

MISSIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2018

MYANMAR & BEYOND: STRATEGIES & TECHNOLOGIES ALONG THE ROAD

“Myanmar and Beyond” was a Missional Business Forum jointly organised by SCGM, and our partners TBN Asia and ACTXplorer and supported by Bartley Christian Church and Calvary Baptist Church, with an aim to encourage prayer and thinking for Missional Business to engage the Asian countries in the Belt and Road Initiative.

SCGM ND Lawrence Ko in his welcome address, highlighted the strategic importance of China’s Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) and in particular, of Myanmar as 2 out of the 6 economic corridors in the BRI passes through Myanmar. After 7 years of democracy led by Aung San Suu Chi’s political party, the new government is also eager to see greater economic growth and development to fulfil the earlier campaign promises. These contexts will provide great business opportunities which missional business can seize and create transformation in the country.

The two keynote speakers included **Melvyn Mak** and **Rev Paul Kim** who have active business and ministries in Myanmar. Melvyn Mak shared about the vision of *the Jubilee Gospel*, which he believes is God’s heart right from the Bible, a solution to alleviate poverty, and demonstrate the Good News of the Kingdom as well as its restoration. He also shared about the business opportunities and impact of Raffles Air, a travel agency, as well as Actxplorer and TBN Asia, a not-for-profit impact investment venture company.



Melvyn Mak



Rev Paul Kim

Rev Paul Kim, a military chaplain who invests his time in Myanmar also shared on the strategic importance of Myanmar and the current spiritual position of Myanmar in reaching the unreached in the 10/40 Window. He inspired the audience with his audacious faith in God during his stint as military chaplain during the military conflict in the Iraq and encouraged the same faith for business ventures.

Over a hundred participants attended the half day forum which included tea break visits with the 4 business booths set by ACTXplorer, ACTSmarket, Mastercoach App and SMB Network.



Timothy Liu



David Kwee

The Forum saw 4 Panelists including **Timothy Liu**, CEO of Dover Park Hospice and Managing Consultant of GenOne Consulting & Services who has been a Lausanne catalyst for the Global Workplace Ministry speaking on “Missional Business along the Belt & Road”. He had earlier on in October also organised an Isacchar Forum to explore the implications of the Belt and Road initiatives for Asia.

Another panellist **David Kwee**, CEO and founder of Training Vision Institute, who has been active in the human resource development scene in Singapore and the region, spoke on “*Business which Transforms Community: Higher Education as Key Strategy for ASEAN Workforce*”.

Lai Wan Chung, CEO and Co-founder of the MasterCoach App spoke and engaged the audience with his take on the opportunities for business coaching as an approach for developing the region in his topic entitled, “*The Business of Catalysing Powerful Conversations - Through Kingdom-inspired Technology*”.



Last but not the least, **James Quek**, Director and founder of My Helper Pte Ltd, shared his conviction on bringing change to the lives of Myanmar helpers through his new start up on “*Maid Services and Manpower as a Business which Transforms Destiny*” and urged action as Myanmar is a great source of manpower for Singapore and the region.

