

SINGAPORE

Calvary City Church Praises With Variant System

The main congregation of Calvary City Church (previously known as Calvary Charismatic Centre) is located in the city of Johor Bahru, located at the southern most part of Peninsular Malaysia. Founded in 1980, the church now has more than 20 satellite and outreaches churches found mostly in the state of Johor. The church counted with a satisfactory assessment and experience of a previous installation based on D.A.S. Variant combination in a hall with capacity for 300 people. To cater to the needs of growing congregations, they built a new hall for 450 people, and as a part of the new facility, a new sound reinforcement system was specified. Calvary City Church Manager of Social Service, Albert Cheam, as a member of the project team, was tasked with specifying the audio visual system for the new hall. The primary requirement of the new sound system was to fulfilling the style and demand of a young and dynamic group of musicians.

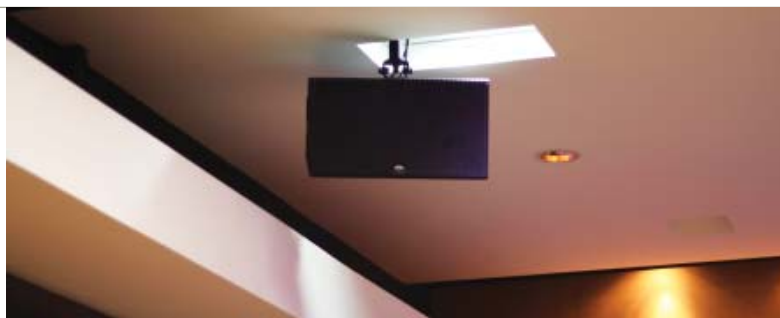
Isaac Ho, General Manager of **DB Sound and Light**, and a D.A.S. dealer in Johor Bahru, comments on the church's new request: "In 2006 we installed Variant 25A in the existing hall after participating in a product shoot out competing with other brands. During this time, we have always received positive feedback from the church representatives, in terms of sonic quality, remarking that the speakers remain undistorted at high SPL levels. From there, an intention was made to maintain D.A.S. Audio systems throughout the whole church, including the

new hall." Isaac continues, "We have a long and close relationship with Calvary City Church and we knew perfectly well their requirements for the new hall. Working together with **Syarikat Instraco** engineer Jimmy Lim and their sales staff on this project, who provided their advice and back up support, we arranged a demonstration with the **Variant 112A** compact array and made a proposal for the new sound system. As the Project Team were very keen about using D.A.S. products, the demo just confirmed their thoughts and the Variant system was chosen for this installation. Ron Koh, Technical Support with **D.A.S. Audio Asia**, further added, "As Isaac has indicated, one of the key factors on this project was the versatility of Variant 112A series, which allows the system to be used in its intended line array configuration or as single cabinets. Enabling the use of the Variant 112A as a singular element is a 3-position switch that allows the adjustment of high frequencies to be balanced with the lows, and maintaining a frequency response suitable for single use. Thanks to this unique feature the Variant 112A can easily be used singularly when a line array configuration cannot be employed."

In regards of the specific characteristics of the project, Isaac indicates, "Due to the height limitation upon studying the venue, we were prevented from using the Variant 112A system in a Line Array configuration. Thanks to the versatility of the Variant Series, we decided to use 4 **Variant 112A** cabinets in single full-range mode, combined with 2 **Variant 18A** Subwoofers for the FOH System. Adding two more cabinets at the centre of the hall as a delay speaker system, a uniform sound pressure level covering the audio spectrum was achieved from the first rows of audience seating to the last. Albert Cheam commented on the new system: "After two years using the Variant 25A in our main hall for the services, we were very satisfied with the system, in terms of reliability, performance and a great service by Isaac, our system integrator. So when there was a need of a new venue that needed sound reinforcement, we decided to go with the tried and tested D.A.S. Audio products for our system in the new hall, without considering any other brand available in the market. Having a local representative in our city was also important for us to take the decision. The service, support and quick-response times from these representatives have always been good and are vital to a church that spreads



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DB Sound decided to use the Variant 112A in single full-range mode



D.A.S. Audio Variant 112A

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the message through dynamic live performances.” Isaac also mentioned that once the installation was done and the first services were held in the new hall, the church ministries and their members were very satisfied with the sound and the clarity of the speech. “We have a lot of confidence in the products and are

very glad with the support from DB Sound and Light, Syarikat Instraco, and D.A.S. Audio Asia representatives, who have visited us several times to make sure that the Variant-112As were performing to its optimum,” concludes Albert.

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