

La Salle College of the Arts Receives EduTrust STAR



I received news from the President of La Salle College, Steve Dixon, through Br. Paul Ho, that LSCA was the **FIRST** institution in the entire country to be awarded the most prestigious and coveted recognition: the EduTrust STAR. Congratulations to Steve and the Lasallian Family in Singapore! We are proud of you!

Photo from https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/LASALLE_New_City_Campus_interior.jpg

EduTrust Certification Status of PEIs

The EduTrust Certification Scheme is a voluntary scheme administered by the CPE for PEIs in Singapore...The scheme provides a means for better PEIs to differentiate themselves as having achieved higher standards in key areas of management and provision of educational services.

EduTrust Star (Validity Period: 4 Years)

The EduTrust Star award is given to a PEI for having excelled in all key areas of management and the provision of quality education services. This mark is also a symbol of recognition for sustained efforts in organisational improvement.

<https://www.cpe.gov.sg/for-students/edutrust-certification-status-of-peis>

Fire Engulfs Heritage Building in LSU-Ozamis

Br. Arian Lopez shared this sad news online regarding a fire that razed one of the oldest buildings where he is currently assigned last 30 September. The building is right beside the Brothers' House so the community were first hand witnesses to the event. Thank God, no one was hurt in the fire.



From Br. Arian Lopez' FaceBook:

There was a fire in the Heritage Campus of the La Salle University here in Ozamiz. It started around 5:00pm and was finally put out around 7:00pm. The following structures were razed to the ground: the Library building (BMSLS K1, K2, Grade 1 classrooms and the canteen), the 2-storey building that houses the School for the Deaf and the Nursing Faculty room, the male dorms behind the canteen.



The classroom block for BMSLS and Night School, the Nursing laboratories and female dorm, the Birthing Clinic, the covered court and the Brothers' house were spared from the fire.

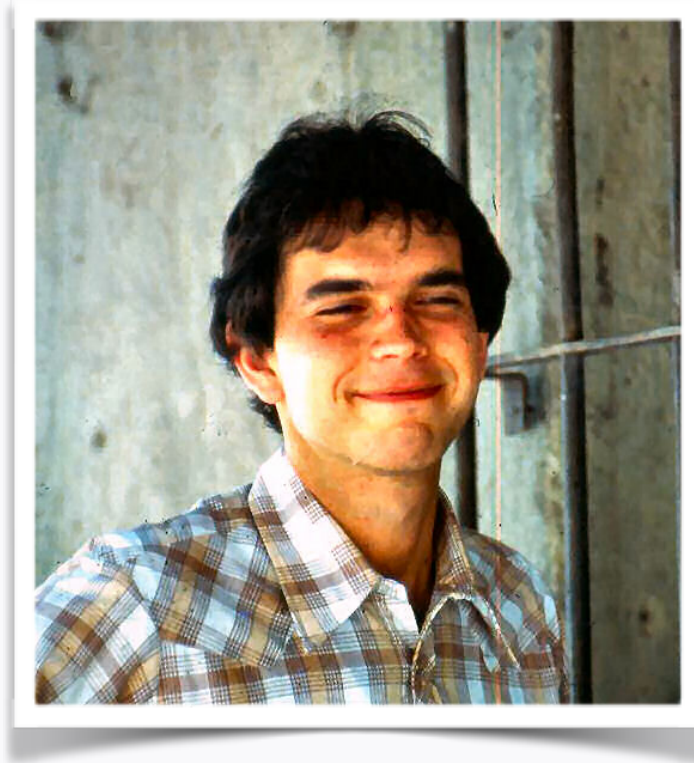
No one has been reported hurt in the incident. We have moved our student dormers to the College Campus and have provided rooms for our faculty dormers.

Classes for the Br. Martin Simpson Laboratory School, the Night School and the School for the Deaf are suspended until Monday.



We would like to thank the different fire departments from different parts of the province who answered the call and helped put out the fire. We are also grateful to the different government agencies who were there to help ensure the safety of the people.

