

**Jubilee Edition: Celebrating 50 Years of God's Faithfulness
to the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary**

With this edition, the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) begins a year of celebrating its fiftieth anniversary which we are calling a Year of Jubilee. Like the biblical concept, APTS's Jubilee will include a number of activities throughout 2014 designed to thank God for his great faithfulness to this institution. For more information on specific events and how you can participate, please contact us through our website, www.apt.edu.

Since its founding in 1964 under the original name, Far East Advanced School of Theology (FEAST), more than 1,100 alumni have completed degrees in a number of ministry related disciplines from the bachelor's level to the Doctor of Ministry program. They have come from all over Asia, the far flung islands of the Pacific, the United States, Africa, Europe Australia, New Zealand and even Latin America. Faculty and administrators from all over Asia, the West, and the United States, serve this diverse student body.

This landmark year provides us with a wonderful opportunity to stop, take a deep breath and reflect on what God has done - our aim in this edition of the Journal. I lead off with a two-part article which provides a historical outline of APTS and a look at how the founding president, Harold Kohl's, seven original objectives have shaped its growth and development. Then, president emeritus and current board chairman, John Carter, reviews the school's academic programs and their development over the years. APTS alumnus and former missions faculty member, Julie Ma, then describes the exponential growth of the missions programs, which offer both formal and non-formal training for those serving as missionaries or who feel God's call to serve a people not their own. Wonsuk Ma, another alumnus and longest serving full time faculty member in the school's history, provides a warm, personal reflection of his long experience here. Finally, David Lim, a former faculty member, academic dean and president of the school, completes this edition with a personal look at the role of the

Holy Spirit in Pentecostal higher education. Since APTS is Pentecostal in both doctrine and practice, a more fitting conclusion to this edition could hardly be envisioned.

We send this your way with gratitude to God for all he has done and with the firm conviction that the Lord of history is also the Sovereign of the future and in his omnipotent and loving hand rests all of our tomorrows.

Your Friend In Christ,

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