



## FROM THE EDITOR

Our previous issue featured papers from the conference on "The Church of Hong Kong and Macau in Political Transition". We continue in this issue with those given by representatives from Macau and Goa. You will also find comments from representatives responding to the papers, and some final conclusions and motions from the conference itself. We have tried to be faithful to the spirit of the seminar by printing, with a minimum of editing, the diverse and often controversial remarks of the presenters. This is not always easy, but we think we can best serve our readers by offering as comprehensive a picture as possible and allowing them to form their own opinions.

We also include in this issue an article on "The Movement of the Holy Spirit in a New China" by Franklin J. Woo. Doctor Woo is the Director of the China Program for the National Council of Churches.

We are happy to report a major step in our efforts to give Tripod a more international flavour. Fr. Edward Malatesta of the Chinese-Western Cultural Exchange in San Francisco has agreed to edit our August edition, whose theme will be Reconciliation; and, Fr. Jerome Heyndrickx of China-Europe Institute in Louvain and Amitie-Chine of Canada have both agreed to edit some of our future issues. This opens the door for further expansion and development in the future.

With this 50th issue, Tripod seems to have arrived at something of a personal milestone. What more fitting time to share with our readers a brief review of our work during 1988.

One of our more successful projects has been our launching of a monthly supplement of news from China, which began to appear in the Kung Kao Po, Hong Kong's diocesan weekly newspaper in March. Zhu Ai Zhong Hua provides a steady stream of firsthand information and commentary on what is happening in the Church on the mainland. The news supplement is the work of Miss Teresa Yeung and part of her success can be measured by the number of enthusiastic letters she receives from readers locally, abroad and from the mainland itself. Kung Kao Po is also pleased to inform us that their subscriptions have increased since they began running the monthly supplement.

Our orientation and briefing sessions for overseas visitors to China have gained in popularity. We also continue to play host to Church groups within the Peoples' Republic who come to Hong Kong to inform themselves of what is happening on the local church scene here.

As Pentecost approaches, we become increasingly aware of our need to be open to the promptings of the Spirit that he might bring to fruition the work he has initiated and nurtures in all of us.