Please keep us in your prayers. God bless.



Culture, Traditions, Humor, and Life

Last June Br. Jose del Coss, from Japan, celebrated his 60th birthday among the rich Japanese tradition for someone coming to this “Advanced” Age.

It’s been said that old age is a kind of second childhood. How about a second spring? Japanese tradition celebrates both of these ideas in the form of a “Kanreki,” or sixtieth birthday.

The “Kanreki” tradition stretches back to Japan’s adoption of the Chinese zodiac calendar and includes its own particular vestments for the occasion. Those lucky enough to reach 60 receive the traditional red cap, “Chanchanko” vest, and seat cushion that mark them as having completed a full cycle of the twelve-pronged zodiac calendar. Achievements are celebrated and a lifetime’s troubles are forgotten as the celebrated individual enters a new stage of life with all the joy and possibilities of a newborn.

The red coloring of the vest and cap is intended to promote a spirit of youth (the Japanese word for baby, “Akachan,” is composed of “Aka” meaning “Red,” and “Chan,” a suffix often used for children). Furthermore, many visitors to Japan can attest to the ubiquitous presence of the red-bibbed “Ojizosama” statues which are thought to protect the spirits of children. [Continued on next page]

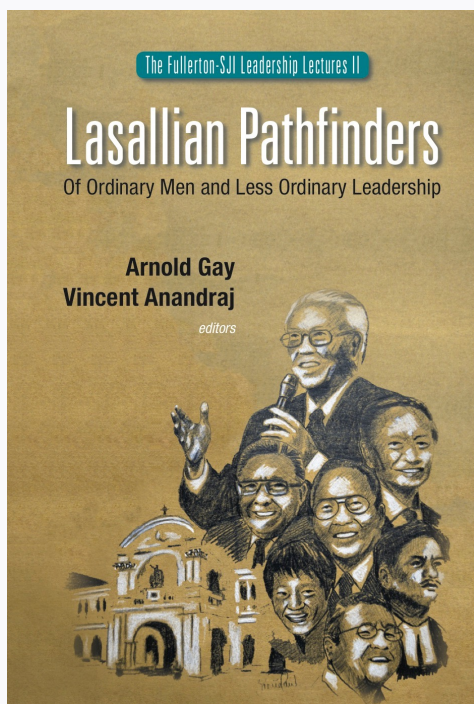
In the past, reaching Kanreki would have signified a person's transition from a lifetime of gainful employment to comfortable dependence on the eldest son. According to the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, the 60 year old man "Retired" from active work and from the responsibilities of household representation and management. His successor, typically the oldest son, assumed control of the family enterprise and took care of his parents in their old age. The retiree's wife... passed the rice paddle to her son's wife to symbolize the transfer of responsibility for the internal management of household affairs

In reality, many men and women continued to provide some degree of labor in the form of caring for children or carrying out household chores. Even today, a quick drive through the countryside of Japan and many other Asian nations will reveal a large number of spritely, aged individuals looking after gardens and crops.

Nowadays, 60-year olds are expected to use this year as a year of reflection ("Parmenie.") They are to look at their lives and achievements and use this time as a good opportunity to plan the direction in which they would like to move as they begin their second sixty year cycle of life. Many Happy Returns Jose!



Br. Armin Luistro Featured in Book from SJI Singapore



Lasallian Pathfinders: Of Ordinary Men and Less Ordinary Leadership

Editors: Arnold Gay, Vincent Anandraj

Lasallian Pathfinders: Of Ordinary Men and Less Ordinary Leadership is a collection of lectures on leadership, the second in The Fullerton–SJI Leadership Lecture Series. These talks were delivered by influential frontrunners in various industries with the intention of inspiring Singaporeans. These prominent individuals from the Lasallian family include alumni of St Joseph's Institution such as Singapore President Tony Tan; leading jazz musician Jeremy Monteiro; KF Seetoh, founder of Makansutra; and Brother Armin Luistro, Secretary of the Department of Education of the Philippines.

