

Salesian Cooperators  
East Asia-Oceania Region  
23-26 July 2020



## 2020, VIETNAM

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION THE 10<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL CONGRESS OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS

*Dear Rev. Fr. Václav Klement,*

*Rev. Fathers Provincials and Rev. Mothers Provincials,*

*Rev. Fr. Giuseppe Casti, Rev. Sr. Leslye Sandigo, World (SDB and FMA) Delegates*

*Mr. Antonio Boccia, World Coordinator and World Councillors,*

*Fr. Dominic Suphot, Sr. Cecilia Tse, Regional (SDB and FMA) Delegates*

*Provincial (SDB and FMA) Delegates,*

*Provincial Coordinators,*

*All brothers and sisters of Salesian Cooperators:*

Greetings from Vietnam!

It is our great pleasure to invite you to Vietnam and join the 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Congress of Salesian Cooperators from 23 to 27 of July 2020 in Xuan Loc, Vietnam. The Vietnam Province is honored to host this Congress and welcome all of you with love of Don Bosco.

#### § Goal

For the theme and objectives, please refer to the convocation letter of Dr. Philp Yu. Together, we want to achieve the following goals through the Congress:

- To share “For the Young” project with other provinces
- To share the experience and knowledge with other members
- To share the dream/hope/future of living our unique vocation with young people
- To make Action Plan for serving the young people
- To elect the next World Councillor for EAO

#### § Registration

Please refer to the enclosed registration form (one in PDF format for printing, one in MS Word format for local language editing) for more information.

- ✘ Please note that you have to complete and return it to the Secretariat **no later than 31-Jan-2020**. DO NOT send money in advance but you want to bring enough cash (US dollar) to pay the fees on your arrival.
- ✘ The Congress venue is the Seminary and Bishop's House of the Xuan Loc Diocese. Therefore it will not be convenient for extra stay before/after the Congress. In addition, it is not a good location getting in/out for other purposes and no attraction for sightseeing. So please book your own hotel if you plan to arrive earlier or to stay behind in Vietnam. The Vietnam Organizing Committee (VOC) is more than happy to provide any assistance. Please feel free to contact our Secretariat by e-mail: [ascvietnamcongress2020@gmail.com](mailto:ascvietnamcongress2020@gmail.com).

§ Official Language: **ENGLISH**

- ✘ For those who cannot speak English, we will provide simultaneous interpretation equipment. Please designate your own interpreter and advise us in advance because the equipment has limited number of channels.

§ Main Program

Please refer to the enclosed Excel file. There are 4 tabs, one per day. The program is still being evolved with further input but the main schedule is fixed.

- ✘ On Day 1, all Provincial Coordinators are required to attend a briefing session just before the Congress. And please remember to bring your national flag and national anthem for the opening ceremony.
- ✘ On Day 2, afternoon a poster session is scheduled for you to display photos and information about your “For the Young” project. You will be given a board to put your poster or to post your display materials. So please finish the preparation before Day 2 afternoon.
- ✘ On Day 3, we have arranged a short pilgrimage to Our Lady of Bai Dau. Its cost is included in the registration fee. Please note the traveling time is about 2 hours one-way. In the evening we have Cultural Night, please we are looking forward to your performance and let us know in advance if you need anything for your performance.
- ✘ On Day 4, we celebrate the Holy Mass with new members entry. Please advise in advance if you have new member(s) from your province to make first Promise.

§ Preparation Work

Provincial Coordinators are kindly requested to prepare the Provincial Report (no more than 3 pages, A4-size) and send us before April 30, 2020. It should include the following:

1. Statistics of the Province similar to what you did for Tokyo Congress
2. Highlight of the activities related to “For the Young” project
3. Formation program or inspiration from Formation

§ General Information

- About Ho Chi Minh City (or Saigon) <http://www.hcmc.com/>
- Pilgrimage and sightseeing:  
<https://catholicpilgrimagenetwork.com/cho-quan-church-archdiocese-saigon-vietnam-2/>  
<https://vietfuntravel.com/blog/top-famous-churches-in-ho-chi-minh-city.html>

May God bless us all! See you in Xuan Loc Vietnam!

Sincerely yours in Don Bosco,

Therese Trần thị Minh Thu  
Provincial Coordinator, Vietnam

Encl. – program and registration form