

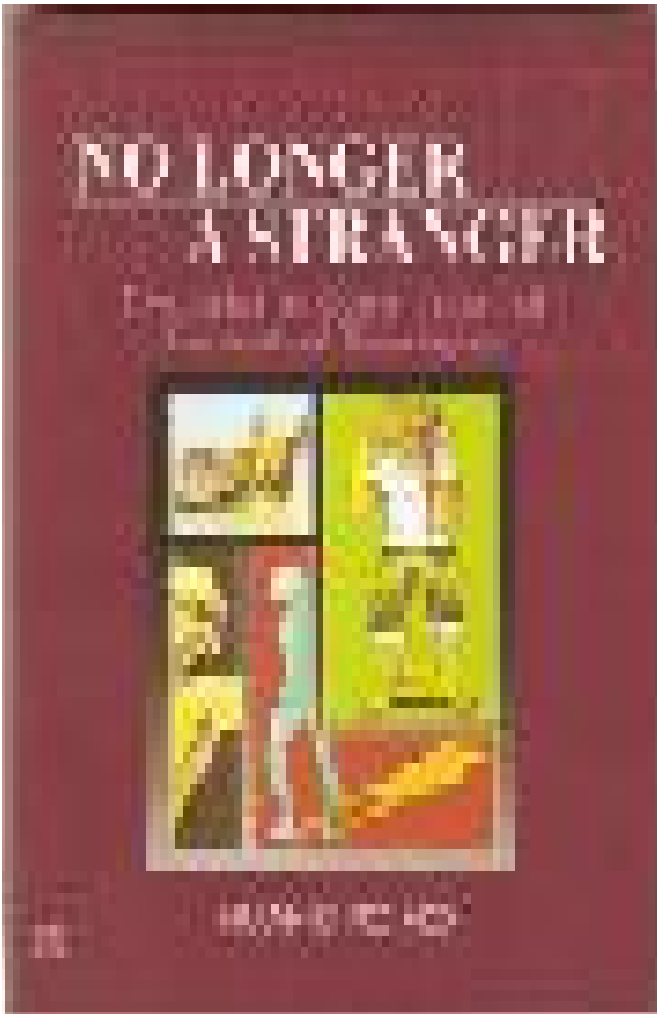


*History of Asian Ecumenical Movement*, by Rev. Toshimasa Yamamoto, published in Tokyo, Japan by Shinkyou Shuppan-sha in December 25, 2007, 174 pages.

One of the purposes of writing this book is to introduce the history of the ecumenical movement in Asia mainly through the work of Christian Conference of Asia to the Japanese speaking audience. As mentioned by the author in the introduction to the book, there are three important English books available on the history of the Ecumenical Movement in Asia. They are: *Asia and Ecumenical Movement* (1966) by Hans Reudi Weber; *From Prapat to Colombo - History of Christian Conference of Asia* (1995) by Yap Kim Hao; and *A History of Ecumenical Movement in Asia* (2004) by Ninan Koshy. However, there is nothing written in Japanese on this subject

matter. The author wanted to convey and illustrate the history of the ecumenical movement in Asia and share its impact on the life of the Japanese churches to the Japanese audience. The book also emphasizes some of the contributions of the Japanese churches through dedicated individuals to the ecumenical movement in Asia. A historical analysis is given on how the Japanese churches respond to the Vietnam war, globalization and the War on Terror. The book also depicts important bilateral relations such as the cooperation between Japanese churches and churches in Korea in terms of the democratization process of South Korea in 1970's and 1980's as well as humanitarian aid to North Korea in the 1990's.

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No Longer a Stranger: Towards the Construction of Contextual Theologies, by Huang Po Ho, published by CSS Books in Tiruvalla, India, 2007, 70 pp.

This book is a translation of the original Taiwanese version which the author, Rev. Dr. Huang Po Ho, wrote drawing on his years of teaching contextual theology in Taiwan. The original Taiwanese version has been widely used by seminarians and others interested in contextual theologizing in Taiwan. The book is designed in a "Question and Answer" format. The questions were asked by students and friends of the author at various occasions of teaching, lecturing and conducting seminars.

The book title, No Longer a Stranger, was chosen to show that the purpose of contextual theology is to demonstrate that Christians in Taiwan need not become

alienated from their own society and culture -- "they need no longer be strangers here".

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