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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT
(by Dr. James L. Tan)**

Dear GCC Parents and Students, Teachers and Staff, Alumni, and Friends of GRACE,

On behalf of the Grace Christian College Board of Trustees, it is my privilege and delight to announce that

Dr. Christine Joy Tan
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is the new President of Grace Christian College effective April 29, 2020.

Dr. Christine Joy Tan, with double Ph.D.'s in Education and in Bible, is a very qualified Educator and God's humble servant. She will faithfully carry on the mandate God had entrusted to School founders, Mrs. Julia L. Tan, and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin and Helen Spahr.

She was the Vice President of Curriculum Development and Christian Education at Grace Christian College and, until recently, its Executive Vice President.

Her CALLING

Although she grew up in the United States, Christine never wavered, since childhood, to return back to GRACE (Philippines). She had the calling and conviction to come back to help at **Grace Christian College**, without claiming any specific position. (This despite other job offers from the USA and the Philippines.)

Her CHARACTER

Rev. Dr. Paul Lee Tan (Christine's father) writes, "As parents, we can testify that Christine sincerely & humbly loves the Lord ... ever since childhood. Totally devoted to serving God, she committed her life for full-time Christian ministry, as a young college student. Colossians 3:23-24 is her life verse. Her motivation, even from childhood, is to do her best in everything for Jesus Christ. For her accomplishments, she gives all glory & honor to God alone." (from book: *Experiencing God's Grace: An 80-Year Journey*).

Her CREDENTIALS

Dr. Christine Joy Tan has 2 earned Ph.D. degrees, which she did **simultaneously**. She has a Ph.D. in Higher Education, from the University of North Texas (Denton, Texas, USA). She also has a Ph.D. in Bible Exposition, from Dallas Theological Seminary (Dallas, Texas, USA). From college, seminary to graduate school, it was mostly *summa-* or *magna cum laude* for her.

Member:





She graduated from Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas, USA) in 4 years, with a Bachelor of Business Administration (in Management Information Systems), *magna cum laude*, and a Bachelor of Arts (in History), *magna cum laude*, and a Minor in Computer Science.

Entering Dallas Theological Seminary on a Presidential scholarship, she graduated with her Master of Theology, *magna cum laude* (3.94 GPA out of perfect 4.0). Usually, students major in one subject, but she majored in 5 areas of concentration (Christian Education, Bible Exposition, Systematic Theology, Old Testament, and New Testament). At commencement, she was given the “Arthur C. Gannett Award in Christian Education.”

As an entering student, University of North Texas awarded her a top graduate fellowship, fully funding her post-graduate education. By God’s grace, she graduated with a Ph.D. in Higher Education, *summa cum laude*-level.

Christine’s Ph.D. in Bible Exposition is considered one of the hardest programs at Dallas Theological Seminary. After her doctoral classes, she wrote a 1,400-page Argument/Analyses on all 66 Books of the Bible. Her written and oral exams lasted for 32 hours, covering the entire Bible (Genesis to Revelation)—all from memory. After that, she wrote the dissertation. Her DTS Ph.D. dissertation on “*The Two Witnesses*” (in Revelation 11) was published in 4 articles in *Bibliotheca Sacra* (America’s oldest theological journal).

Her training was further enhanced by auditing *Christian School Education* courses at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, Texas, USA).

Christine studied Mandarin Chinese at the National Taiwan Normal University’s Mandarin Training Center (臺灣師範大學國語教學中心), on a “Huayu Enrichment Scholarship” awarded by the Taiwan government. Her language progress was so good & fast, that a distinguished professor in Taiwan authorized a Case Study on her study methods. She hopes to do *further* language studies, to be more fluent – for greater effectiveness in God’s services.

Throughout her studies, Christine served tirelessly with PTPM, Paul Lee Tan Prophetic Ministries, Inc. (various capacities, including Managing Director), and Grace Chinese Church of Dallas (as Christian Education Director).

For some 30 times, Christine actively helped organize, lead, and teach PTPM Bible Lands pilgrimages – “Holy Land” tours (to ISRAEL, Jordan, Sinai & Egypt), as well as “Journeys of Apostle Paul” tours (to Greece, Turkey, Rome, S. Italy, Spain). With Christine’s prayerful leadership, PTPM Tours has grown to multi-buses each time—with many testimonies of spiritual life change. God opened the doors for her to help from tour assistant to Bible teacher to General Manager.

She taught (and co-taught with her father, Dr. Paul Lee Tan) at various seminaries and Bible schools in Asia and America. Christine is an effective Bible prophecy, Bible, and Christian education speaker in her own right.



In 1998, Dr. Paul Lee Tan's book *Encyclopedia of 7,700 Illustrations* was expanded to *Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations*, with Christine's vital computer, research, & editorial help.

Dr. Christine Joy Tan's determination to prepare herself to better serve the School continues. She is now doing an online MBA degree at the University of North Texas. Her online MBA Program is rated among the top 25 in the entire USA according to *Princeton Review*. She is doing the online degree on her own initiative, time and expense.

Her HERITAGE

God's faithfulness and amazing provision for GRACE's future is evidenced in that – **Dr. Christine Joy Tan is the granddaughter of Mrs. Julia Lee Tan, Founder of Grace Christian High School (now College)**. She is the eldest child of my brother, Rev. Dr. Paul Lee Tan and Mrs. Helen Go Tan, and my (Dr. James L. Tan's) niece.

For the past more than 30 years, it was my (Dr. James L. Tan's) privilege to have served Grace Christian High School (now Grace Christian College) as Vice Principal, Principal, then President.

I love the GRACE Ministry. I have faithfully devoted "Blood, Sweat and Tears" and more, these three decades, to serve the School. I would like the BEST for the future of God's School, Grace Christian College.


It is **not easy** to find someone to entrust my mantle of leadership to. That person must be very clear of God's leading because this is a **Calling** and entails hand-on involvement and constant sacrifice. There is a price to pay, but there will also be eternal rewards.

I have found these qualities in the person of Dr. Christine Joy Tan. Let us ALL Pray, Encourage, and Support her as she devotes her entire life in this sacred, yet vital ministry of Christian Education through the GRACE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, its ministries and outreaches.

Let us rejoice together and give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love, kindness, encouragement, and promises of greater heights for the GRACE Ministries.

Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:16)

Sincerely in His vineyard,

James L. Tan 

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Former President,
Grace Christian College

