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Rinuncia e successione dell'Arcivescovo di Kinshasa (Repubblica Democratica del Congo)

Il Santo Padre Francesco ha accettato la rinuncia al governo pastorale dell'Arcidiocesi di Kinshasa (Repubblica Democratica del Congo), presentata dall'Em.mo Card. Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya. Gli succede per coadiutoria S.E. Mons. Fridolin Ambongo Besungu, O.F.M. Cap.

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- ◆ Comunicato del Pontificio Consiglio per il Dialogo Interreligioso: Il secondo colloquio cristiano-taoista (Singapore, 5-7 novembre 2018)

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) in collaboration with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore and the Taoist Federation of Singapore has organized the Second Christian-Taoist Colloquium which

is due to take place at Fr. Jean Marie Beurel Centre, in Singapore from 5 to 7 November 2018.

The theme *Christian and Taoist Ethics in Dialogue* will be studied in its various aspects by seventy scholars and practitioners of interreligious dialogue. The participants in the Colloquium come from the Christian and Taoist Traditions and the following countries: Singapore, China, France, India, Malaysia, South Korea, Switzerland, Vatican and Taiwan. H. E. Bishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, (Secretary) and Msgr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage (Undersecretary with responsibilities for Taoism), will represent the PCID. H. E. Archbishop Felix Machado and Rev. Dr Peniel Rajkumar will represent the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences and the World Council of Churches respectively.

This Colloquium has two primary goals:

1. to provide opportunities for academics and practitioners of Christian-Taoist dialogue to share views and aspects related to the theme by means of the conference podium as well as informal discussions;
2. to urgently act together, with a shared sense of co-responsibility, to face the grave human, ethical and social degradation in the world on the basis of a patrimony of moral values common to all human beings.

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◆ **Comunicato del Pontificio Consiglio per il Dialogo Interreligioso: 230° anniversario del "Royal Temple of Chetupon (Wat Pho)", (Bangkok, 9 novembre 2018)**

At the invitation of Most Venerable PHRA THEPWEEERAPORN, Abbot of Wat Phra Chetupon, H. E. Bishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, (Secretary) and Msgr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage (Undersecretary with responsibility for Buddhism) of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) will visit Bangkok on 9th November to participate in the commemorative ceremony of the 230th Anniversary of the Royal Temple of Chetupon (Wat Pho). The delegation will be joined by H. E. Archbishop Paul Tschang In-nam, Apostolic Nuncio and Rev. Fr. Dario Pavis, Secretary of the Nunciature, Bangkok, as well as representatives of the local Catholic Church.

The Holy See and the Wat Phra Chetupon (Wat Pho) enjoy a long-lasting friendship and mutual collaboration. His Majesty King Rama VII of the Kingdom of Thailand visited Pope Pius XI on 21 March 1934. The King gifted the Pope with a copy of *Phra Malai*, a sacred Buddhist Scripture written in ancient Khmer alphabets. At the request of the Vatican Museums, a group of Buddhist scholars from Chetupon Temple translated this sacred book into both the Pali and Thai languages. On 16 May 2018, a delegation comprising of fifty Buddhist monks, government representatives and lay people led by Venerable PHRA RAJARATANASUNTHON presented the copies of the translation to His Holiness Pope Francis during a private audience.

The first delegation of Buddhist monks from Thailand visited the Vatican on 5 June 1972 and had an audience with Pope Paul VI. One of the three monks of the delegation was Most Venerable Somdej PHRA WANARATANA, former abbot of Wat Phra Chetupon (Wat Pho).

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