



## THE FOUNDATION FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

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Greetings Fanang and IMGS colleagues

Thank you for the invitation for the opening ceremony and service of IMGS on Jan 4, 2021. On behalf of the FTESEA Board, and on my own behalf I congratulate all of you for making IMGS a reality. IMGS being the first consortium in ATESEA family for PhD degree program, it is really a historic accomplishment. Thank you for giving an opportunity to FTESEA to be part of this initiative.

When FTESEA supports the academic programs of IMGS, the expectation of the Board is that IMGS becomes a partner with FTESEA in promoting excellence in theological education in Asia. So, as we talked often in the process of forming IMGS, that IMGS besides providing facilities for doctoral studies of faculty members of ATESEA and ATEM members seminaries, will soon attract faculty members from Mekong region for graduate studies, and will emerge as an Institute of Mekong Graduate studies. It is also the wish of FTESEA that IMGS develops academic cooperation with seminaries from where Myanmar theological faculty members have graduated, from a number of seminaries in Asia, United Kingdom, and in North America.

It is indeed a worthy example that IMGS has selected women leader Dr. Fanang Lum to head the program as Dean. The FTESEA has scheduled to hold its 2021 annual board meeting at Yangon in the first week of November. The FTESEA Board Trustees and its partner representatives, from China Christian Council, ATESEA and WCC are looking forward to meet with IMGS colleagues at that occasion and learn about IMGS initiatives in graduate studies.

We pray for God's abundant blessing and guidance for the ministry of IMGS.

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