



UNITED BOARD

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**Faculty Development Grants
Culture and Religion in Asia
~Asian Folklore and Cultural Heritage Studies~**

The following is representative listing of recent United Board grants made in support of Culture and Religion in Asia, in the area of Asian Folklore and Cultural Heritage Studies.

NORTHEAST ASIA

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Fieldwork Training in Local Religion and Society for Chinese Graduate Students

Six Hong Kong and mainland universities will organize a summer training program for 16 graduate students on ethnography fieldwork, focusing on local religions and society. These universities are at the early stage of forming a consortium to sustain this summer program beyond the term of United Board funding.

SOUTH ASIA

Stella Maris College

Promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development

Stella Maris College aims to strengthen student engagement in traditional folklore, culture, and the 5,000-year old heritage of Tamil Nadu by engaging student clubs to co-host thematic workshops on campus. In addition to sharing experiences, the goal is to create an interface between academia and the community, which will be a mutually beneficial learning experience.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Silliman University

“Ulahingan” Experience: Priming Creative, Integrated Artistic Capabilities toward Faculty and Student Development Through Local Knowledge (Phase 2)

This project aims to cultivate the creative capabilities of faculty and students in music, speech, theatre arts, and visual arts by engaging them in producing a musicale (stage performances) based on Elena Maquiso’s research material called “Ulahingan.” It is anticipated that interdisciplinary collaboration will catalyze faculty development and

enhance learning about Filipino heritage. Activities will include research; developing the script; arranging vocal, choral and instrumental forms; set designing; and costume research. Performance at the Luce Auditorium in the second semester of 2016 for students in Dumagete and Cebu.

Silliman University

Expanding Silliman University National Writers Workshop to Promote Asian Cultural Perspectives

This grant supports expanding the reach and influence of the Silliman University National Writers Workshop (SUNWW) through an exchange of talent and resources in Asia and completing the digitization of SUNWW manuscripts and other collections from the workshop's inception to 2010.

Soegijapranata Catholic University

Whole Person Education Based on Local Knowledge for Sustainable Environment and Community Livelihood

Three University Network for Digital Knowledge (UNDK) focal points (Java, East Nusa Tenggara, and Sulawesi) will hold a regional seminar in 2015, with each targeting three neighbor higher education institutions to join the network. Whole person education will be the main approach for the three-year (2015-2018) program. Activities include: (1) development of digital teaching modules on local knowledge based on whole person education; (2) implementation of the teaching modules in relevant courses in UNDK participating universities; and (3) publication of lessons learned.