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Myanmar Visit. I went to visit the Brothers of Myanmar from 7 - 14 October 2013. I arrived in Yangon evening of the 7th and traveled to Maymyo on the 8th. Maymyo has three sub communities --- the Boarding Department, Postulancy and the Aspirancy. They have one Director, Br. Joseph Than Htaik Aung, shuttling in and out of the three sub communities. There are two Brothers helping out in the Boarding Department, namely: Br. William Soe Thaug and Br. Stephen Mark. For the postulancy and aspirancy, Br. Mark Sixtus and Br. Mario Zammit lend able support by teaching scripture and English. In charge of the Maymyo Learning Center and the academics of the boarders is Br. John Ne'O. I traveled back to Yangon on the evening of the 10th.

On the 11th I did interviews with some of the Brothers from Maymyo who were already in Yangon and by mid morning traveled to St. Paul's community. Br. John La Maung looks after the two retired Brothers there: Br. Anselm Balthazar and Br. Edward Soe. The Provincialate has 3 Brothers including Sector Leader Br. Lawrence Goh. With him are Br. Anselm Ling John who runs the English and Computer Learning Center and Br. Leonard Lewis. Since the candidates were already on break, the Brothers of Kalaw where the Come and See Program is based were not there anymore. Br. Moris was in Yangon and Br. Hilary was in Maymyo where I got to interview them both.

The whole day of the 12th was devoted to the Strategic Planning of the Sector facilitated by Br. Paul Smith and Ms. Miranda Chow of Australia's Lasallian Foundation. At the end of the planning the Brothers were able to draft plans for their expansion and development of their various ministries. The 13th was a big day for Br. Mark Sixtus



and Br. Hilary Htun Kyi who both celebrated their Golden Jubilee in the presence of friends, family, Old Boys and other religious of Myanmar. We had a council meeting in the afternoon capped by simple socials to mark the visit and the jubilee.

I wish to thank Br. Lawrence for the organization of the visit and all the Brothers for their warmth and hospitality.

Golden Moments.

“Every person has his own milestone in life and only few are privileged specially in the religious life. Over a hundred guests flocked to the Santuario De La Salle in USLS to take part in an evening of remembering the golden years of Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, a remarkable milestone worthy of a grand celebration organized by the Lasallian community.

“The celebration began with a mass presided by his own brother, Msgr. Rufino Suplido together





with University Chaplain Fr. Ronald Quijano and Fr. Emil Henares. Present too were the batchmates of Br. Ray in High School, his family and close friends. The Lasallian partners came in full force in giving tribute to him and even dedicated a Gawad Kalinga house in GK Lopues Legacy Village in Dulao, Bago City in his honor.

“Br. Ray took time in sharing great stories of his life as a Brother. Monsignor Toto affirmed in his own testimony while Br. Vic Franco FSC rocked the house with his usual humor in honoring Br. Ray. Capping the whole celebration was a surprise musical presentation by talented Lasallian scholars of the Culture and Arts Program Committee and the Italian-themed buffet of the Institute of Culinary Arts led by Chef Richard Ynayan.” *(Vox Social Media Team, University of St. La Salle)*

Christian Brothers' Schools Leadership Camp 2013.

“Annually organized by the Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers, the Christian Brothers' Schools Leadership Camp 2013 was successfully held on October 12 - 13, 2013 for the student leaders of the Lasallian secondary schools in Hong Kong.



“Participants had a more in-depth study on the life of Saint La Salle, the Lasallian Spirit and Lasallian Leadership. More importantly, participants had reinforced their common identity as Lasallians. This is indeed this brotherhood and sisterhood which brought us together under the same roof of the Lasallian Family.” www.lasalle.org.hk

Br. Jun Erguiza is CEAP President. Congratulations to Br. Jun Erguiza for being elected as President of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) for 2013 - 2016! Founded in 1941, CEAP is the national association of Catholic educational institutions in the Philippines. Of its 1,252 members, around 700 are mission schools offering basic education to the country's poor and the marginalized. Prior to his election, Br. Jun served as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of CEAP.



Bro. Columba caps mural to signify La Salle tradition. *The following is an excerpt from the article of Joanna Yap of the Borneo Post:* "It was a brief walk down memory lane for former St Joseph's principal Brother Columba Gleeson who visited the secondary school yesterday morning to sign a special mural commemorating the La Salle brothers' indelible contribution to the institution. Bro. Columba, who served as school principal from 1970 until 1987, was warmly welcomed by a small group of students, teachers, staff and alumni led by current school principal Thomas Lau.

"When invited to say a few words prior to signing the mural, the La Sallian brother urged the students, teachers and alumni to carry on the La Sallian traditions and values, not to worship them but to build on them with their own contributions as time moves on. After signing the mural, Bro. Columba was led on a short tour around the school to view 10 plaques recently put up to remember the contributions of the La Salle brothers who had served in the school as teachers, senior assistants and principals throughout the school's history.

"The mural was a project by the school's Young La Sallian movement and was inspired by the school's 131th anniversary this year, teacher-in-charge Stella@ Caroline John Bosco Biscop told The Borneo Post. "As St Joseph's is one of the La Sallian schools in Malaysia and one of two such schools in Sarawak, we thought that we wanted to impart a reminder of the tradition and values of the school," she said. The mural located in the school's canteen area celebrates the La Sallian values of faith, service and community." (<http://www.theborneopost.com/2013/10/15/bro-columba-caps-mural-to-signify-la-salle-tradition/>)



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