

## THANKS TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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After a personal visit to Nanjing in China, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie, left Hong Kong on Monday and continued his journey in Asia. We thank him for his good advice which engenders hope in us, and wish him a blessed journey.

The Archbishop advised the Churches in other areas of the world not to interfere with and disturb the Church in China. Smuggling Bibles into China is an action of satisfying one's needs rather than showing respect for others. He kindled in us a hope that the Chinese Church will be revitalized. The unification of the Chinese Church with the Universal Church should be anticipated with great patience. The Archbishop's remark revealed the desire and aspiration of many Christians. For this, we express our gratitude to him.

The Archbishop is a spiritual leader of 65 million Anglicans throughout the world. He has plans to visit 23 dioceses within ten years. The recent visit to China is a part of his travel plan. He would like to meet the Pope who will visit England in May of this year to enhance mutual understanding. In September or October he hopes that he will be able to receive the delegation of the Chinese Church visiting London. A second visit to China is desired in 1983.

From the above-mentioned travel plans, we have confidence that he will make every endeavour to promote the unity between Churches. This is another reason that we offer him our thanks.

Although the Archbishop stayed in Hong Kong for only a short while, he showed his concern for the problem of refugees. He also suggested to develop the work of evangelization in the business world. We are impressed by the Archbishop's friendly, sincere, and gentle manner.