**Events of “Nestorian Crosses of the Yuan Dynasty” exhibition**

**International Conference on Jing Jao**

**Date:** June 10 – 12, 2015

**Venue:** The University of Hong Kong (June 10 & 12, 2015) and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (June 11, 2015)

**Registration required and now open\*:** Please visit the Conference website:

<http://www.hkihss.hku.hk/events/jingjiao2015/index.html>

**\***Registration will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The first event is an international 3-day conference on Jing Jiao during Tang and Yuan dynasties and its religious and cultural influences in East Asia. Hosted by the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, together with the School of Chinese of The University of Hong Kong and the Divinity School of Chung Chi College and co-organised by the University Museum and Art Gallery, this conference explores Jing Jiao through five different themes – Artistic, Scientific, Religious Influence, Linguistic and Textual with the aim of engaging researchers and scholars from a variety of disciplines, and to further interest in the research of Nestorianism and Nestorian Crosses. The conference will be held at The University of Hong Kong (June 10&12, 2015) and at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (June 11, 2015).

**Joint HKUMS-UMAG Public Lecture**

**Topic:** Journey to the East: Christianity in China in the Tang and Yuan Dynasties

**Date:** June 13, 2015 (Sat)

**Time:** 15:00 – 16:30

**Venue:** 1/F, Fung Ping Shan Building, UMAG, HKU

**Speaker:** Dr. Glen L. Thompson

**Language:** English

**Cost:** Free admission. All are welcome.

**Speaker:** Dr. Glen L. Thompson is the Academic Dean and Prof. of New Testament and Historical Theology at the Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong. He has lectured internationally on the history and spread of Christianity, and the cultural exchanges resulting from it. He is an expert on the Church of the East (Jing Jiao- Nestorianism).

**Abstract:**

When Marco Polo described his travels across China in the late 13th century, he wrote of seeing “Nestorian” Christians in many towns, some of whom were high government officials. Scholars now know that this eastern form of Christianity was to be found in China already in AD 635. Besides the enigmatic crosses in the museum exhibit, other archaeological finds have slowly enlarged our knowledge of this movement. This illustrated lecture will trace the origins of this first appearance of Christianity in China, and describe what is known – and what remains unknown—about it.