

## Visits to Nabawan and West Malaysia



I visited Asrama Butitin in Nabawan. Nabawan lies in the interior of Sabah, South East of Kota Kinabalu. It takes a three hour drive going through Crocker Range. Currently there are four Brothers in the community, the biggest community in Malaysia. Egbertus Joikul is Director of the house and supported by Ignaci Heri, Raffy Reyes and Butch Alcudia. I spent two nights, arriving on the 17th of July. I was picked up by Egbert together with Butch. July 18 I spent interviewing the four Brothers. Together they look after the 40 boarders who attend classes in the nearby government school. I flew out on the 19th.



From August 31 to September 3 I was in Petaling Jaya and interviewed all the Brothers in West Malaysia. There are 11 Brothers in West Malaysia: 3 in St. John's, 2 in La Salle Center in Ipoh, 2 in the Provincialate in PJ, 2 in St. Francis Institution in Malacca, 1 in La Salle Hall and 1 in Penang. With the exception of Br. Stephen Ooi I was able to interview all including Br. Michael Kum who is the only remaining Brother in Malaysia teaching in the school.

I wish to thank Br. Andrew Loke, Country Coordinator, for organizing the visit in West Malaysia and to Br. Egbert for the arrangements in Nabawan



## Saint Josephs' Institution Receives Highest Ministry of Education Award Singapore



Congratulations to SJI! On 31 August, I received the good news from Br. Paul Ho FSC:

*We wish to share the happy news that SJI has been re-validated for the highest MOE award, the School Distinction Award and achieved recognition in all 5 areas of best practices:*

- *Teaching and Learning*
- *Character and Citizenship Education*
- *Student All-Round Developmet*
- *Staff Well-Being and Development*
- *Partnership*

Br. Kevin Tan FSC also sent an update on the recollection of Secondary 4 students from SJI:

*This year, SJI is proud to invite and collaborate with Bros. Gelo and Cliff with two Lasallians; Macy and Ellie. They were invited to run SJI annual Catholic Retreat Camp for the graduating Secondary 4 Josephians in Punggol Seminary. It is truly an awesome example of how LEAD is able to jointly work together. The Bros, Lasallians and Josephians were quick to get comfortable with each other as they got down to start the recollection proper which lasted for three days and two nights. This retreat also included promoting the vocation of the Brothers as the theme of the retreat is Transitions: A Lasallian Journey. SJI is thankful for the help of the presence of Lasallians from Philippines, in which SJI belongs to a part of a bigger family.*

Keep up the good work, Josephians!



## **LEAD Economic Council and Assembly with Brothers of Japan**

I was able to join the LEAD Economic Council Meeting in Sendai, Japan from 21-22 August 2015. This is the first of twice a year meetings that the Economic Council will be having. I was edified by the sincere efforts of Br. Jose del Coss, the Bursar and the members of the Economic Council to find creative ways to manage the patrimony of LEAD despite the challenge that the unique structure that our District presents.

Members of the Economic Council are the following: Br. Jose del Coss FSC (Chair and District Bursar), Br. Paul Ho FSS (AVMA), Br. Patrick Tierney FSC, Mr. Ferdie Fernandez (Philippines), Mr. Michael Lau (Malaysia) and Mr. Philip Tay (Singapore).



On the afternoon of 22 August, I had an assembly with the Brothers of Japan to discuss the viability of certain ministries in Japan. I appreciate the efforts of the Brothers from Kagoshima and Hakodate who made the effort to come over to Sendai to meet.

I'd like to express my gratitude thanks to the Sendai Brothers' Community: Br. Rodrigo Trevino FSC, Director and Br. Mark Celement FSC who were gracious hosts during our entire stay in Sendai. Special thanks to the District Bursar, Br. Jose Del Coss FSC, who organised the meeting of the Economic Council and made helped in the arrangements for the Council.

## Visit of the Naval Finance Department to Bamboo School

On August 28, 2015 a group from the Naval Finance Department came to visit the Bamboo School. They donated money to construct the floor of the multi-propose hall and distributed some snacks and toys for the students. *(Br. John Pongpat FSC)*



## Birthdays

A very special Happy Birthday to our September Celebrants!

Stephen Kan Wongchiree	01 September	Alphonso Danai Kingkan	15 September
Hisao Fujita	05 September	John Niran Suksankrasin	17 September
Steve Hogan	06 September	Matthew Bay	18 September
Toby dela Cruz	07 September	Moris Thar Gyi	19 September
Joseph Daluz	08 September	Simon Tran Van Thien	20 September
Kennedy Joseph	09 September	Lawrence Goh	24 September
Michael Broughton	10 September	Allan Buenavista	24 September
Nicholas Seet	13 September	Jean de Dieu Randriaznasolo	24 September
De La Salle Sayam Ngamdee	13 September		

## September Leadership Calendar

	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th/5th Week
<b>Visitor</b>	Malaysia  Singapore (Leadership Team)	Provincialate	Philippines (Canonical Visit to Green Hills and Mindanao)	Thailand (Canonical Visit to Chantaburi and Nakhonsawan)  Malaysia (Canonical Visit to Kuching and Sarawak)
<b>Auxiliary Visitor for Vocation and Formation</b>	Philippines (ARLP)  Singapore (Leadership Team)	Thailand	Thailand	Thailand (Canonical Visit to Chantaburi and Nakhonsawan)
<b>Auxiliary Visitor for Mission and Association</b>	Singapore (Leadership Team)	Philippines  Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)	Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)	Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)
<b>Auxiliary Visitor for Strategic Planning</b>	Singapore (Leadership Team)	Philippines  Rome (Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)	Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)	Rome (Assembly of new Visitors/Aux. Vis.)  Philippines

## Asian Lasallian Renewal Program

The Asian Lasallian Renewal Program (ALRP) responds to “Line of Action B3-3” of the First Lasallian East Asia District Chapter which calls for the implementation of “a pilot program for the District for Continuing Formation and Renewal in an Asian context.” ALRP offers Lasallians the opportunity to participate in a renewal program that is closer to home, both geographically as well as in context and perspective. Held in Asia, it has the advantage of being less expensive. Like most of the programs conducted by the International Lasallian Centre (CIL) in Rome, ALRP is open to both Brothers and lay partners of the District and the PARC Region. When possible, it also welcomes Lasallians from other parts of the world.

The ARLP will be held in Thailand on 08-28 November 2015. The program is still open for interested participants. Please contact the Program Chair, Br. Joseph Klong FSC at [joe\\_klong@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_klong@yahoo.com) or Br. Michael Broughton FSC at [broughtonfsc@gmail.com](mailto:broughtonfsc@gmail.com)

### Health and Wellness

Aside from regularity in morning **spiritual exercises** (of which I’m sure most LEAD Brothers are known for) there’s another complementary way to be happy in the morning: **Physical Exercise**. Read the article, Why Are Morning Runner’s So Happy at: <http://www.runnersworld.com/sports-psychology/why-are-morning-runners-so-happy>

Fraternally,

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