A Tale of Two Libraries: Collaboration Between Christ College and Chinese Theological College Australia
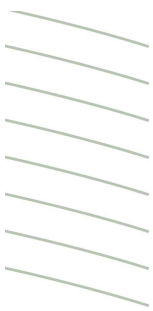
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Abstract

Kate and Belinda will share how the CTCA and Christ College collaborate.

Both will give a brief history of their colleges, and how the colleges working together to benefit students in sharing resources, hence benefit the colleges.

This may be a future collaboration model for an established institution and a new and small college.
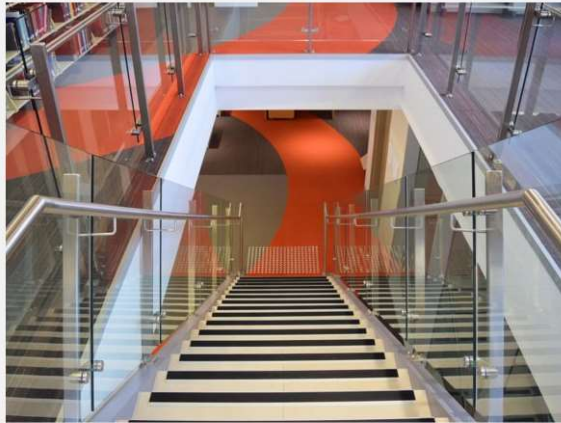
A TALE OF TWO LIBRARIES

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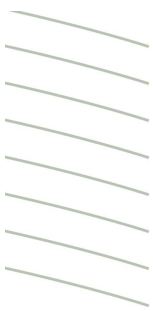**THE NEW BUILDING – LIBRARY TAKES UP THE TOP TWO LEVELS**
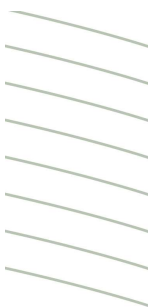

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CTCA TIMELINE	1991	Inspired in ANZ CCOWEE
	2000	Registered as a non-profit religious organization
	2000	Commenced certificate course in Chinese
	2006	Commenced associate licentiate programs
	2009	Set up Library – using SLS
	2010	Commenced ACT course
	2013	Library system to WorldShare
	2017 August	Commence Master of Arts (Theology/Ministry)

At the Australia & New Zealand Chinese Congress on World Evangelization in early 1991, delegates were inspired to establish the ministry of Chinese theological education in Australia. By God's grace, after nearly ten years of discussion and research a cross-denominational Chinese Theological College Australia Inc. ("CTCA") was formed and registered on 15th September 2000 as a non-profit religious organization and commenced to deliver theological courses in Chinese.

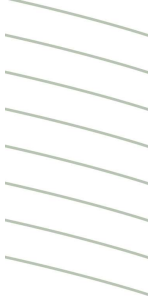CTCA started its certificate programs in 2000.

Due to increased demand, its associate licentiate programs commenced in 2006.

The Library was set up in 2009 preparing for the approval from the ACT (Australian College of Theology) to teach the ACTs program in Chinese in 2010

2010, CTCA started teaching ACT courses.

New Course in second semester 2017 – Master of Arts (Theology/Ministry) – The first MA unit "Interpreting and Preaching the Sermon on the Mount"

