see God's blessing for HKBTS's campus extension project through the Christians in various churches—and their response of faith to God's calling. All these are imprinted in our hearts so deeply that we thank and praise God from the bottom of our hearts.***

Stories Engraved on HKBTS History

As of this moment, when the article is being written, the amount of offerings received by the seminary for the campus extension project has reached approximately HK\$27 million. Although this is well below our fundraising target of HK\$70 million, I am fully confident that God will take us forward step by step.

I remember writing down a Bible verse while I was waiting to see the cardiologist: "And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us" (2 Cor 8:5). ***I hope that all the donors will pray to God first, deciding to offer themselves, and then willingly respond to God's calling with concrete actions according to the faith and abilities apportioned to them by God, and reveal their will toward God with their offerings in today's Hong Kong.***

Afterward, I encouraged the donors to have their names engraved on the history of HKBTS firmly and confidently as memorable signs there: whether their names are to be engraved on the structure of the new academic building or in the "Donors Report" in our *Newsletter*, so that ***their good testimonies and examples will become beautiful clouds surrounding HKBTS.***

On May 20, a simple but solemn Topping-out Ceremony for the New Academic Building was held. The ceremony was organized by two voluntary staff members, who had been a principal and a deputy principal in secondary schools before retirement. The ceremony was successfully and smoothly held, with everyone praying to God with a thankful heart. Our prayer was that God would help HKBTS excel in theological thought and practice, bringing blessing to the Church and guiding fellow believers to put their faith into practice together and share the goodness of faith, hope and love.

Every time when I think of the brothers and sisters who support HKBTS and make offerings to the seminary, I am so deeply moved that I would like to keep a record of all these beautiful stories. ***I earnestly hope that your willingness to help and support theological education will also be engraved in the stories of HKBTS.***

Doctor of Theology Program @ HKBTS

Ever since its introduction in 2013, the Doctor of Theology Program at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) has been well-received and yielded good results: thus far we have admitted five Th.D. students, one of whom graduated last year becoming the first Doctor of Theology conferred at HKBTS. His dissertation has received much commendation within Christian academia. This issue of *Newsletter* gives an account of the origin and development of the program, together with reflections from the teachers and students about this journey, so as to give the readers a more comprehensive picture of the program.

Scaling New Heights in Academia Training for God's Kingdom

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A Response to the Needs of God's Kingdom

As one of the founders of the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary, Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) launched a jointly-organized Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) program in the 1960s in order to cultivate theological talents in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. Then in 1999, HKBTS officially established its own Graduate School, offering the Master of Theology (Th.M.) Program.

In 2009, when Prof. Joshua Cho assumed the presidency of the seminary, he began to consider, from the perspective of God's Kingdom, whether HKBTS should launch a doctoral degree program and he found that such a move would be able to respond to contemporary needs in three ways: (1) a doctoral program would help nurture the next generation of scholars and pastors, equipping them to **respond to the church's needs** and leading the church in the face of the challenges of a pluralistic society; (2) with the establishment of a doctoral program, HKBTS would be able to **take up more missions**, not only by sending graduates to mission fields in more places but also by training theological personnel for the

Southeast Asian region, which means training locals to train the local pastors so that the local pastors could in turn train the local Christians to preach the gospel; (3) a doctoral program could not only nurture talents for the Main Campus Programs, Lay Theological Education Program and Distance Education Program of HKBTS but also **prepare a group of teaching and research personnel** for the seminaries on the Mainland and in Southeast Asia.

A Different Th.D. Program

Based on the above, the Th.D. Program Preparatory Committee was set up in early 2012 with the concerted support of the faculty members and the preparatory work quickly began. Members of the Preparatory Committee came from different backgrounds and reflected the different approaches of higher education in the U.K. and U.S.A. Together they considered the strengths and weaknesses of various educational approaches, finally coming to a conclusion that HKBTS should adopt **an approach combining the best parts of training in British, American and European graduate schools so that it could help doctoral students to discover their own potential and build their skills in order to better pursue knowledge.**

The objective of HKBTS in launching the Th.D. Program was not merely to train the most academically outstanding students, nor for the seminary to become a productive “factory of doctorate holders.” We value students with academic potential and hope that the program can help them discover their own potential and give them an opportunity to develop their abilities and gifts in the long run. For this reason, applicants must be spiritually sound and display integrity in their character. They are required to possess an M.Div. degree and a Th.M. degree, with a GPA of at least 3.75 for the latter. We set this minimum requirement because we believe **every Th.D. student must have both the commitment to serve the Lord and excellent academic abilities before they can do advanced research in the area of theology with outstanding results and make a contribution to God’s Kingdom.** Additionally, there is another basic requirement for students to pass a translation test in German or French in the preliminary phase of the Examination of Candidacy. Because when a student possesses a certain command of a foreign language other than English, their vision will be broadened. Another reason is that a great many theological works are written in German and there are numerous philosophical works written in French.

Since his assumption of presidency, Prof. Cho has been actively encouraging teachers to work together across their areas of expertise in their research and dialogues. With their collective scope of expertise thus broadened, teachers are further empowered to give guidance to future Th.D. students who can conduct **cross-disciplinary research.** An educational institution must attain a high academic standard before offering a doctoral program and such a high academic standard will also have a positive motivating effect on its own students. Even though they may not pursue further studies, they will still develop a different outlook and qualities in such a learning-rich environment, which may further enhance the overall development of the seminary.