The speeches contain a wealth of interesting personal anecdotes, and readers interested in the diverse aspects of leadership, entrepreneurship, and management will be able to gain much from this volume. A snippet taken from Br Armin's speech: "The moments in my life when I saw myself taking on leadership was either because the one in front, had either given up, or absconded the fight. And I'm not the kind of person who will leave if the project is not finished. I think I'm very much like a box — first one in, last one out. I'm happy to wash the dishes after everyone has left the party. I'm that type of leader."

La Salle College Hong Kong Junior Squash Open Achievements

La Salle College congratulates AU Lap Man (1E) who won the Championship in the Boys U13 division at the HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Open 2015 held in August, and CHU Kwok Kee (6B) who won 7th Placing in the Boys U17. This event is the largest international junior squash tournament in Asia and attracted 589 participants from 15 countries.

Congratulations, boys! Keep up the good work!

From the news section of LSC <http://web.lasalle.edu.hk/eng/home.php>

October Leadership Calendar

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Visitor	Provincialate, HKAA Masters' Race Bangkok, District Council and Leadership Team	Provincialate	Manila, Br. Gene Tianco's Golden Jubilee Celebration Hakodate, Personal Retreat and Visit to Community	Manila, Silver Jubilee Celebration
Auxiliary Visitor for Mission and Association	Bangkok, District Council and Leadership Team	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore
Auxiliary Visitor for Vocation and Formation	Bangkok, District Council and Leadership Team	Thailand	Thailand	Philippines, Pastoral Visit Manila, Silver Jubilee Celebration of Brs. Dante, Dodo and Vince
Auxiliary Visitor for Strategic Planning and District Development	Philippines, Central House Bangkok, District Council and Leadership Team	Philippines, DLSBI,OLEF,Directors' Council Meeting	Myanmar, Pastoral Visit in Maymyo Philippines, Pastoral Visit in La Salle Green Hills and St. Benilde Brothers Community Manila, Br. Gene Tianco's Golden Jubilee Celebration	Philippines, Pastoral Visit, House of Studies Manila, Silver Jubilee Celebration of Brs. Dante, Dodo and Vince

October Birthdays

I'd like to wish our October celebrants a very happy birthday!

Marvin Sipin	03 October	Rafael Reyes	18 October
Peter Foo	10 October	Vincent Fernande	19 October
John Hla Maung,	11 October	Joseph Than Htaik Aung	21 October
Charles O'Leary	15 October	Benedict Chaiwat Panomwarochai	23 October
Victor Franco	15 October	Simon Phanom Wittayanukorn	24 October
Francis Suriya Toeysoi	15 October	William Soe Thaug	29 October
Emmanuel Siac	16 October	John Win Kyaw	30 October
Luke Chaiporn Kitmongol	17 October		

Health and Wellness

Cluttered Houses and Fire Safety

In light of recent fire in LSU Ozamis Campus, I am sharing this article on fire safety. Brothers, did you know that **cluttered and dirty houses**, evidence of hoarding, ***not only can create egress and ingress issues for evacuating occupants but also can delay fire crews entering the structure?***

The article by Susan Kirk also looks at five levels of hoarding. Level 2 Hoarding is defined as: ***The household has large amounts of clutter, one exit is blocked, and pet odor and animal waste are present. There is light to medium evidence of rodents or insects, one household kitchen appliance or the air-conditioning unit has not been working for six months, and room functions are unclear. Also, there are overflowing trash cans, a moderate amount of dirty dishes and food on counters in the kitchen, household odors, and limited evidence of housekeeping.***

I'd like us to seriously read the article and take a look at our houses and offices and see if we have a tendency to hoard and be cluttered as this could be a **serious hazard to health and property**. Stay safe always!

Read: <http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/print/volume-164/issue-3/features/hoarding-a-fire-prevention-and-response-concern.html>

Fraternally,

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