



# Christian Conference of Asia

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Rev. Kaori Oshima  
General Secretary  
National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ)

Dear Rev. Kaori Oshima,

Greetings from CCA headquarters in Chiang Mai.

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Advent, as we prayerfully await the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I write to inform you that the CCA will organise the Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly (AEYA–2026) from 17–21 April 2026 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, under the theme ***“Break Every Yoke” (Isaiah 58:6)***. The Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly–2026 will mark the fifth major Asian ecumenical youth gathering organised by the CCA during the 70 years of its existence.

In recognition of the important role that National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ) plays in nurturing young leaders within your specific ecclesial context, we would like to request that you nominate and encourage committed youth representatives (aged 20–35 years) from your constituency to be part of another historic ecumenical event in Asia.

The Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly–2026 will bring together 150 young people selected from among the applicants/nominees from CCA member churches and councils across Asia.

AEYA–2026 aims to provide a platform for collective discernment on how young Christians can faithfully respond to God’s mission amidst the complex social, political, cultural, and ecological realities of Asia today. Some of the major concerns to be addressed at AEYA–2026 include: Emerging Geopolitical Trends; Population Aging on Asia's Future Growth; Impact of Artificial Intelligence; Structural and Cyclical Unemployment amidst Economic Distress; Crises in Democratic Governance; Mental Health Among Youth in Asia; Youth Migration and Transitions in Young People's Lives; Peace, Security, and Human Rights Protection; Politicisation of Religion; Climate Justice and Sustainability Threats.

More details on the thematic focus, selection of participants, board and lodging arrangements, and travel bursary policies are included in the attached Background Information for AEYA-2026.

The deadline for receiving applications at the CCA Secretariat is 30 January 2026.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact us at [ef-cca@cca.org.hk](mailto:ef-cca@cca.org.hk).

Yours along the journey,

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General Secretary, CCA