Marching toward God’s Kingdom—Making the Best Better

As soon as the Th.D. Program was introduced in 2013, two Th.M. graduates from our seminary enrolled for it. Afterward, we admitted three more doctoral students from the Mainland upon recommendation by the China Christian Council and the National Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China. After seven years’ hard work, our first Th.D. Degree was awarded to Dr. Tiger Chan. His dissertation entitled “Theology and Phronesis Rooted in the Scripture: The Theological Project of Vanhoozer—God, Scripture, Theology and Discipleship” won the **2020 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award** presented by Rev. Dr. Lien-hwa Chow Memorial Foundation. He was also the only winner in this Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Scheme, illustrating his academic contribution to the Chinese theological world.

In response to the needs of future development, HKBTS has proceeded to build a new academic building on the Sai O Campus in 2016 which is expected to be completed by the end of this year. In view of the constantly increasing number of students taking graduate school programs, an entire story in the new academic building will be used for the **Centre for Graduate Studies**, offering the Graduate School students a venue for individual study and group discussion, and providing space for the storage of teaching and research literature and materials.

Looking ahead, HKBTS will continue its theological education by cultivating more scholars of and for the new generation who devote themselves to theological and biblical research, and who may then serve the Heavenly Kingdom with a solid biblical foundation and in-depth theological vision. They will serve churches, seminaries and publishers around the world in response to the various challenges in churches and society.

Academic Research as "Faith Seeking Understanding" in Practice

Andres Tang

Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture)

Development of Th.D. Program at HKBTS

HKBTS introduced its Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) program in the spring semester in 2013. Students could major in Biblical Studies (Old Testament or New Testament) or Christian Thought (Theology or History). In the following year, two alumni, both of whom have completed the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program and Master of Theology (Th.M.) program at HKBTS, enrolled in the program. The two students knew each other and both majored in Systematic Theology when they pursued the Th.M. program, though their research subjects were different. In summer last year (2020), one of them completed his studies and has his dissertation approved, becoming the first Doctor of Theology graduate at HKBTS.

The efforts a Th.D. student has to make are very different from those of a Th.M. student. Studying for a Th.D. program is not an easy process at all. The student is required to complete four exam papers within two years in the first phase and a dissertation in four to five years in the second phase, which means a total of around seven years. Basically, this is a self-learning process; the job of the academic advisors seems easy because they do not have to offer and teach courses in each semester as they do in teaching Th.M. programs. However, this is not the true picture.

Teachers Encouraging and Walking with Students

The life of mentoring Th.D. students is by no means easy. Instead it is long and painstaking. As students majoring in, for example, Systematic Theology have to pass examinations in three subjects, namely philosophy, theology and a specialized subject (in areas related to the student's research), the academic advisor has the responsibility to work out a reading list (of about 40 books) with each student and set examination dates for them. Owing to students' individual differences in learning abilities and in understanding and mastery of related knowledge, the academic advisor has to require individual students to sit in on the classes of certain subjects in the Th.M. program or even the M.Div. program, according to their individual situation, telling them where they should make remedial efforts and where they need further enhancement. In so doing, the academic advisor

ensures that the students will broaden and deepen their knowledge so that they may complete the first phase smoothly. As to how effective this is, it all depends on the abilities and efforts of the students themselves. Besides dedicating their utmost efforts mentioned above, as a guide on the journey, the academic advisor can do nothing but pray for the students silently.



Once the students have entered the second phase, namely the writing of dissertation, the academic advisor has to follow up on the research of each student individually, which requires even greater care. Basically, the area of research for the Th.D. dissertation that the students work on should be familiar to the academic advisor. So, it seems that the academic advisor does not have to spend much time and effort on doing extra reading and thinking in the area. What he needs to do is just to examine the academic standard of the students' work meticulously. But is it really that simple?

The difference between a doctoral dissertation and a master's thesis lies mainly in their content and length. In terms of content, the main idea must be original while the discussion must be thorough. Simply put, the subject of research should be one that nobody has worked on before; and there must be sufficient and comprehensive discussions on the related perspectives in academia while the author himself must detail his own comments substantively. Lengthwise, the number of words is about 100,000, i.e. at least double the number required for a master's thesis. The academic advisor must keep abreast of the latest discussions in academia, instead of sticking to his own understanding and mastery in the old days. Only by doing so can the academic advisor make a judgment of the students' research and give them appropriate guidance so that the academic standard of the dissertations can meet the requirements of

“originality” and “thoroughness.” Besides, it takes the academic advisor a lot of time and painstaking care to mark the students’ dissertations, which is another form of training in patience in addition to the academic work involved.

For these reasons, it is not easy indeed to be the academic advisor of a Th.D. student. However, this is the only way not to

let the Triune God down. As what the students are pondering over in the dissertations is the Triune God Himself and His works, we have to exhaust our wisdom and efforts instead of handling the job casually and superficially. **After all, academic research is the practice of “faith seeking Understanding.”**

Academic Research as a Way of Life

Wong Fook Kong
Professor of Old Testament

How time flies! It seems not too long ago that we launched our Th.D. program and, last year, we had our first graduate. Of course, for the doctoral students, the days must have inched along at a much slower and agonizing pace. Nevertheless, the time spent is well worth it as there is much to learn.

