

EVALUATION OF THE FORMATORS MEETING
GUIMARAS, PHILIPPINES
23-29 SEPTEMBER 2018

At the end of the Formators Meeting on 29 September 2018, the formators gathered in different language groups and were asked to reflect on 3 questions:

1. Propose 3 possible venues for the next Formators Meeting in 2021.
2. Propose some names for the speaker at the next Formators Meeting in 2021.
3. Evaluation of the Formators Meeting in Guimaras.

Chinese Group

1. Venues: Japan (Tenshien and Tobetsu were mentioned)
Sujong
Lantao
2. Speakers: Dom Bernardo Olivera (Azul)
Dom Bernardo Bonowitz (Novo Mundo)
Dom Mark Scott (New Melleray)
3. Evaluation
 - Not enough conferences.
 - PowerPoint presentation of the conferences would be helpful.
 - Reflection and sharing were enriching.
 - Good job of the moderators especially in keeping the time.
 - Happy to see interaction between different language groups during outing, meals and breaks. Hope to see such interaction in future meetings.
 - Generous and warm hospitality of the Guimaras community – good food, well-arranged transport and providing laundry service.

Japanese Group

1. Venues: Sujong (A Catholic centre was mentioned)
Matutum
Lantao

(Note: The Japanese group is hesitant to organise the next Formators Meeting because of visa difficulties for some nationalities.)

2. Speakers: Fr Michael Casey (Tarrawarra)
Dom Bernardo Olivera (Azul)
Mother Giovanna Garbelli (Matutum)
Mother Martha Driscoll (Gedono)

3. Evaluation

- Thankful to Dom Guillaume for being the speaker.
- Appreciated the contents because they helped us to reflect on the fundamental notion of conversion. They also guided us to expand our capacity as formators.
- The presentation gave many concrete examples and overall vision.
- Happy that Dom Guillaume and the moderators adapted to the different language groups.
- Since Dom Guillaume was not an English native speaker, sometimes there were difficulties in translations.
- Thanked the moderators: to Fr David for his new appointment as the Japanese sub-region Formation Secretary and to Fr Samuel for filing in for Sr Rosanna (English-speaking sub-region Formation Secretary who could not attend the meeting). Both were able to lead the group to function smoothly.
- Thanked the Guimaras community for everything especially for the joyful and happy atmosphere.
- Some participants came from long distance and found that the meeting was a bit short – would prefer a longer meeting.
- Wanted some time for the formators to discuss about formation problems.
- Outing at the beach was good and we enjoyed ourselves.
- Thanked all the participants.

Indonesian Group

1. Venues: Japan
Rawasenang
2. Speakers: Mother Giovanna Garbelli (Matutum)
Mother Caterina Mazzarelli (Macau)
Dom Bernardo Bonowitz (Novo Mundo)
Dom Giullaume Jedrzejczak (Valsarena – Chaplain)
3. Evaluation
 - Schedule was good and there was a good balance for other needs (liturgy, etc.)
 - The method by Dom Giullaume was good.
 - Language group discussions were favourable. Perhaps, some mixed language group discussions in the future.
 - Thanked the Guimaras community for arranging the meeting. There was good co-operation between the community and the meeting schedule.
 - Would like a tour of the monastery.
 - At the beginning of meeting, we could share about the current situations in our novitiates and monasticates.
 - Thanked the moderators. Need more attention on time-keeping.

Korean & English Group

1. Venues: Japan (Tobetsu)
2. Speakers: Dom Giullaume Jedrzejczak (Valsarena – Chaplain)
Dom Bernardo Bonowitz (Novo Mundo)
Dom Bernardus Peeters (Tilburg)
Mother Mariela Pereira (Quilvo)
Mother Maureen McCabe (Wrentham)
3. Evaluation
 - Atmosphere was enriching with fraternal spirit.
 - Language group discussions were more effective.

- Moderators were efficient.
- Good accommodation in the guesthouse.
- The whole meeting was excellent.
- Meals and services were extravagant.
- Outing was perfect. It was remarked that one Korean sister visited the beach for the first time in 15 years.
- Liturgy was prayerful and mixed with some comedy (dog and chicken in the church one morning).
- The organist (Br Raphael) was good and guitar during Compline was commendable.
- Guesthouse staff was hospitable.
- A taste of Guimaras' weather – rain and sun.

Suggestion by Fr David

Typhoon season (mid-August to beginning of October) can cause travel difficulties especially for monks and nuns in the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea.

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