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### THIS ISSUE FEATURES:

*Meet and greet with the new students, Opening of APTS children's playground, 48 hours prayer chain, Lectureship 2026, Women Elevated 2026 and APTS Upgrades.*



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# Meet & Greet

As the year 2026 began, APTS proudly welcomed a new group of students from different countries who have arrived to pursue their studies. Representing diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences, these new students add richness and vibrancy to the APTS community.

As part of APTS tradition, new students are warmly received through a meet-and-greet fellowship designed to help them feel at home and connected. This meaningful gathering provides an opportunity for everyone to build friendships, share experiences, and begin their academic journey in a welcoming and joyful environment.

In line with this tradition, on January 9, 2026, APTS reserved the event area at Shakey's to host a welcome party for the new students. The event allowed faculty, staff, and fellow students to get to know the newcomers better through fellowship, conversation, and shared activities, setting a positive and encouraging tone for the year ahead.



## **APTS Children's Playground**

Smiles, laughter, and excited little footsteps filled the air as Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) joyfully celebrated the opening of its Children's Playground.

The playground opening was more than a ribbon-cutting moment; it was a celebration of life, family, and community. Designed with bright colors and child-friendly features, this new space offers a safe and welcoming environment where children can play freely, explore creatively, and simply be kids.

The APTS Children's Playground reflects the seminary's commitment to nurturing not only minds and spirits, but also families. It stands as a reminder that children are a blessing and an important part of campus life. As laughter now echoes across this new corner of the campus, we celebrate God's goodness and look forward to many joyful moments ahead.



## 48 Hours Prayer Chain

The 48 Hours Prayer Chain has become a cherished part of APTS culture, and on January 15–17, 2026, our community once again gathered in a powerful expression of faith and unity. For two uninterrupted days, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and prayer partners joined together—across different time slots to seek God through continuous prayer.

This sacred time reminded us that prayer remains at the heart of theological formation and spiritual life at APTS. Hour by hour, intercessors faithfully stood in the gap, lifting before God the seminary, students, leadership, academic programs, ministries, families, churches, and the nations we are called to serve.

As we continue the year, may the spirit of prayer cultivated during these 48 hours remain alive in our daily lives. Let us continue to seek God earnestly, trusting Him to lead APTS as we prepare men and women for faithful service in Asia Pacific and beyond.





# Women Elevated 2026

Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) successfully held its first Women’s Conference, titled “Women Elevated 2026,” marking a significant milestone in the seminary’s commitment to empowering women in ministry, leadership, and spiritual formation.

Anchored on the theme “Rooted and Flourished,” the conference brought together women from diverse backgrounds for a transformative experience of learning, worship, and fellowship. A key highlight of the event was its dynamic sessions and interactive workshops, which addressed practical and spiritual topics relevant to women today. These sessions provided participants with opportunities to learn, reflect, and engage deeply, fostering both personal growth and ministry development.

The positive response to “Women Elevated 2026” was overwhelming, with numerous participants requesting that the conference be held annually. In response, the APTS Global Mission Center has announced plans to organize the next Women’s Conference in 2027, continuing the vision of nurturing and elevating women in faith and leadership.



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