

The Asia-Pacific Network for Moral Education Ninth Annual Conference 24-27 October 2014 Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Making Moral Education Work: Tradition and Innovation in the Asia-Pacific

24th July 2014

Dear Pak Putu Sudira,

Re: Your revised proposed presentation entitled: Seven Hindu Traditions of Moral Education

Thank you for submitting the above revised proposal to this Conference. The Programme Committee has reviewed your revised proposal and is pleased to confirm that it has been accepted. We cordially invite you to come to Shanghai to present your ideas in the form of a *30 minute paper presentation*.

We should be most grateful if you could confirm **no later than 31**<sup>st</sup> **July 2014** by reply to this email address (proposals@apnme.org) that you plan to attend the Conference, so that we may place your proposal in the Programme, which will soon be prepared. You may be allocated a presentation slot at any time during 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

You will find below a copy of your abstract to which we have made minor editing adjustments based on our understanding of your intentions. If you think that any edits have changed the intended meaning or wish to amend it please let us know by **July 31**<sup>st</sup>. If we do not receive any comments from you, we will proceed on the basis that you are happy with your abstract as below but kindly note that the Programme Committee reserves the right further to edit your abstract for clarity, length and consistency for publication in the Conference proceedings booklet and on the website.

In preparing your presentation please take careful note of any comments below and the guidelines for presenters on the Conference website at <a href="http://www.apnme.org">http://www.apnme.org</a>. It is **not** necessary for you to prepare a full paper but please do bring at least 20 copies of your presentation (or a summary/powerpoint of it) as a hand-out.

Please consult the Conference website regarding accommodation and registration and note that **you must register by 20**<sup>th</sup> **August to ensure that you are included in the Conference programme.** The website also contains travel and visa information and if you require an invitation letter for visa purposes please register first and then write to conference@apnme.org.

We very much look forward to seeing you in Shanghai for what promises to be a thought-provoking, enriching and very enjoyable Conference.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of the Conference Programme Committee

## **COPY OF ABSTRACT**

## **Seven Hindu Traditions of Moral Education**

Presenter: Putu SUDIRA, Yogyakarta State University, Indonesia

Moral education will be effective if practised as a tradition in everyday life in school, family and society, which are the three pillars of education in Indonesia. In the Hindu tradition there are seven aspects of moral education, namely: 1) *Dewa Abhimana*: devotion (*bhakti*) to God; 2) *Dharma Abhimana*: love for and commitment to upholding the truth of Vedic tradition or *dharma*); 3) *Viveka*: the ability to distinguish between good and bad, right and wrong; 4) *Karma Siksana*: action to correct immoral behaviour; 5) *Satsila*: building a noble character; 6) *Desa* (i.e. village) *Abhimana*, or having the passion to motivate oneself to serve the homeland; and 7) *Subha Sita Veda*: diligently studying words of wisdom of Hindu leaders who live the Vedic doctrine. This presentation will explain how these seven aspects of moral education are taught through lessons and incorporated in learning programmes at school. Moral education is also developed and implemented in families and communities through traditional practices of worshipping God, celebrating religious holidays, honouring parents, serving and helping others, preserving nature and planting trees.