

**FABC-OSC**  
**Seventh “Bishops’ Institute for Social Communication”**  
**BISCOM VII**

Theme: **“Social Communication in Catholic Universities of Asia: Facts, Experiences, Challenges”**  
*Assumption University, Suvarnabhumi campus*  
*Bangkok, Thailand May 11-16, 2009*

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**May 11 (Monday)**

Arrival  
18.00 Dinner/ Socials

**May 12 (Tuesday)**

7.00 Breakfast  
8.00 **Opening Eucharist**  
Most Rev. Bishop George Yod Phimphisan, CsSR  
(President, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Thailand)  
9:30 Coffee/Tea Break  
10.00 Introduction:  
**“Catholic Universities and Social Communication: Expectations & Obligations”**  
Msgr. Paul Tighe (Secretary, Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Vatican)  
**“Social Communication – Development of a Vatican II Concept”**  
11.00 Fr. Franz-Josef Eilers, svd (FABC-OSC/ Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Manila)  
12.00 Lunch  
15.00 **“Social Communication Programs at Catholic Universities in Asia – An Overview”**  
Fr. Vu Tra (Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Manila)  
16.00 Coffee/Tea Break  
16.30 **“The Role of Catholic Universities in Social Communication – A Theological Perspective”** Fr.  
Paul Soukup, sj (Santa Clara University, CA)  
18.00 Dinner

**May 13 (Wednesday)**

7.00 Morning Prayer  
Breakfast  
8.30 **“The Role of Catholic Universities in Social Communication – An Asian Perspective”**  
Dr. Chainarong Monthienvichienchai (St. John’s University, Bangkok)  
10.00 Coffee/Tea Break  
10.30 **“Teaching Social Communication at Catholic Universities – Experiences”**  
**What makes a social communication program “Catholic”?** Panel:

- Fr. Michael Calmano, svd (Nanzan University, Nagoya/ Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities, ASEACCU)
- Bishop Thomas Dabre (Vasai diocese/ Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue)
- Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, mhsh (University of Dayton, OH)
- Others

  
12.00 Lunch

- 15.00 **“Social Communication in Higher Theological Institutes and Seminaries”**  
Fr. Sebastian Periannan (St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore)
- 16.00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 16.30 **“Ethics in Social Communication – Programs of Catholic Universities”**  
Dr. Moon-su Park (Sogang University, Seoul)
- 18.00 Eucharist
- 19.00 Dinner

### May 14 (Thursday)

- 7.00 Morning Prayer  
Breakfast
- 8:30 Workshop I: **Social Communication Programs at Catholic Universities –**  
- Content  
- Experiences  
- Challenges
- 10.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11.00 **“Information Technology and Social Communication at Assumption University (ABAC)”**  
Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, fsg (President, Assumption University of Thailand)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Workshop II: **“Who are our Students?” “Where do they end up?” –**  
Consequences for Programs and Teaching
- 16.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 17.00 **“Communication Research – Challenge for Catholic Universities”**  
Church documents and demands: Content and Expectations  
Dr. Josephine Joseph (Madras University, Chennai)
- 18.15 Eucharist
- 19.00 Dinner

### May 15 (Friday)

- 7.00 Morning Prayer  
Breakfast
- 8.30 Workshop III: **“Social Communication Research in Asia”**  
- Content (areas like interreligious dialogue)  
- Needs and Possibilities  
- Asian Research Center for Religion and Social Communication (ARC) @ St. John’s University, BKK
- 10.00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10.30 Plenary: **Workshop Results/  
Final Considerations – “Where do we go from here?”**
- 12.00 Eucharist
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Departure for Excursion

### May 16 (Saturday) Departure