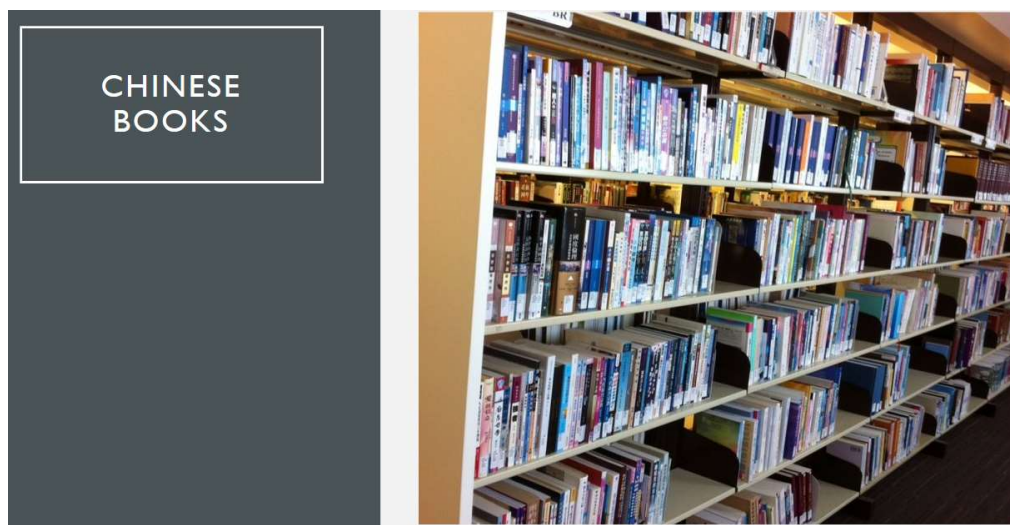| CURRENT SITUATION	The Australian College of Theology awards in Chinese through CTCA under the terms of a Tripartite Contract signed between Christ College, CTCA and the Australian College of Theology ("ACT") and is currently in a mentoring relationship with Christ College
	The Library collection contains approx. 8000 items mainly in Chinese

CTCA is approved to teach the ACT's program in Chinese by ACT under the terms of a Tripartite Contract signed between Christ College, CTCA and the Australian College of Theology (ACT). CTCA is currently in a mentoring relationship with Christ College.

CTCA's degree students can choose to undertake the Australian College of Theology programs entirely in Chinese or partly.

The goal of our College is training future church leaders and equipping Christians for ministries. We focus on providing a holistic education, including spiritual formation, intellectual formation and character formation.
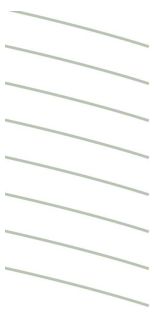
The Library was set up in 2009, it occupies nearly four rows in the upper level of Christ College Library. The library holds more than 8000 items, majority in Chinese.

We have our own Library System - OCLC Worldshare in which includes a Local catalogue for patrons and library management system for staff.

OneStop – a self checkout/checkin standalone PC supported by EnvisionWare.

Collaboration – CTCA students can use CC English resources; CC students can use CTCA Chinese resources .
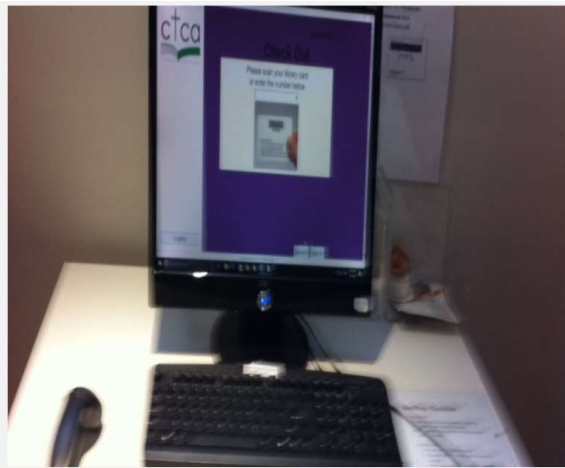
| LIBRARY SYSTEM | OCLC WorldShare - Record management, Acquisition, Circulation, Administration

WorldCat Local – Local catalogue – access to patron's own borrowing record, reserving and renewing items
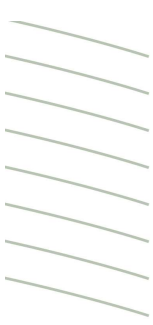
EnvisionWare – OneStop self checkout and checking |
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| ONE STOP SELF-CHECKOUT CHECKING STATION | |

Students from both colleges share library computers, equipment, also learn from each other by their cultural differences.

CTCA STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY	

Kate and I exchange ideas about library operations, and Kate gave a demonstration on using electronic resources in CTCA classes.

I am grateful for Kate's help for our students and for accommodating our needs as we grow.

While CTCA does not have its own campus, it is renting Library space and shelves, classrooms and office space from Christ College. It allows us to collaborate and is a working model of collaboration for an established college and a new and small collage.