

OMPH HOSTS INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE



The Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (OMPH) recently organized an Inter-Religious Dialogue themed Understanding World Religions which was attended by 130 guests.

The one-day colloquium brought together participants from many religious backgrounds in Ipoh, Perak to learn from the professionals about the various major religions, that is, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, Taoism, Sikhism and Islam.

The panel speakers were Mr. Kandasamy Velayuthan (Hinduism) – Deputy President of the Hindu Sangam National Council Malaysia; Rev. Fr. Joseph Stephen C.Ss.R. (Christianity) – a Redemptorist and Parish Priest of OMPH; Mr Sarath Wickrama Surendre (Buddhism) – Hon. Secretary of the MCCBCHST, Selangor Branch; Dao Zhang Tan Hoe Chieow (Taoism) – President of the Federation of Taoist Associations Malaysia; Mr. Daljit Singh (Sikhism) – Secretary of Gurdwara Greentown; and En. Megat Sharifuddin (Islam) – associated with Pertubuhan Ikram Malaysia. Dr. William Lau, Chairperson of MCCBCHST, Selangor Branch, acted as the moderator during the Q & A session.

At the end of the day, many understood the commonalities of the different religions and the need for continuous dialogue to alleviate the misunderstandings around and to promote peace and goodwill amongst people with diverse beliefs so that we can live in harmony with one another.

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