



**Chairman's Address at the 3rd AGM of the
Federation of Christian Mission Schools, Malaysia**
Held online at 2.30pm on 08 April 2021

Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. I would like to welcome to our 3rd AGM,
Our Patron, Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, who set aside time to be with us – thank you, Tan Sri;
The Most Reverend Melter Tais, Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Malaysia; The Most Revd
Melter Jiki Tais, Diocesan Bishop of Sabah and Archbishop of South East Asia, who will lead us
in devotions;

The Reverend Dr. James Wong, Bishop of the Basel Christian Church of Malaysia;

Rev Dr. Lau Hui Ming, Bishop of the Methodist Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference;

Rev. Joshua Khong, Bishop of the Methodist Trinity Annual Conference;

Elder James Wong, Presbyterian Education Board;

Mr Mow Kam Yeen, Chairman of the Christian Brethren Malaysia Property Trust Berhad;

Archdeacon Moses Chin, Anglican Mission, Diocese of Sabah;

Our Advisors

His Grace, the Most Reverend Julian Leow, Archbishop of the Diocese of Kuala Lumpur, Catholic Church;

Mr Yap Kok Keong, Former Chairman of FCMSM;

Dato' A R Peter, Former Chairman of MCSC and highly respected educationist;

We also have with us

Mr Tan Kong Beng, Executive Secretary of Christian Federation of Malaysia; and

Representatives of the 25 Mission Authorities of the 428 Mission Schools in Malaysia.

We are sadly missing, Sister Enda Ryan of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, an icon in the world of
education. Our dear sister is not coming because of a Medical Appointment.

And another person who is with us is Mr Daniel Gan, our General Secretary Designate, who will take
over the baton from Miss Tay Choon Neo, our General Secretary who retires on 30 June 2021.

Present with us are Ms Angeline Lazaroo, our Deputy General Secretary and Lynda Lum, our

Administrative Assistant.

We have just celebrated Good Friday and Easter Sunday – two occasions that hold such special memories of what the Lord Jesus has done for us – by dying on the Cross of Calvary He washed away our sins and by rising from death three days later, He conquered our final enemy death, giving us new life in Him. In another month or so, it will be Ascension Day and we remember the angels' words to the apostles, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven." What a hope we have that Jesus will come back again! He will make right all that is wrong and re-unite us with loved ones gone before. Belated greetings for Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

You have all received the **eNewsletter** sent out by Miss Tay Choon Neo bearing Good Friday and Easter greetings to you and all members of staff in your schools. We trust this helps you with your Easter celebrations. Our thanks to Miss Tay for her initiative in keeping us all in touch in this way.

Today we have 25 voting delegates and 37 delegates and observers from the 25 Mission Authorities and 6 others. Altogether we have 68 participants at our AGM today. Thank you for taking time off to be with us this afternoon. It is just 7½ months after our last AGM on 20 August last year. Allow me to give you a brief summary of the events that occurred during these short months.

We have had 5 Exco meetings and various meetings with the officers in MOE about the allocation of funds for Mission Schools. The General Secretary and Honorary Secretary will give reports about those. These have kept our General Secretary and the Representatives of the Mission Authorities very busy during the months of December, January and February with the applications for the allocation of funds to our schools from the MOE. In the month of March some schools received their allocations.

Regarding the Bible Knowledge Paper 2020, the exam was sat at the end of February this year. It is still being marked and not all the papers have been received by the markers. I have just received information that more than 300 scripts have been received. Hence the table that I presented last year remains unchanged.

SPM BK 2020

Tahun	Cemerlang A+, A, A-	Kepujian B+, B, C+, C	Lulus D, E	Lulus A+ - E	Gagal G	Bilangan Duduk	Gred Purata M.Pel.
2013	24%	31.8%	18.9%	74.7%	25.3%	387	-
2014	24.6%	31.3%	21.9%	77.8%	22.2%	342	-
2015	30.8%	35.3%	13.2%	79.3%	20.7%	266	4.64
2016	28.4%	30.7%	16.7%	75.8%	24.2%	257	5.07
2017	31.7%	35.3%	13.7%	80.7%	19.3%	278	4.55
2018	26.7%	35.3%	16.4%	78.4%	21.6%	397	5.03
2019	26.5%	34.2%	17.4%	78.1%	21.9%	339	5.07
2020						>300	

What are our targets for this year? The main project is to **train our Bible Knowledge Teachers** to become proficient with setting and marking of the new style of question in the Bible Knowledge paper for SPM since the announcement of the change in format of the paper. To this end a committee was set up and we have fixed a day for the Training Seminar for BK Teachers and would-be teachers. It will be held on Saturday, 01 May 2021, from 9am to 12noon. A team of experienced teachers will conduct the training for two hours after which we will show a sample of a video lesson for BK which we are preparing under the SPM BK Project which was announced last year.

