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6th Malaysian Lasallian Educators Conference. 150 delegates comprising of 12 Brothers, School Administrators and Teachers, Coordinators of Lasallian Learning and Tuition Centres, Members of the School Boards and Parent-Teachers Associations, Alumni and distinguished Educationists gathered at St. George's Institution, Taiping, Perak, Malaysia last 14th -17th September for the 6th Malaysian Lasallian Educators Conference (MaLEC 6). The theme of this year's conference was "Inspiring Dignity and Nurturing Quality: Towards Integrated and Holistic Lasallian Education in Malaysia." Delegates were welcomed by MaLEC 6 Chairperson, Br. Ambrose Loke FSC and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chairman Mr. Joseph Lau before Malaysia's Sector Leader, Br. Anthony Rogers FSC, gave his keynote address. A total of 8 sessions of panel presentations on different subject areas were held during the conference with experts from various fields of study leading the discussions. On the evening of the 15th, the delegates had dinner with the Lasallian Family in Taiping. Congratulations to the Brothers and the Lasallian Family of Malaysia for this successful endeavour!





Christian Brothers' Schools Leadership Programme 2014 (Stage 2). "The Leadership Camp in Hong Kong was successfully conducted last October 11-12, 2014. It is hoped that the student leaders have been inspired of the essence of Lasallian Leadership through a wide range of input sessions, workshops and reflections.

"Stage 3 of the Programme, Service Programme, will be organised over the next three weekends. Participants will conduct service programmes to two groups of people - ethnic minority and the elderly.

"The Closing Ceremony of the Programme will be held on November 22, 2014 for sharing the service experience, empowering the student leaders for their leadership year and celebrating the success of the outcome." (Mr. Peter Leung)



140 Years of Lasallian Presence in Hong Kong. To celebrate the 140th anniversary of the arrival of the De La Salle Brothers in Hong Kong as well as the establishment of St Joseph's College, the following activities are being organised:



Open Day

1 February 2015 | 9.30 AM
Guest-of-Honour: Sir David Li

Feast of St. Joseph

19 March 2015 | 11:00 AM
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Celebrant : Cardinal John Tong

Green & White Concert

10 July 2015 | 6:45 PM
Baptist University





Myanmar Retreat. The Brothers of Myanmar gathered together in Yangon from from 8th to 12th of October for their annual retreat. About 15 Brothers from four communities attended the retreat preached by Fr. George, a local Dominican priest. In attendance also were Br. Rodrigo Trevino and Br. Tom Lavin. The mornings were spent listening to Fr. George and the afternoon were spent taking up sector concerns. The retreat was capped by the Renewal of Vows of five Brothers namely: Br. Moris Thar Gyi, Br. Timothy, Br. Bosco Mung Htoi, Br. Francis La Seng and Br. John Win Kyaw. The ceremonies were simple but inspiring. Aside from the Brothers, some family and friends of the five Young Brothers were present to witness their renewal.

Kelvin Tan and Jason Blaikie Finishing. Our two student Brothers from the sector of Singapore will be finishing their studies this November and will be returning to their sector. Kelvin has been studying at the University of Sydney for the past three years and will finish a double degree in Psychology and Linguistics while Jason will finish a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at University of New South Wales. Thank you to the Visitors of ANZPPNG who welcomed them and looked after them with love and care: Br. Ambrose Payne, Br. Mark McKeon, Br. Chris Gorrige and now, Br. David Hawke. Picture shows David giving a farewell dinner to our two Brothers. David was joined by John Pill and Paul Rogers.





International Council of Young Lasallians. “Mr. Keane Palatino of De La Salle Philippines (DLSP) will be taking an additional role as the newest member of the International Council of Young Lasallians, following the invitation from Superior General Brother Robert Schieler FSC.

“Mr. Palatino, a La Salle Green Hills and De La Salle University alumnus, began working for DLSP in 2008. His experience with the Philippine District’s Lasallian Youth Commission as well as his current position in the Lasallian Mission Services — overseeing a variety of concerns including Justice and Peace and formation programs for adults and youth for the Philippine sector—will prove useful as he enters this Council.