Learning How to Learn Critically

According to my understanding, the Chinese word *bo* (博) in *boshi* (博士 : doctor) means “plentiful, extensive” and is meant to indicate the extensive knowledge acquired by a scholar in training. This is true up to an extent but it is not the whole truth. Take a look at any doctoral dissertation and it will be evident that “depth” rather than “width” is the main focus. Usually, a narrowly focussed theme or text is chosen and explored as thoroughly as possible. The main skill acquired by a doctoral student is learning how to research a topic meticulously. The same skill can then be applied to other topics in the career of the graduate. To put it differently, **it is not just about learning new information but learning how to learn.** In this day and age, data is plentiful and easily accessible. When I first started teaching more than twenty years ago, I had to make students remember dates and facts. Nowadays they could easily find them via their phones or computers, making rote memorization of these facts redundant. What is needed is the ability, indeed the habit, to evaluate information critically. Essentially this is what a doctoral program does—honing critical thinking until it becomes a mental habit. This takes time and effort.

Seeking the Truth Accurately

When I say time and effort, I am not referring to the student alone. The academic advisor also spends a lot of time and effort training a doctoral student. I have been through the process myself so I know it is not the fault of the student. In

daily life an impression, a feeling, or the opinion of our friends is a good enough reason to make a decision. This is not necessarily wrong since we have to live with our feeling and friends after making the decision. However, in scholarship we are seeking the truth, not what feels good or pleases our friends.

Furthermore, we usually do not have to be very accurate in daily life. Most people would be satisfied with cool (“wear a jacket”) or hot (“wear shorts”), and there is no need to say 12.5°C or 34°C. And when we accuse our friends of doing something we dislike “all the time,” we usually mean “a lot.” In the academic world everything has to be fact checked and as accurate as possible. This also requires adjustment. Actually, the skills learned in a doctoral program are also useful in everyday life. We would irritate our friends if we insisted on being absolutely accurate at all times, of course, but we do need to be accurate with facts and base our decisions on valid reasons. **Ultimately it is not just about getting a degree but about learning a way of life.**

The need for local doctoral programs is due to the increasing academic level of the believers and the complex challenges of a big, modern city like Hong Kong. For those who cannot or do not want to study overseas, our program is a good choice. It has the added advantage of being supervised by teachers who are in tune with local issues and culture. Therefore, it should be on the shortlist of anyone wishing to do theology or study the Bible in an Asian/Hong Kong context.



Exploring the Way Forward by the Grace of the Lord

April Lam Th.D. Candidate



During a camping activity at the church where I undertook an internship, I had my first experience of hiking at night without a light, which means I had to move very carefully every step of the way. To me, the process of studying in the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) program is similar to that night hike.

I obtained the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in 2006, after which I completed a Master of Theology (Th.M.) program. Now, I am studying in a Th.D. program, which is **a journey of growth** for me. The M.Div. program was like a foundation course. In three busy years, I took in the breadth of the Christian world, getting a general grasp of the ABCs of Theology. Then when I studied in the Th.M. program, I began to step into the rich world of Christian traditions, learning the confessions and reflections on God of various traditions. Technically, I learned how to read and examine scrupulously the discussions of predecessors in theology so that I might understand their situations and areas of concern. **When it came to the Th.D. program, I was taken to another level of proactive exploration rather than passive assimilation.** Meanwhile, not only did I have to master the perspectives and discussions of a certain theologian but I also had to examine the development of theological and philosophical

thoughts thoroughly. This enabled me to “see not only the trees but also the forest,” learning to distinguish and analyze in details the threads of thought involved.

During the study in the Th.D. program, I worked as a part-time pastor in a church to make ends meet and pay for my tuition fees. Pastoring a church and doing research studies are totally different. The former requires quick judgments and responses to all sorts of problems that arise at church; the latter requires careful consideration and understanding of the root and essence of the problem before making a critical response to it. Such a quick-slow contrast in approach did require time and effort to adjust to. But such an interwoven pattern of quick-slow tempo was amazing. On the one hand, pastoring a church involved coming into contact with people and walking with them, which made my lonely research life more colorful and gave me a chance to ponder how to apply my research into the reality of faith communities. On the other hand, **the discerning power that research stresses was useful when I handled all those problems at church, reminding me what the important foundation of faith is, so that I would not lose focus and get lost in the problems.**

Despite the vast insufficiency I faced on the journey of studying in the Th.D. program, I am grateful for God's sufficient grace. His word always comes as timely comfort, help and encouragement to me. What is more, the understanding and presence of my family, the patient tolerance and guidance of the teachers and the care and support of my brothers and sisters at church work together as a shiny white rock on a dark mountain trail, helping me move steadily forward.

God Leads the Way across Challenging Gullies

Zhou Zhizhi Th.D. Candidate

I started theological studies in 1991. As early as then, I had hoped that God would raise up again a spiritual giant like John Sung among the churches in China. What could I do in view of this? I thought it would be wonderful if I could become a pioneer in serving as a singing evangelist like him. However, when I graduated from the seminary and passed the professional examinations in the Voice and Opera Department of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, I found that no one in the church cared about my idea. Therefore, I gave up the musical path and turned to ministries in grassroots churches with all my heart and soul.