Mr Yap Kok Keong will brief us about this project later on. We will make these two sets of 40 video lessons each on the books of Luke and Acts available on the net so that any teacher needing to teach his or her students but does not have sufficient time for research, may download these lessons and teach his class. Any student in a place where there is no BK teacher available can download these lessons and study on his own to prepare for the SPM exam. With the declining number of Christian teachers in our country, it is imperative that FCMSM ensures that students wanting to take Bible Knowledge for SPM be provided with the facilities and the personnel to guide our young people.

**SPM Bible Knowledge
Training Seminar 2021**

SPM BK 9221 will see a shift to a new format that will inculcate more Higher Order Thinking skills (HOTS) questions in Section C, Part 1. This workshop will explain the new format and also provide practical skills to prepare and to mark this new type of question.

Date: 1st May 2021, Saturday
Time: 9 am – 12 noon
Mode: Online via Zoom

All BK teachers are encouraged to attend this Seminar to upskill ourselves in the effective teaching of His Word.

Please register at
<https://forms.gle/WegtjgJKfW7a4SdW6>
by 24 April 2021

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This year the responsibility of the **Bible Knowledge Quizzes** has been taken over by FCMSM from MCSC. All the quizzes will be run online. Permission has been granted by the Ministry of Education as long as the quizzes are online. The **dates** are as follows:

- a) 26 June – BK21 Bible Knowledge Quiz Online 2021 (text: Acts 1-18) for all secondary students
- b) 31 July – 25th National SPM BK Quiz 2021 Semifinals (text: Luke and Acts) in teams of 2
- c) 14 August – National SPM BK Quiz 2021 Finals (on Zoom) (Luke & Acts)

This is the **25th Anniversary of the National SPM BK Oral Quiz** and even though we are not able to meet in-person, we will still celebrate in ways we can manage. Look out for these special features. In line with this, we have drafted a **Letter of Appeal for Donations for Bible Knowledge**. Please do encourage your churches to give generously to this effort. We need to build up a new generation of young people who love the Lord and love His Word, then take on leadership of the Church in Malaysia when their time comes.

A note about our **publications**. Beginning in January, all the MCSC publications have been given over to FCMSM which will seek to disseminate them throughout the country. They consist of “Called To Teach” available in English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin; the “Ethos” cards for new heads and Board of Governors chairmen to use for introducing new heads to their schools; and the Directory of Mission Schools which is undergoing a revision now as there have been a number of changes. Then there are the textbooks for Bible Knowledge which consists of the two study guides to The Gospel of St Luke and The Acts of the Apostles. While the past years’ questions manual has been printed by TCF, we have constantly obtained a supply to be kept in the FCMSM Office for sale to teachers, parents and students. This year, however, TCF has not produced a new one yet because all SPM Papers were ‘Closed Papers’ which meant that no one was allowed to take any question paper home from the exam hall; students had to surrender their question paper together with their answer scripts at the end of each examination paper. These changes have been made without us knowing the reasons behind them. Please avail yourselves of these publications as they are very useful in answering questions about Mission Schools.

This year, we received a request from **Dong Zong** which is the United Chinese School Committees’ Association of Malaysia, that we write an article about the FCMSM which they could publish in the Malaysian Education Review of Dong Zong. At the last Exco Meeting, it was decided that we accept their offer with the hope of making FCMSM better known among the Malaysian public. Mr Yap Kok Keong, our Advisor, is currently working on that article. I would like to thank him for taking on this task which is no easy undertaking.

In my **recent readings**, I came to Psalm 37. This psalm begins with the oft quoted,

“Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers.
For they will wither quickly like the grass, and fade like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it.”

We certainly live in an era in which moral values are turned upside down. Evildoers and wrongdoers are aplenty in our country. The Lord says to us, “Fret not. Give yourselves to the positives of trust in the Lord, do good, cultivate faithfulness, delight yourself in the Lord and commit your way to Him.”

I also found the phrase ‘you will inherit the land’ repeated 5 times, each time with a different condition.

In v.9, those who wait for the Lord will inherit the land.

In v.11, the humble will inherit the land.

In v.22, those blessed by Him will inherit the land.

In v.29, the righteous will inherit the land.

And in v.34, those who keep His way will inherit the land.

Do we spend time with the Lord daily and wait for Him to act? Are we humble in our dealings with others? Are we blessed of the Lord? Are we righteous? Do we keep His way? If we are, we shall inherit the land of our Mission Schools from generation to generation; and we shall establish the Name of the Lord of Glory in our schools. Then He will establish the work of our hands.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. My prayer is that we will cultivate faithfulness in all that we do and pass on our love for God and for His Word to our future generations. This is the last time that I will chair this meeting as I make way for someone from East Malaysia to helm the FCMSM. I have learnt so much about the Christian community in Malaysia during my tenure of service of four years as Chairman of FCMSM. Thank you for the fellowship in service which we have enjoyed in harmony with one another. It has been a real joy to have worked with all of you who love the Lord Jesus so much that you are willing to strive on for the betterment of our Mission Schools. May the Lord richly bless each one who willingly takes up the reigns of service.

Moey Yoke Lai
Chairman