“The International Council of Young Lasallians ensures that young people are involved in furthering the Lasallian Mission. It was responsible for the 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians. It also sponsors the annual international Lasallian Days of Peace and seeks to identify the global effort of Lasallian Volunteer activities.” (*De La Salle Philippines | Central House Bulletin 1014*)

Acts of the 45th General Chapter. Within the next 10 days or so, the Visitors will receive a draft copy of the Acts of the 45th General Chapter with an accompanying letter from the Brother Superior. Before the official publication of the circular, you will be asked for any suggestions to enhance the text with regard to spelling and grammar. This draft text can be for internal use only to begin the work of reflecting and devising District and Regional strategies for implementing the Propositions of the 45th General Chapter. This will be included in the PARC agenda in January 2016.

Revised Rule (2104). The definitive text in French is now being prepared for submission to the Vatican. The Spanish and English translations are in the process of being finalized. The publication of text will have to wait until the Vatican gives us their feedback.

Learning Spanish. I am now in Madrid. I am staying in Centro La Salle ARLEP for one month. The language school is an hour’s walk or 20-25 minutes by Metro. Classes are for three hours a day from Monday to Friday.

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Young Brothers Conference. 17 Filipino young Brothers gathered at La Salle Green Hills last 20 October for a formation session on Educating Indigenous Peoples (IP). Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC shared her experiences and insights on her involvement in establishing a school for the Hanunuo Mangyan tribe during the morning sessions. In the afternoon, Mr. Butch Rufino of the Philippine Government's Department of Education Indigenous Peoples' Education Office presented the history, misconceptions and current directions for IP Education. Br. Jose Mari Jimenez, Sector Leader, gave the synthesis of the day as well as presented the future directions of the Philippine Lasallian Family.



The following day, they travelled to Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines, for recreation and community building activities. Joining them were Br. Antonio Cubillas and Br. Carlos Andrés Forero, Secretary of Pastoral Ministry of Youth and Vocations in the District of Bogotá in Colombia. Br. Carlos is in the Philippines to look at the Sector's program for promoting vocations, particularly in universities.

Aside from the usual sightseeing, the young Brothers had opportunities for art appreciation at a museum of a national artist and some organised and informal sharing of personal experiences, hopes and dreams.



Institutional Reflection Process for 2015 Philippine Lasallian Family Convocation. “During the past three months, all 16 Lasallian institutions held their respective multi - sectoral assemblies in preparation for the 2015 Philippine Lasallian Family Convocation (PLFC) on May next year. The whole day program allowed each school to reflect on four major themes: Leadership & Formation, Excellence in Education, Accessibility and Operational Efficiency - all of which are areas where La Salle schools respond to and continue to respond to given the changes and reforms in the global educational landscape. Through this reflection process, the schools also came up with resolutions on each theme, all of which are identified goals that they wish to work and achieve as an institution. Apart from coming up with resolutions on each theme, the schools also elected delegates who will represent their schools in the Regional reflection process that beginning this October 2014. The 5 regional/ geographical clusters will also come up and propose resolutions that will be carried to the 2015 PLFC on May.” (*De La Salle Philippines | Central House Bulletin 1014*)

Excellence Through Habit: Modern Conduct of Schools. “De La Salle Philippines (DLSP) through its Quality Management & Audit Services (QMAS) unit formally launched the Modern Conduct of Schools: Guiding Principles for the Stewardship of Resources in Lasallian Institutions at the newly renovated ballroom Salle de Toulouse of Hotel Benilde Maison De La Salle last 11 September 2014. Presidents and top administrators of De La Salle Philippines member schools as well as members of the Modern Conduct of Schools Commission attended the launch meeting.

“The Modern Conduct of Schools (MCS) consists of standards of excellence on how to run schools well. The project was started during the time of Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC as Sector Leader and was continued during the time of Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC. It is an initiative of DLSP to achieve the operational efficiency and effectiveness in seven key business processes namely: (1) Admissions & Registration; (2) Finance & Resource Management; (3) Procurement & Materials Management; (4) Human Resource Management; (5) Facilities & Environmental Programs Management; (6) Information & Communications Technology Management; (7) Advancement Management. Top administrators who attended are the one’s responsible for the seven business processes. Also during the launch, the Quality Management Program with the tagline “Excellence Through Habit” was introduced.” (*De La Salle Philippines | Central House Bulletin 1014*)

Fraternally,

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