Having served in churches for years, however, a question kept lingering on my mind: why are churches filled with unreasonable people and things? I wanted to find an answer in theology, in the direction of justification or anthropology. ***After crossing challenging gullies that cannot be named, I finally came to Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, which I had long been attracted to, hoping that the doubts in my heart could be cleared.***

Gratefully, I soon met wonderful teachers here. I was very interested in the curriculum and studying here. Having said that, while I came just to seek the truths of faith, I was, however, required to take examinations of candidacy in subjects like English, German and Philosophy. I cannot find the answers I want in these subjects, I thought. Thank God, He carried me through all these challenges.

Close to the moment when I had to decide the direction of my studies, I was still lacking a clear direction. President Joshua Cho came to me three times, suggesting I take up the theology of preaching but I turned it down every time. After declining his suggestion for the third



time, without knowing why, I was moved to make up my mind to step into this domain of practical theology, which is unfamiliar to me. Immediately after that, I wrote to the president to tell him my decision.

The process of studying the theology of preaching was full of pleasant surprises. The church, which I thought I fully understood, turned out to be my blind spot. The doubts in my heart were suddenly cleared when I studied the ecclesiology of Jürgen Moltmann. In my study of Thomas Long's theology of preaching, I gradually moved toward the complete transformation in my own thinking of preaching.

Life is full of gullies and so was my path of studying the Th.D. program, but as written in the Bible: "God... gives songs in the night" (Jb 35:10). ***Indeed, the more gullies there were, the more grace I received from God. Gladly, I am putting out into deep water.***

The Sorrows and Joys of the Path of Learning

Yue Guangpu Th.D. Candidate

I came to Hong Kong and entered Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) in 2018. I studied Systematic Theology under Prof. Andres Tang. While Prof. Tang adopts rigorous approaches toward scholarly research, he is nice and accommodating to his students, who benefit a lot from him.

I have studied in Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NJUTS) for seven years. Compared with HKBTS, the theological education at NJUTS places less emphasis on modern or contemporary theologians. So when I first came to HKBTS and saw that the B.Th. students were reading the works of contemporary theologians, I admired them very much. ***HKBTS has a rich pool of teaching personnel, which means a broader scope of knowledge and vision is available to students; teachers are flawless in terms of their academic qualities and teaching skills. This is also where the strength of HKBTS lies.***

When I was studying Systematic Theology under Prof. Tang, I developed strong interests in the theological system of Colin Gunton. After studying at HKBTS for about two years, I decided on my own learning and research direction, namely Gunton's Pneumatological Eschatology. To most Christians, both pneumatology and eschatology are theological subjects that may be overlooked easily, but in Gunton's thinking, the two subjects are closely related.

During my study at HKBTS, I had to overcome challenges on two fronts. The first one was from my family. I have two children, aged seven and three. As their father, I should have fulfilled my duties at home but the long distance from home made it impossible for me to look after my family. Because of this, I always felt I owed them a lot. The second challenge came from my studies. While it



Guangpu and his wife

has been a pleasure learning the thoughts of Gunton, the drafting of a dissertation was a really daunting job for me. My academic advisor, Prof. Tang, is a teacher with very high academic qualities. It was a formidable challenge for me to catch up with his tempo.

In January, 2021, upon request from my church, I had to return to work on the Mainland for a while. Under such circumstances, I had to work on one hand while writing the dissertation on the other hand. Despite the fact that I can have reunion with my family, the heavy workload left me with limited time to do the reading, especially recently when the work burden has been particularly heavy. The progress in writing the dissertation has slowed down and I feel deeply ashamed before my academic advisor and the president of HKBTS. I hope I can be freed from such conditions as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank my academic advisor and the president for their understanding of my situation and I hope I can complete my studies as soon as possible.

Endless Gratitude

Wu Libin Th.D. Candidate

Time flies indeed. It has been over five years since I took up the Doctor of Theology program at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (HKBTS) in January, 2016 and now I am approaching the end of my studies here, having completed the first draft of my dissertation. Meanwhile, I am the most grateful to God for sending me an extremely dedicated, responsible and caring academic advisor, Prof. Wong Fook Kong. Had it not been for Prof. Wong's wholehearted help and teaching, I would not have been able to complete the first draft of my dissertation.

While drafting the dissertation, I found it most difficult to handle the collation of the Hebrew text. The two manuscripts of prayer books in Hebrew, with a total of more than 40 pages, looked like two huge mountains with steep slopes, which are really difficult to climb. I owe deep gratitude to Prof. Wong, who patiently taught me how to understand the vocabulary and syntax again and again, instructed me as to how to do the translation and advised me how to enhance the writing quality for the commentary part. It was Prof. Wong's teaching and enlightenment that enabled me to climb over these "two huge mountains" finally. Meanwhile, he has aroused my interest in academic research and passion in scaling the "heights." Prof. Wong is not only my respected teacher but also my guide on the path of academic research.

Besides, I am very grateful to President Joshua Cho, a man of wisdom and inclusiveness, for admitting Mainland preachers to HKBTS. This not only gave us a chance for personal growth, but also contributed to the development of theological education for the Mainland.

