

# 2019 CREST Newsletter

March



## Community Based Disaster Response Training

7-10 March. CREST conducted a 4-day training in Johor Bharu, hosted by Full Gospel Church. This training is unique – people from 2 nations came together to share and to learn with 1 common goal which is to help the poor and needy in crisis.

11 Singaporeans and 10 Malaysians completed the training with 20 of them participating in the simulation exercise.

At the end of the sessions, we received many valuable feedback which will enable us to conduct a better training in the near future.

## Collaboration & Networking in Shanghai, China.

14 March. Following the 2008 Sichuan 8.0 magnitude earthquake, China started many risk reduction and training programs. To date, more than 2,000 NGOs have registered with the government and are capable of deployment for urban search and rescue. They are well trained, equipped and practice hard (simulation) from time to time. How about us in Malaysia? Are we prepared for another flood?



*A Happy Group Photo*



*Chris Chen (Beijing), Enoch Chiu (Hong Kong) and A Registered Local NGO in Shanghai, Houtian Disaster Rescue Team.*