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Asian Website on Synodality Launched

Cardinal Sebastian Francis, chairman FABC OSC launched a new website called *synodalityasia* at an online event on August 9. Several social communication leaders in Asia participated in the zoom meeting.

The new site developed and maintained by the Office of Social Communication serves as a one point stop for all synod related information in the Asian context. The major features of the site include vernacular language translations of documents, commentaries and social media platforms to share Asian voices on Synodality.

The Cardinal recalled Pope Francis' wish to make the synod on synodality a worldwide consultation involving all the people of God. "We want the website to be a means to assist this consultation in the vast Asian continent with its rich diversity", he said.

The FABC OSC has been working closely with the Synod secretariate in the Vatican and the Asian episcopal conferences and OSCs of Asian countries. The Office organised workshops to enable translation of synod documents in Asian languages. It has also set up a team of volunteers to promote synodality through social media.

Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, member of the FABC OSC, speaking on the occasion hailed the website as a bridge connecting the Vatican and Asian churches by sharing information with the relevant audience.

Fr George Plathottam, the Executive Secretary of the FABC OSC, said the new website is expected to serve as a platform to host news, commentaries, translations, infographics and social media reflecting the diversity of the local churches in Asia and foster online engagement during the upcoming and final session of the Synod in October 2024 and beyond.

Synod's Communication Manager Dr Thierry Bonaventura in his message highlighting the importance of the Synod Asia platform in fostering dialogue, participation, and connection.

FABC OSC has urged everyone to visit the Synod Asia website and follow its social media channels to stay updated on Synod-related news, events, and resources in the Asian context.

Essential Information

- Website: https://synodalityasia.net/
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/synod.asia/
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@SYNODASIA
- X: https://x.com/synodasia
- **Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/synodasia
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