Special thanks must be given to all my teachers, including Dr. Tony Sher, whose meticulously devised Hebrew course benefited me a lot. Dr. Sher also gave me a lot of valuable suggestions on my first draft. Prof. Andres

Tang's course has broadened my theological vision and prompted me to develop a new theological perspective on what I had learnt before. The courses of Dr. Jonathan Lo and Dr. Clement Shum have also brought me good harvests. ***More importantly, the lives of HKBTS teachers have manifested adorable qualities, which always touch me incidentally and make me reflect upon my own inadequacies, urging me to seek improvement strenuously.***

My study and life at HKBTS in these five years is unforgettable and I am grateful for this. I would like to express my gratitude to God for guiding and keeping me, to the teachers and staff of HKBTS, to my loving classmates and to my family for their understanding and support. May God continue to bless HKBTS!



Libin and her husband

For more details of our **Th.D. Program**, please visit our website at www.hkbts.edu.hk, or scan this QR code:



Academic Affairs News

• Faculty Retreat

The Faculty Retreat was held from August 3 to 4 with the theme “Theological Education and the Internet in the New Normal!”

• Spiritual Formation Camp

HKBTS students and teachers will attend the Spiritual Formation Camp for the new school year from August 17 to 19. The theme will be “Fear? Grounded in God, Following Jesus Together.” We hope that students will reflect together on the way we respond to fear in the current situation in order to understand that discipleship is the only way to be grounded in God.

• Opening Convocation

The Opening Convocation 2021-22 will be held on August 24. The next day will be the Opening Convocation Lecture by Ms. Michelle Chan, Lecturer of New Testament.

• Faculty Movement

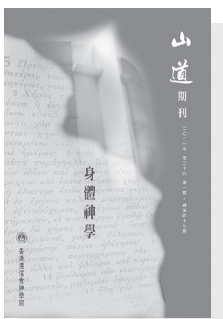
Dr. Lam Chi-yeung joined our serving team on June 1 as Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Education. Dr. Lam obtained his M.Div. from our seminary, M.Phil. from the University of Birmingham, and his Ph.D. from the University of New England. His research interests include Christian education, positive psychology and Christian faith, Christian spirituality, and church development and qualitative research. May God lead his service at the seminary and help him work with our faculty as a team for the mission of Christian education and research.

• Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS for Main Programs, Lay Theological Education Department and Distance Education Program will be held on October 24 (Sunday) at 3:30 pm at the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church. Church pastors, deacons and brothers and sisters are welcome to attend the ceremony online to celebrate and share the joy of our graduates.

* Please check our latest announcements in case there are any contingency measures or rescheduling due to the pandemic.

Publication News



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 47) was published with the theme “Theology of the Body.” There are six thematic articles: “The Body and Israelite Society: An Old Testament Perspective” (Chan Yew-ming), “Disability and Service: Leviticus 21:16-23 Revisited” (Wong Fook-kong), “Re-reading the Notion of

‘St. Paul’s Analogy of Union of Head and Body Does Not Destroy Individuality of the Person’ in Theology of the Body in Light of the Reinterpretation of Household Code in the Book of Ephesians” (Addson Chan), “The Theology of Access and the Development of Divine-human Relationship for People with Intellectual Disability” (William Lee Fu-ho), “The Aesthetic Implication of Theology of the Body” (Chiu Shung-ming), and “Contemplation on Jesus’s Figure: A Perspective through Spirituality of Aesthetics in the Experience of Vulnerability” (Annie Yi-jung Pan). In addition, there are two miscellaneous articles and five book reviews.



In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the seminary, we have compiled the HKBTS 70th Anniversary Special Edition, which is a collection of 4 volumes of selected articles with the main theme “Faith, Hope, and Love.” The collection is part of our offering to God and an expression of our thankfulness. The first volume

Footprints of Faith, Hope and Love was published. It was a collection of essays written by our teachers and published in our Newsletter in the past 20 years. These are the fruitful academic achievements of our teachers, including their insights and teachings in this era of change, and their sincere reflections on their teaching careers at the seminary.

The other three volumes, *Foundation of Faith*, *Goodness of Hope*, and *Practice of Love* are collections of articles taken from our *Hill Road*, which will be published in the second half of the year.

Hill Road and *Footprints of Faith, Hope and Love* are now available at the seminary, its town centres and Christian book stores. For inquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

Faculty News

- **Dr. Andres S. Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on the topic "The Theological Project of Colin E. Gunton's Doctrine of Trinity" at the Th.M. Academic Lecture of China Evangelical Seminary on April 26.

Alumni News

- Alumnus **Stephen T. K. Lin** (class of 1984) rested in peace on April 3, 2021. Please pray for his family. May the Lord's peace be with them.
- Alumnus **Chan King-chung** (class of 2019) married Ms. Angela Yeung in a wedding ceremony held at Immanuel Baptist Church on June 26, 2021.

