



VINCENTIAN FAMILY MEETING
NOVEMBER 9TH TO 14TH, 2009 IN BANGKOK, THAILAND



FamVin Consys – Asia Oceania meeting was held in Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand. There were 77 members of the Vincentian Family (AIC, CM, DC, SSV P, V MY) attending. 15 representatives from SSV P Thailand, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong-Kong (Special Administrative Region of China), India, Korea, Philippines and Singapore attended the five days meeting. Bro. Gene Smith who is a member of SSV P was working with the “Systemic Change” Commission to give presentations. However, no FamVin member from Oceania could attend the meeting.

The meeting consisted of two major parts. The first part during the first two days was mainly on formation for leaders (VF Advisors and Directors). Each country gave a Country report on the FamVin activities. They also discussed the formation of Vincentian Family Council for Asia – Oceania on countries basis.



The second part was about the formation of “Systemic Change” led by the Systemic Change Commission. The members of the Commission are Fr. Robert Maloney CM, Fr. Pedro Opeka CM, Fr. Joseph Foley CM, Fr. Manuel Ginete, Sr. Ellen Flynn DC and Deacon Gene Smith SSV P. The formation started with the Church Social Teaching, the Context, strategies and the tools of “Systemic Changes”. Basically, Systemic Changes is a new term promoting “Self Help” projects. The basic concept is to help the poor by



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“Giving the m fishing net instead of fish” and start the project in a small scale. Deacon Gene Smith spoke about a water project which SSVP USA was doing in the Dominican Republic some years ago. Fr. Norberto Carcellar CM talked about a Micro-credit project in Philippines.

A visit was arranged to visit the Shrine of Blessed Nicholas Bunkerd Kitbamrung, a Thai priest executed after the Thai/ France war in 1940. Visits also arranged to St. Vincent Seminary and Lux Mundi Seminary. The dinner took place at the gym of Lux Mundi Seminary with over 120 Seminarians.



Members from SSVP Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong-Kong (Special Administrative Region of China), Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand visiting SVP Seminary