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140 Years of Lasallian Presence in Hong Kong. The Brothers and the Lasallian Family of Hong Kong commemorated the jubilee of the arrival of the Brothers in Hong Kong during the Grand Open Day of 140th Foundation Anniversary of St. Joseph's College last 1 February. Aside from the students, faculty, parents and old boys of SJC, the members of the Lasallian Educational Council, Supervisors and Principals of other Lasallian schools in Hong Kong were present to celebrate this momentous occasion. The Guest of Honour was Dr Sir David Li Kwok - Po GBM GBS JP, an old boy of SJC in 1954. He is the current Chairman and Chief Executive of the Bank of East Asia, and a former member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong and the Executive Council of Hong Kong.



During the opening ceremony, SJC Supervisor Br. Jeffrey Chan FSC received an Papal Blessing parchment as a gift of the District to the SJC school community. In its 140 year history, St. Joseph's College saw the rise of Hong Kong from a small free port to what is now one of the world's leading international financial centres. It has produced many prominent old boys in various fields and whose contributions has made what Hong Kong is today. Among them is Nobel Prize Laureate, the Honourable Sir

Charles Kuen Kao (Class of 1952), who pioneered in the development and use of fiber optics in telecommunications. Professor Kao, known as the "Godfather of Broadband", "Father of Fiber Optics" or "Father of

Fiber Optic Communications", was jointly awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics for "groundbreaking achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication". (See list of SJC Prominent Old Boys at <http://www.sjc.edu.hk>)



Other events to look forward to during this jubilee year are as follows:

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

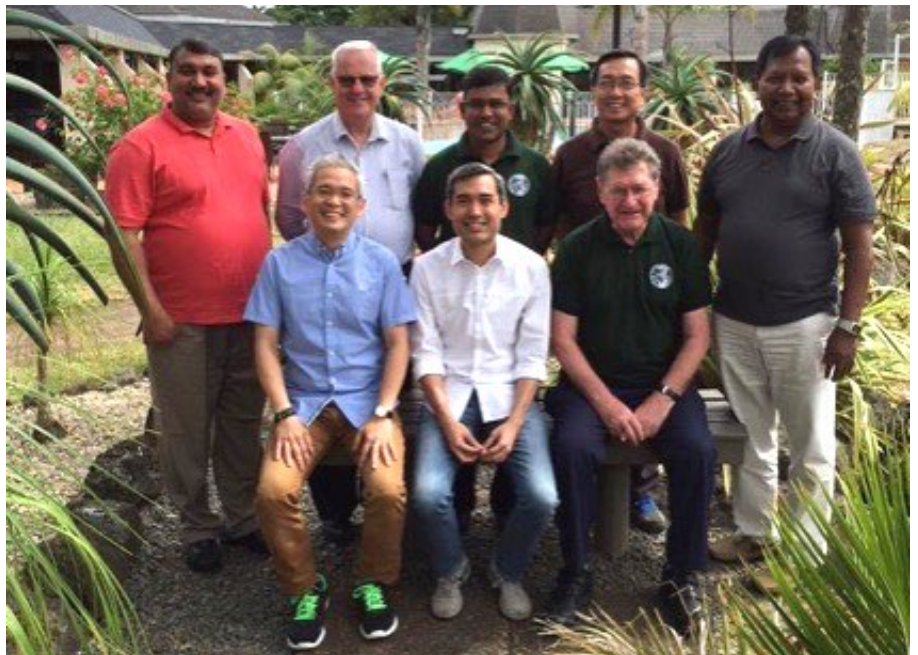
Baptist University

PARC 39. The Visitors of PARC and our General Councilor, Br. Ricky Laguda, met for three days in Auckland, New Zealand on January 20, 21 and 22. Before the meeting began on Day 1, we were welcomed warmly by a delegation of students from La Salle Mangere with a rousing traditional Maori war dance called "Haka". After that we were given the "Hongi", the traditional Maori greeting.

Our meetings were relaxed even as we were able to get through a lot in the agenda. On our second evening we went to the school and though it was still break time we were given a tour around the campus followed by dinner with the Brothers of the community.

In attendance were: Br. Denzil Perera and Br. Christy Croos (District of Colombo), Br. Peter Phat (District of Vietnam), Br. David Hawke, Br. Shazad Gill and Br. Chris Gorrige (District of ANZPPNG), Br. Thomas Lavin and myself (LEAD) and Br. Ricky Laguda. None from the Delegation of India were able to attend.

Thanks to Br. David and Br. Chris Gorrige for hosting the Visitors of PARC!



New Director of Novices. We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Br. Vincent Fernandez FSC** as the new Director of the Novitiate in Lipa by PARC General Councillor, **Br. Ricky Laguda FSC** and the Novitiate Board. Br. Vince will be Director of Novices for a 3 - year term, from May 15, 2015 until May 15, 2018. In Br. Ricky's appointment letter (7 February 2015) to Br. Vince, he mentioned that the novices will benefit from Br. Vince's "wealth of experience in the ministry of teaching, administration, being with the poor and formation". He will replace **Br. Christy Croos** who will take on his role as Visitor of the District of Colombo by May 2015. We congratulate Br. Vince on his new ministry and assure him of our prayers and support!



