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Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers Formation Trip. The Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers (HKLV) visited the Philippines from June 15 to 22. Dubbed “HKLV Formation Trip 2013”, there were 11 Lasallians accompanied by Br. Jeffrey Chan. During the visit, the group was exposed to the various ministries and schools of De La Salle Philippines (DLSP). Below is a summary of their daily activities:

June 15 (Saturday): Arrival and Welcome dinner with the Brothers, Postulants, former Lasallian Youth volunteers and DLSP staff

June 16 (Sunday): Introduction to the Philippine Lasallian Family; Visit to Kuya Center for Street children and Street Walk exposure to urban poor communities in Commonwealth, Quezon City

June 17 (Monday): Campus tour and interaction with students from De La Salle University Manila and De La Salle College of Saint Benilde

June 18 to 19 (Tuesday to Wednesday): Interaction with the residents of the Bahay Pag – Asa Youth Center in De La Salle University Dasmariñas (DLSU – D) and Campus tour of DLSU – D and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute

June 20 (Thursday): HKLV planning day

June 21 (Friday): Manila City Tour and Visit to the Gawad Kalinga community in Baseco

June 22 (Saturday): Departure

The different activities and interactions allowed group to understand the various realities in the Philippines, poverty and corruption to name a few.

Their trip wouldn't have been complete without experiencing Philippine culture and cuisine. From the famous Bacolod Chicken Inasal to Bulalo to Jollibee Chickenjoy and Pork Sisig found everywhere, it surely was one culinary delight for our Hong Kong volunteers!

My special thanks and appreciation to Br. JJ Jimenez FSC, Mr. Kinny Boy Palatino who spearheaded the organization, our DLSP schools, Lasallian Youth Commission (LYC) alumni volunteers, student and Aspirant volunteers, and our partner communities/organizations who made sure that the HKLV Formation Trip 2013 was a meaningful and fun experience for our fellow Lasallians from Hong Kong. Animo La Salle!

“To Be Number One” in Thailand. Lasallians in Thailand participate every year in a nationwide campaign against illegal drugs. Young people were targeted by drug dealers, and education officials estimated that 10% of all schoolchildren were using amphetamines. HRH Princess Ubol Ratana Rajakanya was determined to do something about the problem. In collaboration with health and education experts she launched the “To Be Number One” campaign. Its theme is that you can only be the best you can be by not using drugs.

The project has adopted a proactive approach to encourage all “To Be Number One” clubs to organize “To Be Number One” Friend Corner activities to provide services for members. Some activities involve counseling services, emotional quotient development, and constructive programs, such as music, dance and sports. In this connection, young people have been urged to spend their free time fruitfully, so that they take pride in themselves and would not turn to drug abuse. Talent competitions and exhibitions are among the popular activities of the project.



Young Lasallians Recognized in Hong Kong.

The 91st Silver Award for Young People (AYP) Presentation Ceremony was held at the Southhorn Stadium on Thursday 20th June. Fifteen (15) La Salle College students and one from Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College received the Silver AYP Award from Hon. Mr. Eddie NG, SBS, JP, Secretary for Education. AYP was formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh



Award founded by HRH Prince Phillip after WWII. Today the Award is recognized internationally as a very demanding programme and is awarded only when candidates have achieved a certain level of attainment in regards to - Service, Adventurous Journey, Skills, and Physical Recreation. (<http://web.lasalle.edu.hk>) Congratulations to the awardees: CHAN Hoi Yiu Adriel, CRUZ Hubert, FUNG Lok Hin, KWONG Ho Ching, LAM Chi Min, LAM Ho Tin, LEE Kin Lok, LEE Yin Lam, LUN Kevin Wai Ching, NG Ping Kwan, TAI Hiu Fung, TANG Siu Hin, WONG Ka Yung, WONG Wing Hong, WONG Ping Hei, and Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College student, TAM Kin Ho.



THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS OF THE LASALLIAN EAST ASIA DISTRICT PHILIPPINE SECTOR cordially requests your presence at the EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION and PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF AFFILIATION to SR. CORAZON MANALO DC on Friday, 28 June 2013 at five o'clock in the afternoon at the National Shrine of the Divine Child, La Salle Green Hills, Mandaluyong City. Reception follows at the Horacio Cebrenero Hall. RSVP: Lynnette Alge | rsvp@delasalle.ph | +63917 580 1627 | +632 726 0946, 7212000 loc. 610

District Events this Week. Our District will present Letters of Affiliation to Sr. Corazon Manalo DC on Friday, 28 June, at the National Shrine of the Divine Child in La Salle Green Hills, Philippines. Sr. Cora has involved herself deeply in the Lasallian Educational Mission through her various involvements in different school boards, committees, commissions of De La Salle Philippines. She is also part of the faculty at De La Salle University. She has been an active animator and formator for the Lasallian Family. Her generous involvement with us are in addition to her ministry of education among the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.



THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS OF THE LASALLIAN EAST ASIA DISTRICT PHILIPPINE SECTOR cordially requests your presence at the EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION and PROFESSION OF FIRST VOWS and ACCEPTANCE TO THE POSTULANCY on Saturday, 29 June 2013 at five in the afternoon at the National Shrine of the Divine Child, La Salle Green Hills, Mandaluyong City. Reception follows at the Enrique Razon Multipurpose Center. RSVP: Lynnette Alge | rsvp@delasalle.ph | +63917 580 1627 | +632 726 0946, 7212000 loc. 610

<p>SECTOR OF MYANMAR</p> <p>Br. Bosco La Ga Mung Htoi FSC Br. Francis G-La Seng FSC Br. John Win Kyaw FSC</p>	<p>SECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINES</p> <p>Br. Abet King T. Pia FSC Br. Angelo Paolo S. Mata FSC Br. Cliff Ferdinand R. Sy FSC Br. Edgar S. Esparagoza FSC Br. Mark V. Salvan FSC</p>
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The following day, 29 June, is the profession of First Vows of the following Scholastics: Bosco La Ga Mung Htoi, Francis G-La Seng, John Win Kyaw, Abet King T. Pia, Angelo Paolo S. Mata, Cliff Ferdinand R. Sy, Edgar S. Esparagoza, and Mark V. Salvan. Four young men will also be accepted to the Postulancy: Eugenio S. De Luna Jr., Felix Joseph J. Murillo, Irwin Anthony A. Climaco, and Marvin Y. Sipin.

Let us remember in our prayers the intentions of Sr. Cora, our young Brothers and Postulants.



The Sector of Singapore from Mid-May to June. It's summer holiday season in Singapore and it's been quite busy and hazy up here until recently. The last week of May was particularly hectic.

Brothers Paul and Arian traveled to Ipoh, Malaysia with 6 young men from St. Joseph's Institution (SJI) and St. Joseph's International (SJI) to attend the 2013 Lasallian Encounter from May 25 to 28. The annual Encounter aims to bring together Catholic students from all over Malaysia and Singapore to deepen their awareness of their Catholic and Lasallian identity and to assist them in putting together Catholic and Lasallian awareness programmes for their respective schools. During the Encounter, the young Lasallians witnessed the renewal of vows of the Brothers at the Trinity Sunday mass.

There were around 40 participants in this year's Encounter. The 5 other schools that participated were: St. Paul's Institution (Seremban), St. Francis' Institution (Malacca), St. George's Institution (Taiping), La Salle School (Kota Kinabalu), St. Xavier's institution (Penang).

Brothers Matthew, Michael and Vincent from Malaysia were also present at the Encounter. Isaac Stephen, head of programmes at the La Salle Centre, headed the organising team that was made up of LYNKsters (Lasallian Youth Network) who were mostly from St. Michael's.



Meanwhile, back in Singapore, the sector celebrated Trinity Sunday (May 26) at the SJI community. The Brothers from both St. Patrick's and SJI were joined by partners and former students. The evening started off with a Mass where the Brothers renewed their vows together and was followed by dinner.

