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THE 45th GENERAL CHAPTER

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45th General Chapter. I am attaching the first press release on the 45th General Chapter of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools along with a brief history and a copy of the Prayer for the Chapter. This Chapter will evaluate the life of the Institute and how it carried out the Lasallian Mission in the past seven years, revise the Rule of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, elect a new Superior and his Council, and plan the future of the mission in the next seven years. During the next seven weeks, I invite all Lasallians to pray for the Institute especially for the 87 Capitulants including the Superior General and his Vicar and Councillors and 6 Consultants.

LEAD will be represented by myself and Br. Thomas Lavin (Auxiliary Visitor) as elected Capitulants. Br. Francisco “Sockie” De La Rosa (Philippines) was appointed by the Superior General as the young Brother Capitulant for the Pacific Asia Regional Conference while General Councillor Br. Jorge Gallardo de Alba (Japan) is a member by right. Assisting as personnel to the Chapter are Br. Mawel Pajarillo (Philippines), who is currently the CIL Director and will serve as translator and Br. Richie Yap (LEAD Administrator) as Coordinator of the Chapter’s Liturgy Committee.

I will be updating you through LEAD Story as the Chapter unfolds. All other relevant information will be posted on www.lasalle.org

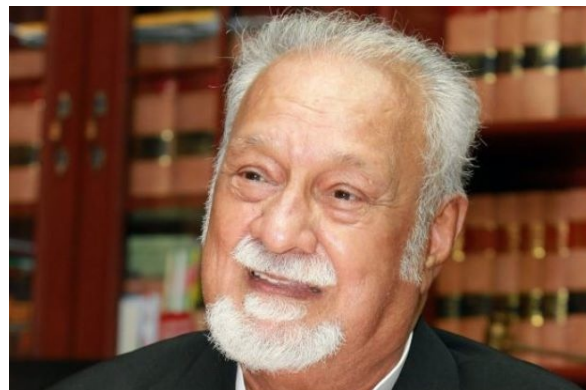
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45th General Chapter <http://youtu.be/BRbE6qaQdi0>

Parmenie Letter http://youtu.be/rYts2_0hwck



Karpal Singh (28 June 1940 – 17 April 2014). We express our solidarity with our fellow Lasallians in Malaysia for the tragic demise of St. Xavier's Institution alumnus, Mr Karpal Singh. I enjoin all Lasallians to remember him and his family in our prayers. Mr Singh was a Malaysian lawyer and politician who has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for the constituency of Bukit Gelugor in the state of Penang since 2004. He was one of Malaysia's most prominent lawyers, and took up numerous high-profile cases, including drug trafficking charges against foreign nationals, and represented former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim during the latter's sodomy trial of 1998. MP Karpal Singh died in a car crash near Gua Tempurung, Perak in the early hours of Thursday morning, 17 April 2014. Below is tribute from Dr Francis Loh Kok Wah (Chairman) and the Board of Governors of St Xavier's Institution and the Board of Managers of SK St Xavier and SK St Xavier Cawanga:



"We, the Boards of Governors and Managers of St Xavier's Institution, SK St Xavier's, and SK St Xavier's Cawangan are deeply saddened to hear of YB Karpal Singh's sudden death.

"YB Karpal was one of our 'towering Malaysians', a most illustrious son, no doubt. He was dubbed the 'Tiger of Jelutong', from where he was repeatedly elected into Parliament, before he moved to contest in and to represent Bukit Gelugor, both constituencies in Penang.

"YB Karpal was a fearless and renowned lawyer. In and out of Parliament, Karpal spoke out bravely against the making of unjust and bad laws, and opposed policies that discriminated against the down-trodden and minorities and that favoured the cronies and racial or religious exclusivists. He also condemned the use of these bad laws to oppress critics, activists and Opposition leaders.

"In this regard he was among those detained without trial under the ISA during Operasi Lalang 1987. He was respected not only among freedom-loving and justice-seeking Malaysians of all races and religions; he was also respected by foreign political leaders and law experts, and international human rights groups. He was proud of his party, the Democratic Action Party, and ultimately served as its National Chairman.

"Yet YB Karpal never forgot his roots. One of these roots led back to his alma mater in Penang. In 2009, he was the guest-of-honour at SXI's annual speech day. In 2011, he came to SXI to speak at the launching of the memoirs entitled 'The Man from Borneo', authored by Rev Bro Datuk Michael Jacques fsc, his former teacher. In 2012, he found time to grace the 160th Anniversary Dinner commemorating the founding of his alma mater in 1852; and later that year, he came to pay his respects and to bid farewell to Rev Bro Datuk Charles Levin fsc, the longest-serving Director of SXI. Indeed, it was Karpal who had nominated the good Brother for datuk-ship honours from the Penang state government. He also donated generously to SXI's various causes.

"And now, we mourn the passing of YB Karpal Singh, too. No doubt, he imbibed many La Salle values, not least our special concern for "the last, the lost and the least". Karpal's death is a major loss for our country and Parliament, his party and the democratic struggle, and to our St Xavier's schools.

