

of Huanan Normal University, Gunagzhou. Her purpose of this visit was to collect materials for research entitled "The idea of Sin and Conscience in Christianity".

Prof. TAN Shulin was invited for one month in July 2004 as a visiting scholar. He is an associate professor at the Department of History in Nanjing University, with research interests in the history studies of modern Christians to China. His main purpose of this visit was to collect relevant materials for research entitled "The Mission Career of Robert Morrison in China and Macao".

Guest Professor

- Our guest professor, **Fr. Damascene** was invited to lecture on "Orthodox Christianity", "Christ the Eternal Tao" and "Who is Jesus Christ?" from April to May in Chinese University of Hong Kong, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong Baptist University, Renmin University, Central University of Nationalities, Beijing Normal University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Fudan University and Nankai University. Fr. Damascene has written a book, "Christ the Eternal Tao".
- **Dr. Bernd Lutz**, guest professor of our Institute, was invited to lecture on "Postmodern Society and Christian Heritage" from August to September in Beijing Foreign Studies University, Nankai University, Fudan University and Shaanxi Normal University. Dr. Bernd Lutz received his Ph.D. from University of Bonn, and he is currently a professor of Hochschule in Sankt Augustin.
- Our guest professor, **Dr. James Rimbach** was invited to teach a credit course "Hebrew Canon Introduction" in English in Sun Yat-Sen University. This course is our long-term joint-cooperative course with Sun Yat-Sen University. Dr. James Rimbach received his Ph.D. from John Hopkins University, and he is a specialist in Hebrew canon studies.
- **Dr. LIN Hong Hsin** on behalf of our Institute attended "International Academic Forum of ZHAO Zicheng Religious Thought" held at Tsinghua University, and gave a lecture on "Identical Salvation: ZHAO Zicheng's Christology of Chinese Indigenization", and gave another lecture on "Enlightenment and the Method of Christian Theology". Dr. LIN Hong Hsin was our visiting scholar in 2003, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham and Th.D. from Tübingen University, instructed by Prof. J. Moltmann.

Visiting Students

(from September to December 2004)

CHEN Huiliang *Second year master's degree student majors in Comparative Literature and World Literature, Henan University*
 Research Topic : A Study of Historical Books in the Old Testament

Research Content : The research is dedicated to a study of the narrative and writing skills with reference to the literary texts of the Book of Joshua and the Book of Judges.

LI Lixia *Third year master's degree student at the Department of Philosophy, Sun Yat-Sen University*

Research Topic : Reflection on the Thought of Weber's Religious Ethics

Research Content : By analyzing Weber's thought about functions of Protestant ethics in the modern social life, try to show the nature and meaning of Christian Religious ethics.

LIU Yougu *Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Philosophy, Fudan University*

Research Topic : A Comparative Study of the Reformation Thought between Martin Luther and Erasmus

Research Content : Try to compare Luther's thought of humanism, exegesis method and theological idea with Erasmus'.

SHENG zhen *Second year master's degree student at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Central University of Nationalities*

Research Topic : Transformation of the "Covenant" Concept in Hebrew Bible

Research Content : To analyze the transformation of the "covenant" idea in the history of Israel, and try to find out if the New Testament has inherited from it.

XUE Xiaxia *Second year master's degree student at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Renmin University of China*

Research Topic : The Study of Jesus' Humanity

Research Scope : Try to analyze the characteristics of Jesus' humanity and its meaning of personality in relation to society and culture with reference to the Gospels.

ZHOU Haijin *Third year master' degree student at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Nanjing University*

Research Topic : The Concept of "Covenant" in the Bible

Research Content : To analyze the religious, economic and moral meaning of "covenant" in the Bible, and its influences on the Western culture.