As the government schools were enjoying their summer break and as SJI-International was winding down the term, 132 emerging Lasallian leaders from SJI and SJII gathered at SJI from June 13 to 16 for the 2013 Lasallian Leadership Camp A. This year's theme was "Go MAD, Go Make a Difference". 33 students from last year's LLTC A & B were joined by staff and alumni to form the organising team.





Last June 16, the Brothers of the sector went to Johor Bahru for the annual retreat. Br. Dodo, Visitor joined the Brothers for their 4-day retreat. Sr. Linda Lizada, of the Cenacle Sisters was the retreat master while Fr. Charlie of CICM was the retreat chaplain.

Not only did the Brothers attend to their spiritual well-being, they also took the opportunity to deepen their commitment to their physical health; supporting each other in their endeavors to become healthier both mind, soul and body. It was also a great opportunity for the sector to strengthen the bonds between communities—spending time with each other outside the context of school matters just to be Brothers to one another.

Coming home from the retreat, the Brothers found themselves in the middle of a very hazy city-state. The PSI (Pollutant Standard Index) was slowly climbing to what would be the highest recorded in Singapore's history; with the government recommending the purchase of N95 masks for people who would be spending a considerable amount of time outdoors. *(Br. Arian Lopez)*



INSTITUTE SNIPPETS

LASALLIAN REGION OF NORTH AMERICA (RELAN)

Districts of San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe to Become One. After a four-day Constitutive Assembly, Brothers in the Districts of San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe have agreed to unite and create a new District, which will be called the District of San Francisco New Orleans. The target date for the inauguration of the new District is July 1, 2014.

The Brothers took part in discussion, prayer, and community during the June 10 – 13 gathering at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA. During that time, they discussed, revised, and voted on statutes that would constitute a new District. By signing their names to the “yes” column at the conclusion of the Assembly, Brothers unanimously affirmed the statutes, which will now be sent to Superior General Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC for approval.

“Guided by the creative leadership of their Visitors, Brothers Donald (Johanson) and Timothy (Coldwell), the Brothers of the San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe Districts, believing in one another and in the vitality of the Lasallian mission in our Region have taken the bold step to create a new reality for the future of that mission,” said General Councilor Brother Robert Schieler, FSC. “The Partners and Brothers who will comprise the new District of San Francisco New Orleans are writing a new chapter in a glorious history of innovative educational service to the poor, the young and the adults in our country, on our continent and beyond. Congratulations to all who contributed to this act of faith in our collective future.”

The new name was chosen from several proposed names that had emerged during a nominating process held in both Districts earlier this spring. In their vote, the Brothers indicated that there would be no punctuation separating the two cities’ names, emphasizing the founding of a single and united District. The Assembly closed with a Mass and celebration which included welcoming new postulants (Armando Carvalho, Javier Hansen, and Joseph Wright), the taking of the Habit by Brothers Roberto Martinez and Patrick Martin, and the renewal of vows by professed Brothers. (*lasallian.info* | 14 June 2013)

RÉGION LASALLIENNE EUROPÉENNE - MEDITERRANÉENNE (RELEM)

Near East. Newspapers, TV, radio, internet inform us of the situation in the Near East. At this time the media are concentrating on the conflicts in Turkey and Syria. The civil war in Syria is affecting Lebanon. The College in Deddeh, near Tripoli, has had to interrupt its courses for some days since it was dangerous for the students to reach the school. For the time being the troubles in Turkey do not seem to have affected our establishments in Istanbul and Izmir. But it is possible that Turkey intends establishing some kind of fundamentalist Islam. This could affect our interests in the future. Please remember these establishments in your prayers. (*Br. Jacques d’Huiteau* | *News of RELEM* | 15 June 2013)

Faternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Hong Kong

“Let the Catholic school be school!”
- Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, PhD

<http://www.lasalle.org/en/2013/06/let-the-catholic-school-be-school/>

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