"May our students and all young Malaysians learn from Karpal's love, service and dedication to his nation Malaysia, and to people of all faiths and races.

"Rest in Peace, dear Sir. God's Peace and Blessings to you and to your family and friends on this sorrowful occasion."

Vocations Promotion: Singapore. “ *Hello! Ni Hao! Vanakkam!*” These are greetings of the national languages of Singapore (English & Malay, Chinese, Tamil, respectively). Last April 6-13, 2014, Brs. Alex, Iñigo, and I, upon the invitation of the Sector of Singapore, went to their country for the Founder's Day Celebration. The basic objective is to have the presence of Young Brothers in the La Salle schools there, observe how the Lasallian Mission in Singapore works, and hopefully plant seeds of vocation.

“We went to one La Salle school per day and spent the whole day there (see list below). In some schools, we joined the Catholic pupils first in their morning prayer before we proceeded to the hall where we were introduced to the school community during the general assembly. After the introduction, we gave a short talk about the Brothers and the 3 Lasallian Core Values: Faith, Service, and Communion. We had classroom observations and met with student clubs like Prefects and Legions of Mary. We also had informal interactions with the pupils during recess time, whether it be in the library or canteen. Catholic and some non-catholic pupils from certain grade levels were gathered and we had impromptu vocation talks and Q&A portions. Most pupils asked about our habit and the ever intriguing 'rabat.' No, it's not a bib or a piece of cardboard.

Day 1 (April 7) - De La Salle School
Day 2 (April 8) - St. Stephen's School
Day 3 (April 9) - St. Joseph's Institution - Junior

Day 4 (April 10) - St. Anthony's Primary School
Day 5 (April 11) - St. Patrick's School

“It's usually free time for us after dismissal in the afternoon so we went around and explored Singapore using the very reliable public transportation (bus and MRT). Br. Arian showed us some of the wonders of the sovereign city-state, from tourist destinations like the National Museum, Singapore Zoo, and the shopping utopias found in Orchard Road, to famous gastronomic joints such as Tim Ho Wan. [Editor's Note: Tim Ho Wan is a Michelin Star Dim Sum Restaurant from Hong Kong]

“We were fortunate enough to have witnessed other aspects of the Lasallian Mission at work in Singapore, some





of them not restricted to the 4 corners of the school. One was the Benefaction Ceremony of 6 individuals who have helped the Lasallian community through their various areas of discipline and professions. The other one is the Mentoring Program handled by young Lasallian volunteers on Saturday mornings.

“On behalf of Alex and Iñigo, we'd like to extend our deep gratitude to the Brothers in Singapore for their unwavering hospitality and brotherhood. We'd also like to thank the principals and Lasallian partners of the different schools for making our visit very meaningful and productive. We hope our short stay contributed to the promotion

of the Lasallian Mission and Vocation in Singapore. All the best!” *(Br. Mikey Cua)*

2nd DLSU Innovation and Technology Fair. De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines held its 2nd DLSU Innovation and Technology Fair: Ideas and Solutions for Nation-Building. Organized by the DLSU Innovation and Technology Office (DITO), the fair was held at the Henry Sy Sr. Hall last 26 - 27 March. Among the impressive exhibits were:

Braille-embossed silicone case for Android tablets

Designed and produced by Janna Aika Deja, a graduating multimedia arts student at De La Salle College of St. Benilde (CSB). The case had letters and numbers in Braille embossed on the right side and bottom of a tab's silicone frame, corresponding to the rows and columns of the apps on the interface. Columns used letters while rows were tagged in numbers. She wanted those visually impaired to enjoy today's technology as much as people with sight.

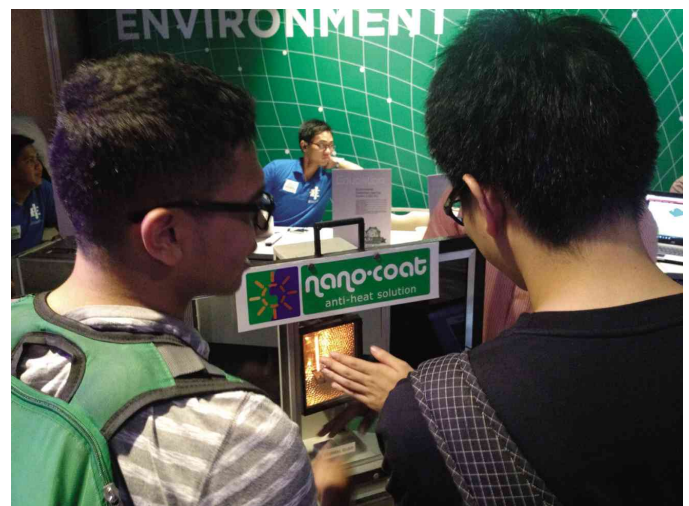
Nanocoat

DLSU Graduate student Edward Tibayan's antiheat solution, Nanocoat, is a chemical solution applied to glass, in building windows for example, to reduce significantly the heat passing through it. It is like a clear version of tinted glass, but supposedly works a lot better. At the exhibit, the heat-absorbing property of the Nanocoated glass was compared to an ordinary clear glass and one with a tint. When a spotlight was turned on, the Nanocoated glass had the coolest surface.

