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Hong Kong Pastoral Visit. Our Pastoral Visit to Hong Kong was a quiet affair after all the activities that launched the centenary celebrations in the Philippines. On June 28 Br. Thomas and I, accompanied by Br. Patrick, Sector Leader, visited St. Joseph's College over at Hong Kong side. SJC is the first school of the Brothers in Hong Kong (1875). Br. Alphonsus Breen is the Director of the community and Br. Thomas Favier is the supervisor. Br. David Liao who is working in China is the third member and drops in on a regular basis.

La Salle College in Kowloon is the second community in the sector of HKG. Br. Pat is director of the community and supervisor of LSC primary and secondary. He also sits in the management committee of all their eight schools. Br. Steve Hogan (ANZPPNG) is Principal and is kept very busy with the concerns and the daily running of the school. Br. Jeffrey Chan from Singapore has a teaching and administrative load and is an excellent support to Steve. Br. Alphonsus Chee, originally from Malaysia, has been in HKG since the 60s and is a former Principal. Br. Lawrence Blake is recovering from a stroke and recently returned from the hospital. He does regular physical therapy at St. Teresa's Hospital to help him get back his mobility. Br. Hyacinth Fitzgerald also resides in the community and is looked after by a caregiver. Br. Thomas Lavin and myself are officially members of the community. The total number of Brothers residing in the sector of HKG is 11. Br. David Jones and Br. Mark Blake, while still officially belonging to the sector, now reside in Ireland.

Thanks to the Brothers for sharing with me their stories and to the Directors for all the arrangements.

La Salle Study Center. Br. David Liao has been working in Chiangjiao, China since 2002. Below is an excerpt from an email he sent after the inauguration of LEAD describing LSSC:

LSSC as an English tuition centre is going on smoothly. Demand for admission is still strong. Our involvement in community development work is now geared towards making LSSC self sufficient in 5 years time. I hope to generate sufficient funds locally to keep LSSC functioning as an English tuition centre through the pomelo plantation and pig, fish and chicken farm. I am bringing in the development funds. The villagers work and own their share of the development and will contribute to the common fund when the project starts making money. LSSC does not own anything except goodwill. Last week, the local Bishop of the Diocese of Meizhou personally sent two local Sisters to study English at LSSC. This year, is my 10th year here. I have decided to take in adult students for night classes. Four local housewives have asked to join the class. I may even have a few from the city when word goes out. At the moment, the two Sisters, a gentleman from far-off Changsa in Hunan Province and I form the community at LSSC.

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