



Church representatives attend conference in Jakarta on Freedom of Religion and Rights of Religious Minorities in Asia



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From 17th to 19th September 2025, an International Conference on Freedom of Religion and Rights of Religious Minorities in Asia is taking place in Jakarta, capital of the Republic of Indonesia.

The forum, organised by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), has gathered together representatives of different religious organisations in the region, Telegram channel of the Patriarchal Exarchate of South-East Asia reports.

The main goal of the conference is to provide an opportunity to all those present to discuss constitutional guarantees of the freedom of religion and practical aspects of their implementation, as well as legal protection for religious minorities. Special focus is made on developing human rights-related action plans at the national, regional and international levels, which includes cooperation with

pertinent bodies of the United Nations.

A guest of honour – Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs Nasaruddin Umar – delivered a welcoming speech.

Representing the Russian Orthodox Church at the forum are Metropolitan Sergiy of Singapore and South-East Asia, Patriarchal Exarch of South-East Asia, and Bishop Pitirim of Jakarta, vicar of the Singapore Diocese.

During the conference, Metropolitan Sergiy spoke with Minister Nasaruddin Umar, as well as Dr Jeane Marie Tulung, director general of Christian Community Guidance of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Rev. Jacklevyn Frits Manuputty, chairperson of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia, as well as with other participants.

The Patriarchal Exarch of South-East Asia also thanked the CCA General Secretary, Dr Mathews George Chunakara, for the invitation.

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