



Opening Speech by Dr. Christian Murck

Event: ACUCA-SU-United-Board Joint Consultation

Date: 16 July 2021

Good morning. My name is Christian Murck. I was recently elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Board. On behalf of my United Board colleagues, it's my pleasure to welcome all of you to this joint virtual consultation.

Eighteen months ago, I might not have realized what a joint virtual consultation is. Now having been on so many academic events and meetings on various online platforms, it seems natural and a matter of course that we should be meeting virtually.

During this past year and a half, we have all experienced many challenges due to the pandemic. I think you should all be proud of the speed and resilience and creativity with which you have adapted to the emergency. You have amply demonstrated the strength of your ties to your communities and to each other. Now we are at a point in time where we should begin to think about the future: what lessons can we draw from our recent experience, what kind of future do we want, and how can we take action to bring it into being.

Next year the United Board will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. As in the past, we will continue to support Asian universities and colleges as they deliver education that supports students spiritually, intellectually and ethically. As in the past, we will help young people and young adults develop their minds, hearts and consciences to better serve their families, communities and societies. But how to do so requires both partnership and consultation. For that reason, the United Board is especially pleased to join with the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia and Silliman University in sponsoring this consultation.

Thank you all for participating. We look forward to hearing about the future you envision. Thank you again.

Watch the video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aif6mhXONNQ&list=PLyYArF_Ccn5i_BFpMifB-xCNCjtjGkY2j&index=3