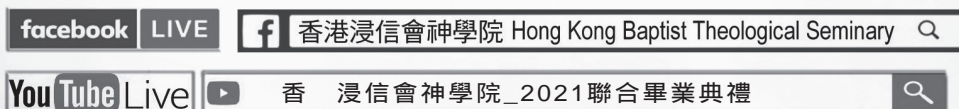


Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Joint Graduation Ceremony 2021

The Board of Directors of
the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
request the honor of your participation
at the Joint Graduation Ceremony Two Thousand and Twenty-One
at three-thirty pm on the twenty-fourth of October (Sunday)
in the year of Two Thousand and Twenty-One
at the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church

Inquiry Tel: 2711 2552 / 2715 9511 Email: itedinfo@hkbts.edu.hk

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Lay Theological Education Department

Student Recruitment 2021-22

Master of Arts in Christian Studies

- This master-level degree, part-time evening program enables students to lay a solid Biblical and theological foundation.
- Students may select courses according to their interests and needs.
- Students may choose "Biblical Studies" or "Communication" as their major or they may choose not to pursue any specific major.
- Some credits acquired in this program can be exempted when being admitted to the Master of Divinity or the Master of Christian Studies degree programs in the seminary's Main Campus Programs.

Application Now Open

Class Start Date: Early October

Bachelor/Diploma/Certificate Program in Christian Studies

Certificate Program: Christian Studies, Music Ministry

Diploma Program: Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Caring and Counseling Ministry

Bachelor Program: Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, Music Ministry, Caring and Counseling Ministry

Application Now Open

Class Start Date: Early October

These are part-time evening programs.

Walking with You: Childhood (Age 5-10) Ministry Certificate Program

This is a brand new certificate program.

Application Now Open

Registration Deadline: September 10

Class Start Date: Early September

Women's Theological Training Diploma / Certificate Program (Year-round Enrollment)

The program provides holistic and practical theological training for women. It seeks to help them develop mature Christian lifestyles and enable them to manage individual growth, family responsibilities, church service and societal challenges in a positive way. Admission is now open.

Lay Theological Training Diploma / Certificate Program

July-September (Admission is now open; auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date / Time
Christian Ethics	Mr. Sin Tak-yin	19/7 - 6/9 Mon 7:15 - 9:30 pm (8 lessons)
The Starting Point of Entering the Community	Rev. Anders Chan	13/7 - 14/9 Tue 7:15 - 9:30 pm (24/8, 31/8 classes suspended; 8 lessons)
Caring for the Older Adults	Prof. Alex Kwan	8/7 - 26/8 Thur 7:15 - 9:30 pm (8 lessons)
Mental Health First Aid	Mr. Hoh Hin Wing, Solomon	3/9 - 29/10 Fri 7:15 - 9:30 pm (1/10 class suspended; 8 lessons)

Venue : Applied Theological Education Centre

All the program courses above are conducted in Chinese.

For inquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email ltedinfo@hkbts.edu.hk or log on to our web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/lted to download the application form.

Distance Education Program

Exploring Truth • Reflecting upon Faith • Equipping for Ministry

Student Recruitment: Diploma programs will begin in September 2021, while certificate programs can be joined at any time.

Correspondence Program	Program Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	Through an in-depth study of a specific book of the Bible, students can gain a better understanding of the Bible.	Secondary school graduates with their church pastor's recommendation	March and September	March semester : <i>Hong Kong:</i> February 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Designed for equipping students for ministry, the program helps students strengthen their foundations in the Christian faith and doctrine.			<i>Overseas:</i> January 10 September semester : <i>Hong Kong:</i> August 10
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies / Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for students having completed the diploma program.			<i>Overseas:</i> July 10
Certificate in N.T. / O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study each book of the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	Register at any time	

Elective students: Students may choose subjects offered in the correspondence courses according to their own personal interests. For details, please log on to the Distance Education web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Online Program	Program Description	Date of Commencement
Online Version Online Certificate in Old Testament Studies Program Online Certificate in New Testament Studies Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Students can read and download learning materials and course work directly from the website. * Upon completion of the coursework, students may upload it for the tutor to mark and provide comments. * Time-saving, quick and efficient. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Students may join the program at any time with fee concessions. * You may try a trial study of the online program: http://elearning.hkbts.edu.hk

For inquiries, please call 2768 5105, email deinfo@hkbts.edu.hk or log on to the Distance Education web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/dist.

Campus Extension *News*



The Topping-out Ceremony for the New Academic Building was officiated by President Joshua Cho, Rev. Leung Ming-choi, Deacon Cecil Chan, Rev. Benjamin Yeung, Deacon Wan Yun-chee, Deacon John Pak, Mr. Sam Chan and Rev. Derek Wong.

By God's grace, our Sai O Campus Extension Project (Phase 3) under the "Faith, Hope, and Love Project" is making good progress. The Topping-out Ceremony for the New Academic Building was held successfully on May 20. After the installation of the link bridge between the new academic building and the existing dormitory, and the installation of elevators, the superstructure works for the new academic building have progressed into the stages of installing windows, doors, internal and external wall tiles.

In view of the smooth progress, the safety inspection of the building services is anticipated to be conducted in July or August this year, and the application for Occupation Permit is expected to take place in September.

The whole project is budgeted at HK\$70 million. Your prayers for God's provision is requested.



Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Launch Out into the Deep

Full-Time Ministry Exploration Day Camp

October 8-9, 2021 (Fri & Sat)

Venue Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Content Sit-in-class lesson, talk with professors and current seminary students, testimonies of God's calling, workshop and introduction of the seminary's programs

Fee HK\$150 (accommodation not provided)

Application Deadline September 28 (Tue)

** The day camp may switch to online due to the pandemic; please check our latest announcements.*

For Inquiries Telephone: 2768 5130 Email: admissions@hkbt.edu.hk Website: www.hkbt.edu.hk



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Financial Report

General Fund, 1 March - 31 May, 2021

	HK\$
Income	7,815,771.27
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Deficit	<u><u>(1,690,602.75)</u></u>



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王紹良	700.00
王群	800.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00
何仲儀	1,000.00
何錦燕	1,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00
李新蘭	200.00
招慧敏	2,000.00
洪錦漢	100.00
洪鷹輪	100.00
殷振強伉儷	1,000.00
馬德明	2,000.00
曹啟明伉儷	400.00
梁明財伉儷	500.00
梁錦松、郭詠文	1,000.00
許鋒威	1,000.00
陳偉倫	200.00
陳麗英	1,000.00
曾慶忠	500.00
馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00
黃念施	200.00

黃華娟	100.00
黃雅忠	10,000.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	500.00
葉煥章	300.00
劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00
劉玉珍	1,000.00
劉建紅	100.00
蔡慧英	200.00
羅佩珊	100.00
羅凱慈	500.00
羅榮志	4,000.00
關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00
無名氏	1,000,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	8,000.00
無名氏	4,000.00
無名氏	3,300.00
無名氏	2,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	500.00
無名氏	400.00
無名氏	300.00
無名氏	200.00
無名氏	15.00
	<u>HK\$ 1,094,315.00</u>

Distance Education Program

鄭鵬程	300.00
無名氏	444.00
無名氏	100.00
	<u>HK\$ 844.00</u>

Lay Theological Education Program

蔡艷桃	<u>HK\$ 500.00</u>
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Theological Education for

Filipino Leaders Program

馬德明	1,000.00
陳麗英	400.00
溫祥、黎琬珍	400.00
	<u>HK\$ 1,800.00</u>

Scholarship and Prize

香港浸信會聯會	<u>HK\$ 3,600.00</u>
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Campus Extension Project

九龍城潮語浸信會	30,000.00
佐敦浸信會	5,000.00
沙田潮語浸信會	1,000.00
香港仔浸信會	100,000.00

恩潮浸信會	30,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	100,000.00
深水埗浸信會	10,000.00
慈雲山浸信會	20,000.00
新希望浸信會	1,000.00
置富浸信教會	20,000.00
方敬亮	1,000.00
王寧添	100,000.00
朱沛德伉儷	1,000.00
李家暉伉儷	100,000.00
李勝球	30,000.00
周偉信	2,000.00
馬仁武	10,000.00
張啟明伉儷	1,000.00
陳喜謙家人	100,000.00
彭偉業	2,664.00
黃世民	20,000.00
黃永康	5,000.00
黃凱施	1,000.00
黃鳳儀	10,000.00
蔡美珍	8,000.00
鄧炳光伉儷	50,000.00
鄧輝祥	500.00
鄭尚珍	500.00
鄭雄輝伉儷	5,000.00
羅秀賢	1,000.00
蒙恩家庭	5,000.00
無名氏	102,000.00
無名氏	20,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	10,000.00
無名氏	7,000.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	3,000.00
無名氏	2,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	1,000.00
無名氏	500.00
	<u>HK\$ 930,164.00</u>

Campus Maintenance and Repairs

楊美玲	300.00
鄧小寶	1,500.00
	<u>HK\$ 1,800.00</u>

Spiritual Revival Concert

九龍城浸信會	4,000.00
大埔浸信會	3,000.00
張啟明伉儷	500.00
梁桂華	1,000.00
鄭尚珍	1,000.00
	<u>HK\$ 9,500.00</u>

DONORS REPORT FOR MAY 2021

Education Fund (Church / Organization)

九龍國際浸信會	23,614.00	黃念施	200.00	李紹安伉儷	5,000.00
又新浸信會	6,000.00	黃華娟	100.00	李紹基伉儷	5,000.00
上環浸信會	6,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00	李德祥	100,000.00
大埔浸信會	12,000.00	葉煥章	300.00	李慶堂伉儷	10,000.00
屯門浸信教會	700.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	沈瑞恩	500.00
牛池灣竹園潮語浸信會	6,000.00	劉玉珍	1,000.00	冒懷慶	100,000.00
以馬內利浸信會	4,300.00	劉建紅	100.00	袁秀琼	50,000.00
阡陌社區浸信會	5,000.00	蔡慧英	200.00	區德全	5,000.00
沙田浸信會	16,000.00	鄧炳光伉儷	1,000.00	陳之虎	2,000.00
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	5,000.00	薛聲明	1,000.00	陳麗英	1,000.00
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	麥國民、鍾慧瑤	2,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,200.00	羅凱慈	1,000.00	馮家昌	5,000.00
粉嶺浸信會	50,000.00	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	馮梁慧餘	20,000.00
基石浸信會	2,500.00	無名氏	14,600.00	黃挺安伉儷	100,000.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00	無名氏	5,000.00	楊少楷伉儷	10,000.00
深荃浸信會	500.00	無名氏	4,000.00	楊美玲	1,000.00
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	無名氏	2,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	20,000.00
觀塘浸信會	2,515.00	無名氏	1,000.00	劉芷均	1,000.00
九龍五旬節會佐敦堂	3,000.00	無名氏	500.00	劉國明、黃佩思	10,000.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	800.00	無名氏	500.00	鄧炳光伉儷	10,000.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	無名氏	500.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
基督教宣道會華基堂	2,000.00	無名氏	400.00	鄭銳強	10,000.00
啟聞基金	500.00	無名氏	300.00	盧慕潔	200,000.00
HK\$ 276,629.00		無名氏	300.00	謝兆祥伉儷	20,000.00
		無名氏	200.00	羅凱慈	1,000.00
		HK\$ 74,600.00		無名氏	100,000.00

