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FCAO MINISTERS & SECRETARIATS MEETING
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In the spirit of the 8th centenary of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi and blessed by the presence of the Minister General Massimo Fusarelli and his General Definitors, General Secretaries and General Animators, the Ministers and Secretaries of the Franciscan Conferences of Asia and Oceania gathered to pray, discern, and discuss our life and ministry in this part of the globe. The historical event, hosted by the Province of San Pedro Bautista, was held on April 7-13, 2024, at Tryp Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

The delegates resolved to implement these resolutions before the FCAO gathering in 2026.

ON ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

That EAC & SAAOC ministers through their respective Secretaries for Formation and Studies promote English as second language in all the entities. *(recommendation)*

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ON A COMMISSION FOR ENHANCED INTER-ENTITY PROGRAMS

That EAC & SAAOC Presidents establish a joint Commission consisting of representatives of secretaries for Formation and Studies, Mission and Evangelization, and JPIC, to make recommendations on inter-entity programs for:

- a. formation courses for formators (AFFT)
- b. lay brother formation,
- c. Franciscan studies and spirituality,
- d. English language studies,
- e. online formation conferences in the initial formation,
- f. exposure-immersion (on a short- and long-term basis)
- g. post-novitiate formation program for missionaries

with special emphasis on the holistic, Asian, and intercultural context. Results of the study must be submitted by June 2025.

ON A REGULAR ONLINE COLLABORATIONS

In the spirit of collaboration, that regular separate online meetings are to be organized twice-yearly for:

- a. the secretaries of FS,
- b. the secretaries of ME and
- c. animators JPIC
- d. of all entities of EAC & SAAOC

That joint online meetings of both Conference secretaries of FS, ME and JPIC animators should be organized annually.

ON THE REQUEST TO UPDATE RFF and RE

That EAC & SAAOC request the General Curia to update the Ratio Formationis Franciscanae, to include the collaboration of FS with ME and JPIC, and to include such collaboration in the new Ratio Evangelizationis.

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CONFERENCE PROPOSALS ON FRANCISCAN EVANGELICAL AND ETHICAL GUIDELINE FOR MASS MEDIA

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That EAC & SAAOC request the General Secretary of Mission and Evangelization within this year to see the possibilities of preparing a Franciscan Evangelical and Ethical Guideline for Mass Media, which is to include among others, the responsible use of social media, technical skill enhancement and its efficient use on the level of collaboration and communication in the missionary evangelization activities of the Order.

ON FRANCISCAN NETWORK FOR PEACE AND INTEGRAL ECOLOGY IN ASIA

That EAC & SAAOC JPIC Animators initiate a Franciscan network for Peace and Integral Ecology in Asia, that involves FS, ME, and other collaborators.

ON EAC & SAAOC WEBSITE

That the EAC & SAAOC Presidents & secretaries create a website that would centralize all documents and communications of the conferences by December 2024.

ON FUNDING PROJECTS OF ASIAN ENTITIES

That the EAC & SAAOC ministers make a joint study on a possible Foundation to fund Projects of Asian Entities to report to EAC & SAAOC at the next joint meeting of the Conferences (2026).

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