

2019 CREST Newsletter

September



Asia Christian Crisis Relief Conference

20-21 Sept, Federal Hotel Kuala Lumpur - A remarkable milestone in the history of CREST was achieved recently. The first ever, inter-Asia Christian event in disaster relief held on the grounds of Malaysia.

The major event was jointly organised with Methodist Crisis Relief & Development (MCRD), and co-hosted by International Disaster Response Network (IDRN) and TOUCH International from Singapore.

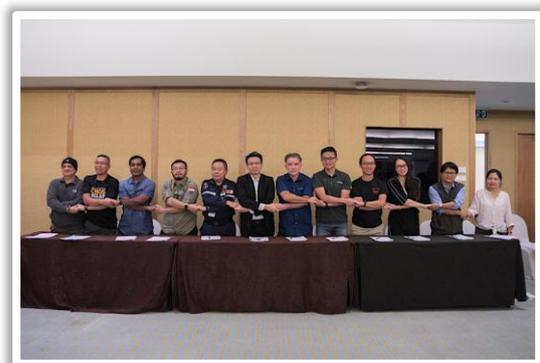
The event hosted 180 participants, comprising 120 locals and 60 international guests from 14 different countries. The participants from China made the largest crowd of attendees.

Language and cultural differences were not a barrier for participants to willingly share experiences and exchange ideas with one another during the small group discussion.

The end of the conference also marked a new beginning for CREST with the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between twelve Asian disaster relief NGO partners. Eight



Rev Dr Ng Swee Ming is sharing the last topic of the event – The Church and Disaster Response



*The Twelve – Signing MOC
They are from Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia,
Japan, China, Nepal, Myanmar and Malaysia*

countries were represented in this collaboration.

Yes twelve, and does it remind us of any significant truth from the Bible? This is just a commencement of great excitements ahead and we will continue to work as a team to bring God's love to the poor and needy in crisis.

Please join us in prayer as our Lord continue to lead CREST to be the light in the darkness.

RO Water Workshop

22 Sept, CREST office - CREST alongside Gesa Bentara conducted a workshop to teach and train 14 signed-up volunteers on Reverse Osmosis water purification setup.

A briefing was done on how the R.O. system functions and what the requirements were to set one unit up with the opportunities open for any technical questions to be asked at any time. Participants worked together to assemble the parts provided with the guidance of CREST and Gesa Bentara staffs.

The newly assembled water purifier system was later tested with a TDS meter followed by a direct-drink tasting. The said system requires a motor pump (electric supply) if the water pressure in that area is low.

CREST currently has 4 of this particular filter at various locations in Lombok, serving a total of 550 families.



Edward Tan is giving introduction to the volunteers



Our Guru Sigit from Gesa Bentara is providing hand on guide to our volunteers during the workshop