



Christian Schools in Mission: *Becoming a Global Missional School in the 21st Century*

CONFERENCE
Guangzhou, China
11-15 May 2008



2008 Conference

The 2008 conference theme, *Becoming a Global Missional School in the 21st Century*, will explore the essentials of what we believe is at the heart of a Christian school.

Mission lies at the very heart of Biblical Christianity. When a school claims to be Christian it should mean that it is involved in Mission in one way or another. The Great Commission, 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations' is meant to be both global and missional. It implies that we should hold a Biblical worldview of mission (mind), embrace a Christ-like passion (heart) and exercise a Serving spirit (action).

The conference will address the *What* and *How* a Christian school can implement the Commission in today's world.

The conference in Guangzhou will bring some new and exciting initiatives.

It will be presented in a blend of plenary sessions, regional reports, case presentations, workshops and a resource display.

Each plenary will address a particular theme from different perspectives with participants drawing together the common threads.

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It was a great privilege for me to attend the conference due to your generosity. It was a glimpse of what is happening worldwide in God's Kingdom. That mission is God's spirit of mercy and love for other people. It would be a great honour to participate again in such a blessed conference!”

Dr. Priscilla Pop
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Country Coordinator for Romania

Vision

It is our vision to see the lives of the students in our schools positively impacted through their involvement in mission and we seek to be a blessing and encouragement to those to whom we minister.

Conference Program

Part I : Global outlook

- Plenary sessions of contemporary state-of-the-art and personal perspective presentations by invited international experts.
- Case Studies where presenters and participants collectively discuss cutting edge issues in the implementation of mission programs and or other aspects of mission.
- Regional reports where presenters will highlight the needs and challenges for mission in a particular region.
- Mission Resource workshops where language training, use of IT technology, and finance and governance will be presented to participants.

Part II : Specific focus

- Seminars on school education in China where government officials and academics will present current developments and challenges facing schools in China.
- Visits to schools in Guangzhou will be included as part of the conference. Such visits are important in facilitating their future cultural exchanges with your schools.

Registration

Visit www.globalchristianschoolsnetwork.com

Our on-line registration form will allow you to register for the Conference. You can pay either online by credit card in AUS dollars or please check for other options.

Registration Fees

	AUD	USD
Full (includes 4 nights' accommodation)	\$850	\$710
One Day (includes 1 night's accommodation)	\$230	\$195

Accommodation

GDH (Huashi) Hotel Guangzhou (www.gdhhotels.com)
A combination of single and twinshare rooms are available.
Single rooms will be provided on a first come first serve basis.



Transport

Flights from Guangzhou New Baiyun International Airport (CAN) connect Guangzhou with more than 70 domestic cities and over 20 international cities. Direct international flights include Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Sydney, Melbourne, Bangkok, Osaka and Hong Kong. You can take the direct train between Kowloon, Hong Kong and Guangzhou East Railway Station. The express train takes approximately 1.5 hours.

Shopping & Attractions

Guangzhou is one of twenty-four famous historical and cultural cities in China. There are many places of interest in Guangzhou such as Sun Yat-sen's Memorial Hall, Zhenhai Tower, Liurong Temple and Liuhua Lake.



Post Conference Options

Post-Conference Tour to Hong Kong schools are being arranged for participants who are interested in making contact with Christian schools in Hong Kong. **The Post-Conference Tour is optional and not included in the conference fee.** More information about the tour will be available at: www.globalchristianschoolsnetwork.com

If there are sufficient numbers we will organise an exhibition in Hong Kong (May 16-18) for you to recruit Chinese students for your schools. Please indicate your interest by email: Daniel Wong (enquiries@globalchristianschoolsnetwork.com)

The City of Guangzhou

Guangzhou, formerly known as Canton City, is a prosperous city in the south of Guangdong Province. It is adjacent to Hong Kong and Macau. Guangzhou has a population of more than 11 million people, including a transitory population of 3.7 million. With the opening of China to the outside world, Guangzhou has become one of the early 'open' cities in China which boasts fast economic development.

Mission History

Over the last 200 years of Chinese church history, Guangzhou has been famous as the gateway to China. The first Protestant missionary, Robert Morrison, arrived in Guangzhou in 1807. During the seventeen years of his missionary career, he managed to translate the first Chinese Bible and compiled a Chinese dictionary for the use of Westerners. Since then, Western missionaries have been instrumental in the development of education in China: bridging China and the rest of the world, creating educational opportunities for women, establishing many universities, schools, kindergartens, and setting up scholarships for Chinese students to study abroad. In Guangzhou, the famous Lingnan University and Pui Ching School are two outstanding examples.

Climate

Guangzhou's climate is moderate. At the time of the conference, it will be the beginning of summer when the average daily temperature ranges from 24°C to 30°C (75°F to 87°F)



About Us

We are a fellowship of Christian schools that are involved in promoting mission as an integral part of Christian education. We are an informal network for sharing, support and fellowship. Our schools come from a wide spectrum of Christian denominations that believe in the Biblical authority and accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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