

## Asia Pacific Leadership Conference's Education Metrics Soar

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Travel restrictions forced UPF's education program on-line. However, combined results from the first two educational initiatives, held October and November 2020 in the Asia Pacific region, showed that 97 percent of graduates evaluated the program as "good" (24 percent) or "excellent" (73 percent). Just three percent of respondents said it was "fair."

Even more encouraging, no one evaluated the content as either "very poor" or "poor." (A 5-point Likert scale that measured quality outcome was used.)

Most important, however, there were two follow-up initiatives built in. First, evaluation questions were drawn from legislation signed into law this year by President Duterte of the Philippines which mandated daily character education classes in grades K-12.

Having documented results makes it possible to approach the government showing that we have effective education curricula that can help the Department of Education fulfill its legislatively-mandated goals for character education.

The evaluation survey measured seven key areas:

- Building a patriotic spirit in youth
- Developing our inherent human dignity and value
- Accelerating social progress and human development
- Uplifting moral, spiritual and social well-being of students
- Promoting universal values education

Advocating the role of parents in moral development of children  
Demonstrating the importance of family and marriage

Educational content for the Asia Pacific Leadership Conference (APLC) consisted of: six sessions of Divine Principle, one presentation using sociological studies supporting the importance of marriage and family, three internal guidance presentations, and two case studies (Cambodia and Philippines).

The Opening Session and Closing Graduation were live-streamed via the internet; all other educational sessions were pre-recorded. Students had up to three weeks to complete the course.

The second area of follow-up needed to be completed at the local level. Married couples were encouraged to participate in an interfaith peace blessing and young people were invited to connect to Youth and Students for Peace.

In all, 417 participants from 14 nations registered for both APLCs. So far, 114 students graduated as others continue to study and are expected to graduate in the future.

