

## ICU Conference, March 18-23, 2015

“The Presence & Future of Humanity in the Cosmos:  
Why Society Needs both the Sciences and the Humanities”

### CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Please read each statement and circle one of the following: 1. Strongly Agree, 2. Agree, 3. Neutral, 4. Disagree, or 5. Strongly Disagree. Also, please feel free to add a comment to each statement. **See results in red, based on 11 responses received to date.**

1. This interdisciplinary conference was very useful to me professionally:

1. Strongly Agree (10) 2. Agree (1) 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

“It was great for my recent work in religion and science.”

“Some are professional, but some are rather general.”

2. The other participants’ presentations met my expectations:

1. Strongly Agree (6) 2. Agree (4) 3. Neutral (1) 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

“I wish there had been more scientists (especially cognitive neuroscientists); on the whole, very good,”

“The interdisciplinary dialogue was intriguing, but the diversity might be expressed through more focus.”

“Most were very valuable for me.”

3. The discussions were stimulating and gave me good ideas for my future teaching and research:

1. Strongly Agree (9) 2. Agree (2) 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

“Participants from different academic, religious, and cultural backgrounds made discussions very stimulating and gave me a lot of inspiration.”

“Many insights and ideas came from the discussions.”

“It was wonderful being with you and other participating scholars at the conference! It is a valuable experience in my academic career.”

4. The morning mindfulness sessions, tea ceremony, public lecture, and film/interview event enhanced the overall experience:

1. Strongly Agree (9) 2. Agree (2) 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

"I enjoyed myself very much!"

"I especially enjoyed the morning mindfulness sessions. I came with serious jetlag but was able to attend all sessions in good energetic status."

"These activities were very helpful for the conference."

5. The conference was well organized:

1. Strongly Agree (10) 2. Agree (1) 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

"I deeply appreciate your self-giving efforts."

"The best organized conference I have ever experienced."

"Perfect!"

"It was just great."

"The conference was the coziest and most stimulating I have ever attended. Thank you for the arrangements!"

6. The ICU Dialogue House was comfortable and a good location for this conference:

1. Strongly Agree (10) 2. Agree (1) 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly Disagree

**Comments:**

"Cozy and undistracted."

"I was impressed by the pleasant and spacious conference room with beautiful modern style."

"I enjoyed the stay."

"The housing was so good and the conference staff were so kind."

**Additional Comments:**

"The organizer's passion and commitment to his mission made this conference possible."

"We had many humanists but few scientists. It would have been better to have a special lecture from a scientist."

"It was a well-organized conference held in the right and beautiful place."

"I was impressed by Tom's devotion and wisdom."

"I could realize the meaning of modern science in Asian countries differs from Western countries. For instance, advanced level of science could create a dangerous situation in society if the human ethical sensibility or responsibility were not well-balanced."

"It was a fabulous event. Thank you so much!"

"Thank you for giving me such great inspiration and imagination."

"Thank you again for the wonderful coordination and great contribution to the conference."  
"Hopefully this meaningful dialogue will be carried on."

"It was one of the best, if not the best, organized conferences I have ever attended. I have learned a lot from the experience, both in academia and in event organization."

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude again for your great effort."

"Thanks for organizing this wonderful conference which inspired me very much."

"I would once again like to express my sincere appreciation for your tremendous effort in making this conference happen, which inspired me very much and also indicated how I should do things that I believe vital for my life and for this universe."

"It was a wonderful conference such as I have not experienced before."

"I don't think I have expressed my deep appreciation for your arduous and passionate work for this wonderfully designed trans-disciplinary and multicultural conference. I even think that my academic life will be divided into two parts; i.e., before and after ICU. I don't have any doubt that what we have learned from the conference will be tremendous resources not only for the humanities but also for the humanity as a whole. I look forward to activating the network and emerging new insights."

"Thank you very much again for the wonderful ICU conference and many thing beyond! It was such a great success and, for me, it was a learning opportunity. This conference also pushed me to learn some Christian theology, hopefully in the near future."

"Thank you again for allowing me to participate in your most amazing conference. This was easily the best conference ever for me."