Education Fund (Individual Donor)

方志強	200.00	Distance Education Program		無名氏	20,000.00
王紹良	700.00	鄭鵬程	300.00	無名氏	10,000.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	500.00	無名氏	10,000.00
王燕秋	10,000.00	無名氏	444.00	無名氏	7,000.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	100.00	無名氏	5,000.00
何仲儀	1,000.00	HK\$ 1,344.00		無名氏	3,000.00
何惠娟	3,000.00			無名氏	2,000.00
何錦燕	1,000.00	Lay Theological Education Program		無名氏	2,000.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00	陳國權	2,000.00	無名氏	1,000.00
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00	蔡艷桃	500.00	無名氏	500.00
呂慧蓮	1,000.00	HK\$ 2,500.00		HK\$ 3,972,135.00	
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00			Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
李新蘭	200.00	Theological Education for		楊美玲	300.00
林妙	1,000.00	Filipino Leaders Program		鄭小寶	1,500.00
洪錦漢	100.00	馬德明	1,000.00	HK\$ 1,800.00	
洪鷹輪	100.00	陳麗英	200.00		
殷振強伉儷	1,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00	Spiritual Revival Concert	
袁鳳蘭	1,000.00	HK\$ 1,600.00		粉嶺浸信會石湖墟浸信會福音堂	HK\$ 5,000.00
馬德明	2,000.00				
曹啟明伉儷	400.00	Campus Extension Project		Scholarship and Bursary	
梁明財伉儷	500.00	北角浸信會	2,000,000.00	American Baptist Mission	3,294.00
梁錦松、郭詠文	1,000.00	旺角潮語浸信會	11,135.00	冒懷慶	20,000.00
許鋒威	1,000.00	Natalie Yeung	100,000.00	溫恩智伉儷	20,000.00
陳偉倫	200.00	白中興	1,000,000.00	HK\$ 43,294.00	
陳偉權	800.00	朱沛德伉儷	1,000.00		
陳麗英	500.00	朱劍雲	500.00	In Memory of the late	
曾慶忠	500.00	何家倫伉儷	5,000.00	Mr. Zachary C. S. Hsu	HK\$ 60,389.00
馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	李育謙	5,000.00	US\$ 1,000.00	
黃少娟	500.00				



April 18, 2021

Platinum Jubilee Spiritual Revival Concert

The Platinum Jubilee Spiritual Revival Concert on the theme "Trust in the Lord" was conducted through live streaming this year. That evening President Joshua Cho delivered a sermon, and Mr. Sanson Lau and Mrs. Helen Wan respectively conducted the HKBTS Choir and HKBTS Alumni Choir with vocal solo Ms. Rachel Kwok and accompanists Ms. Rosanna Lo and Ms. Or Tam Suk-ye. Testimonies were given by our students Titan Mak and Hosanna Ho. You may watch the replay on Facebook or YouTube.



May 6

Commissioning Ceremony for Graduates

At the ceremony, our graduating students received benediction and intercession from the seminary. They will serve in different ministry fields to work with God, faithfully preaching the gospel, building the Kingdom of God, and moving forward with courage in this challenging age. President Joshua Cho presided over the ceremony and Dr. Jonathan Lo, on behalf of the faculty, addressed the graduating students on the topic "Ministering in the Dark of Night."



May 20

Topping-out Ceremony for the New Academic Building and the Awards and Inauguration of the Board of Directors Ceremonies

Three ceremonies were held in succession on the Sai O campus with live streaming. The Topping-out Ceremony was officiated by President Joshua Cho, the directors and guests. After that, the annual Awards Ceremony was held where we formally recognized the students for academic excellence and non-academic achievements, and expressed our gratitude to scholarship donors. We also presented long service awards to faculty and staff. On this grateful occasion, the inauguration ceremony for a new board of directors was held. Together we prayed for them for God's blessing and empowerment in their new term in office.





Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
2021 Platinum Jubilee
Open Lectures

Living Out Faith in Tumultuous Times

Date : Oct 6-8, 2021 (Wed to Fri)
Time : 7:30-9:30 pm
Venue : Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church
(31 Cameron Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon)
(first 2 lectures)
Sai O Campus
(1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)
(last lecture)

Please register online
Free admission



Date	Topic	Speaker
6/10	Hans-Georg Gadamer and the Issues of the Application of Scripture	Dr. Wong Fook-kong Professor of Old Testament, HKBTS
7/10	Athanasius' Response to Hostile Powers: Implications for Contemporary Christians	Dr. Nathan Ng Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), HKBTS
8/10	God's Story and Our History: Insights from Richard Bauckham	Dr. Andres Tang Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), HKBTS

For details, please check our website at www.hkbts.edu.hk.
For inquiry, please call Ms. Leung at 2768 5179 / 2715 9511.

* The open lectures may switch to live streaming due to the pandemic. Please check our latest announcements.