



## Visits to Formation Houses

I visited two Formation houses in the District these last two weeks: the Come and See Program in Kalaw, Myanmar and La Salle House in Sampran, Thailand. The Come and See boys were at the end of their program and were about to go home to do their University Distance Education (UDE). There were six Come and See boys and some will return in January (in Maymyo) for the 2nd year of their program. Br. Timothy is their Director assisted by the three Brothers in the community namely: Br. Josaphat, Br. Willie and Br. Hillary.



In Sampran, we currently have 12 candidates: Five in their first year, two in the second year and five in their third year of Theology. Br. Francisco Teerayut is the Director of Sampran and assisted by Br. Stephen Kan.

My thanks to the Auxilliary Visitors, Br. Timothy and Br. Francisco for the all the arrangements.

## Meetings in Bangkok

Members of the Economic Council, District Council, Leadership Team and most of the Country Coordinators converged in La Salle College Bangna for a series of meetings starting September 1 and ending in September 4. The set of meetings culminated in a Country Assembly with the Brothers of Thailand on the morning of the 4th. Thanks to Br. Joseph Klong (Auxiliary Visitor), Br. Francisco Teerayut (Country Coordinator) and the Director of LS College Bangna, Br. Peter Boonchert, for all the arrangements.

Thanks to Br. Benedict for these pictures of the Country Assembly! (Seems we were too busy to take pictures of the other meetings).





## Vocation Promotion in Iligan

Last September 6, 2016, Another run of “U-Ber: Usapang Ber” was again organized by BACOD-Iligan and LVT-Iligan at La Salle Academy in Iligan City with Br.Alex Diaz FSC as their guest and the Grade 10 students as their audience. “U-Ber: Usapang Ber” (Translates: Conversation with the Brothers) is a vocation promotion activity in continuing to promote awareness in the school community of La Salle Academy in which group of students serves as an audience where are given a chance to meet and interact with the guest Brothers of the school. This activity will also give an opportunity to students who are interested and curious about the life of the Brothers.

The activity also serves an avenue for students know the Brother’s personal journey in their life as a Brother and on how they have chosen their vocation by asking the Brothers questions in the plenary.

The first “U-Ber: Usapang Ber” was launched last August 4, 2016. U-Ber: Usapang Ber” will have another run at the end of the School Year in 2017 at La Salle Academy with a new set of Brothers. (Br. Ranier Guillergan FSC)

## Arts and Culture

### Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival falls on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. This year, this falls on September 15.



“May we live long and share the beauty of the moon together, even if we are hundreds of miles apart,” says the romantic Chinese poem. As the round shape symbolises unity in the Chinese culture, the full moon stirs these ancient sentiments, which are embodied in the way the Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated since the early Tang dynasty (618–907). In the past, families would get together to make offerings of osmanthus-flavoured wine, spherical fruits such as pears, grapes, pomegranates and of course mooncakes to the heavens, to express

gratitude for a bumper harvest as well as enjoy a reunion with relatives who live far away. To many, this is considered to be one of the most important festivals of the year. Highly urbanised Hong Kong still celebrates this holiday, and does so in style and with its characteristic penchant for fusing tradition with innovation.

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/see-do/events-festivals/chinese-festivals/mid-autumn-festival.jsp>

Fraternally,

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