Sol Aer Aqua

De La Salle University - Dasmariñas students Pocholo Molina, Marc Dulguine, Mark Paulo Aguilar, Cyrille Tiangco, Kenneth Rodriguez and Michael Jose saw in the news a machine that converts moisture into potable water. But the machine was as big as a truck and would not be quite mobile. It also needed fuel, making it unsustainable. The six students created Sol Aer Aqua, a solar-powered atmospheric water generator just a few inches bigger than a mini refrigerator. It can produce about 2 liters of drinking water in 24 hours of converting moisture in the air.

More at <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/592516/aha-moments-with-bright-market-prospects>





Thailand Celebrates Songkran Festival. Songkran Festival, Thailand’s traditional New Year celebrated every April 13 - 15, is popularly associated with water events, family reunions, and various festivities across the country. The most obvious celebration of Songkran is the throwing of water upon others. Thais roam the streets with containers of water or water guns. In addition, many Thais will have small bowls of beige colored talc sold cheaply and mixed with water which is then smeared on the faces and bodies of random passersby as a blessing for the new year. Lasallians took this opportunity to express their gratitude for the blessings of the previous year and to celebrate the new year with hope.

Brother John Pill. “John is currently completing his assignments as Director of Lasallian Services for PARC and recently celebrated 45 years as a Brother. In the next couple of weeks he will continue the Delegation Plan process in India and conduct staff formation at St Anthony’s Jakarta and will be joined by Bro Ignaci from LEAD for the programme. In early May he will take up his appointment as Director of the Brothers’ community in Cronulla, Sydney. During his appointment in PARC, John has been an excellent advocate for formation at all levels with a particular focus on the formation of Lasallian Partners. His study of and passion for Circular 461 has spread its good news throughout the Region. His vast experience in governance and planning has been an asset in some Sectors of PARC where his services have been utilized. Thanks to John for his outstanding contribution given so generously. He will be missed in the PARC office. As for the future... the Visitors’ Conference will meet in August with the General Councillor for PARC to determine a way forward.” (PARC View | 9 April 2014) Thank you, Br John and we wish you all the best!



Brother Vincent Keating. “Bro Vincent will complete his appointment as Director of Novices at La Salle Novitiate, Lipa on 14 May. We express our appreciation and thanks to him and the District of ANZPPNG.” (PARC View | 9 April 2014)

The Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) is grateful to Br Vincent Keating for his unwavering commitment in accompanying our Novices. We wish you good health and more productive years, Br Vincent!

Br Vincent will be succeeded by Br Cristy Croos of Sri Lanka as Director of Novices.



Dates to Remember.

Date	Event	Venue
2014		
14 June	Final Vows: Br. Rey Enrico Mejias First Vows, Habit Taking, Acceptance to the Postulancy	Manila, Philippines
15 – 17 June	Singapore Sector Retreat Renewal of Vows of Br. Ignaci Heri	Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
27 – 29 June	1st UMAEL – PARC Leaders Conference	Hakodate, Japan
30 June	2 nd Steering Committee Meeting for the “Renewal of Asian Lasallian Mission” Program	Manila, Philippines
4 August	1 st Planning Meeting of Brothers’ Assembly and 2nd LEAD Chapter	Manila, Philippines
7 August	4 th LEAD Formation Committee	Manila, Philippines
16 August	1 st Planning Meeting of LEAD Mission Assembly	Hong Kong SAR
29 - 30 November	1st LEAD Mission Assembly	Manila, Philippines
1 December	6th LEAD Economic Council Meeting	Manila, Philippines
2 December	15th LEAD Council Meeting	Manila, Philippines
3 - 6 December	Brothers’ Assembly and 2nd LEAD Chapter (Part 1)	Manila, Philippines
15 - 18 December	10th Asia Pacific Lasallian Youth Congress	Ipoh, Malaysia
2015		
6 - 7 March	16th LEAD Council Meeting	Hong Kong SAR
8 - 10 May	2nd LEAD Chapter (Part 2)	Hong Kong SAR
8 - 28 November	“Renewal of Asian Lasallian Mission” Program	Thailand

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Philippines

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;
but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."
- Luke 24 : 2

"As we roll away the stone that covers Christ's tomb, let us always remember Easter's enduring message: that light triumphs over darkness, life over death. A blessed Easter to the Brothers and Lasallian Family of LEAD!"

- The Lasallian East Asia District Council



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Br. Rodrigo Treviño (Japan), Br. Ray Suplido (Councillor), Br. Mike Valenzuela, Br. Stephen Kan (Thailand)
Br. Lawrence Goh (Myanmar), Br. Thomas Lavin (Auxiliary Visitor), Br. Dodo Fernandez (Visitor), Br. Paul Ho (Singapore)
Br. Patrick Tierney (Hong Kong), Br. JJ Jimenez (Philippines), Br. Richie Yap (LEAD Administrator), Br. Anthony Rogers (Malaysia)
and Br. Jose del Coss (Bursar)