Cardinal Tagle in Japan. "Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle visited Japan last February 1- 3, 2015 to attend the 400th Death Anniversary of Dom Justo Takayama Ukon in Osaka. Dom Justo Takayama Ukon was a Christian daimyo in Edo Period who gave up his title and property and chose to live his Catholic Christian faith in the Philippines. Taking advantage of this visit, Cardinal Tagle vehemently desired to visit even briefly the Filipino community living in the 2011 disaster area and, with that purpose, got the invitation from Sendai Bishop Hiraga.

"Arriving in Haneda the 1st of February, Cardinal Tagle traveled immediately to Sendai where he concelebrated the 18:00 regular Mass at Motodera Cathedral with Sendai Bishop Hiraga

and nine other priests of the diocese. A quite large exuberant and spirited Filipino community participated in Mass. A very well prepared choir and the lively participation of the people made it for an animated Mass celebrated basically in English with some parts translated into Japanese. Cardinal Tagle's brief greeting in Tagalog was received with unrestrained enthusiasm!

"During his vivacious homily Cardinal Tagle made a strong appeal to the Filipino community to play a very active role in the life of the Church in Japan and not just to be in the country as workers. "You have a special mission responsibility in this country that is your home. Ah! And for those of you who are single, why not come, at the end of Mass, with Bishop Hiraga and apply for entrance in the seminary or in a convent?" Needless to say, at the end of Mass and inside the Cathedral, photos and selfies made Cardinal Tagle's exit somehow difficult. By the way, I was able to be close to him because I was asked to be one of the two altar boys!" (Br. Rodrigo Treviño FSC)



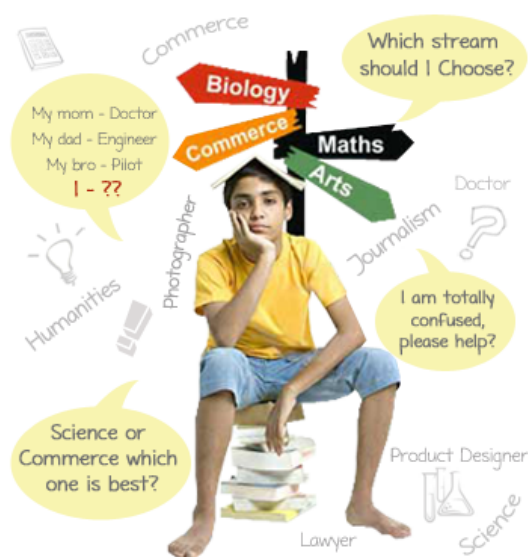
President of USLS. Congratulations to **Br. Mawel Pajarillo FSC** for his recent election as President of the University of Saint La Salle in Bacolod City, Philippines! He replaces **Br. Ray Suplido FSC** who will assume a new post as President of De La Salle University in Manila. Br. Mawel was assigned in USLS some years ago as teacher and later as Director of the Institutional Campus Ministry. He earned his doctorate degree in Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of Louvain, where he graduated Magna cum Laude. Br. Mawel was President of De La Salle Lipa prior to his appointment as staff and, later, Director of the Centre International Lasallien (CIL) in Rome. Our prayers and support are with you, Br. Mawel!



Global University Counsellor Connect 2015. Br. Lawrence Humphrey FSC, President of St. Joseph's Institution International, is inviting LEAD secondary / high schools to participate in the Global University Counsellor Connect 2015, a two-day workshop for school based university/higher education counsellors working in Asia, organised by university counsellors working at international and local schools in Singapore.

This workshop focuses on developing the skills and expertise of university counsellors who advise students about a range of global options in Asia, the UK, the US, Canada, and Australia. This workshop will also provide an opportunity to network and connect with others in similar roles. It will be held on 10 - 11 April 2015 at SJI International. Workshops include

- *Mr. and Ms. "I Want To Go Everywhere" -- Advising students on global options*
- *Global options in Medicine, Business, Law*
- *How universities in the UK assess applications: Sessions on Personal Statements & Tutor References*
- *How universities in the USA assess applications: Sessions on Essays, Supplements, Teacher & Counsellor Recommendations*
- *Higher Education in Australia, Asia, Canada, Europe*
- *Global foundation course options*
- *How do students make a list of US universities that "fit"?*
- *Information on financial aid, funding, scholarships*
- *Sharing Best Practice*
- *Lunches with representatives from specific countries*
- *Singapore University Fair*



Kindly share this invitation to administrators and university counsellors of secondary schools in your respective Sectors. **Information and**

Registration: <https://sites.google.com/a/gapps.uwcsea.edu.sg/global-university-counsellor-connect/home>

Birthdays. Let us remember in our prayers our dear Brothers and an affiliated member who are celebrating their birthdays this February:

3	Br. Gregory Lim	9	Br. Thomas Favier	18	Br. Peter Ng
3	Br. Eugene de Luna Jr.	9	Br. Matthew Liew	18	Br. Stephen Ooi
6	Br. Jorge Gallardo	13	Br. Philip Thein Oo	19	Br. Rey Mejias
6	Br. Josaphat Ai Saw Hung Htoo	11	Br. Edmundo Fernandez	25	Br. Lawrence Humphrey
7	Datuk Stanislaus Yee AFSC	14	Br. Joseph Dougherty	25	Br. Joseph Hung
8	Br. Abet King Pia	15	Br. Quilino Quiti		

Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Philippines