



LEAD Mid-Life Brothers' Assembly

“In the Mid-Valley of Our Lives” was the theme of the LEAD middle-aged Brothers’ workshop held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 3 Dec to 6 Dec 2017.

Bro Edmundo gave an encouraging Welcome Address to over 80% of the Brothers in this age group who attended the workshop.

The first session was facilitated by Dr. Christopher Cheok, a psychiatrist, titled Midlife Transitions based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. He brought to our awareness the different developmental aspects of this age group, emphasizing the importance of transition so that we are not taken by surprise and how we can cope with this phase of our lives. Finding new meaning in what we do, humor, investing in social networking, physical and emotional health and living the values that we committed to, will have a direct impact on our happiness and wellbeing.

The second session titled “In the clouds” based on I Thessalonians 4:17, Mr. Joseph John invited the Brothers to reflect on where we are in relation to our dreams, goals and expectations that we had set for ourselves when we were younger and to discover what are the “hints and rumors of what God may be calling us in the next phase of our ministry.” The Brothers shared in groups about this phase of their lives.
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The last day of the workshop Br. JJ, Auxiliary visitor presented the Partial Outcome of the country assemblies for the Second LEAD mission assembly to be held next year. He presented the discussions held in three countries so far.

We also had the opportunity to visit SJII, where we were warmly received by the school administrators and students who toured us around the campus. The opportunity to meet some of the students and teachers was one of the highlights of the visit. Our gratitude to Br. Thomas Lavin and SJII community, for the warm welcome

A city tour was sponsored by an alumnus of La Salle Klang and a dinner sponsored by the Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Alumni showed the dedication of the alumni for the Brothers in Malaysia.

The LEAD commission for the 300 anniversary of the Founder's return to the Father, encouraged all the Brothers, to be creative for the celebrations in their respective places of assignments. Bro Dennis presented some ideas from the Philippines Sector and the Institute to be implemented next year.

The gathering ended with Mass and a Closing Address by Bro Paul Ho, Auxiliary visitor for the Brothers to care for themselves and to be role models for the younger Brothers.

(Text: Br. Antonio Cubillas FSC, Photos: Br. Danai Kingkan FSC)



Young Brothers Gatherings in Thailand and Myanmar

Thailand. On 20th of November 2017, the young Brothers of Thailand had a young Brothers gathering at La Salle Bangkok. On this occasion, we invited Brother Peter Booncherd, the Director of La Salle Bangkok School shared his insight and experiences on school administration and management. His experience gave us deeper insights on school leadership. Thank you very Brother Peter for your sharing! (Br. John Niran FSC)



Myanmar. It was one of the journeys that I am able to enjoy the landmark and the Lasallian mission in Myanmar. The four of us spent time, shared our thoughts and works together that allowed me to see the beauties in every day of our life as a Brother. The session that I had with Fr. Henry Myo Lay SDB was what I need the most right now. I have learned how to overcome and see the values of every challenges in the Brotherhood. I realized how the gifts of God in me are working for my own good. I am inspired to serve more, love more, share more, and listen more because I am brought to a deeper understanding of the evangelical vows.

Moreover, to see and enjoy the beauty of Bagan made me love my country and people even more. I reflected that the history that will always have value. It is important to keep the history of the country in our hearts. Likewise it is obvious that to keep and share the De La Salle's love and legacies for Myanmar students will become one of my tasks. I thank the Brothers who gae us this opportunity to gather, pray, reflect, and enjoy our renew our fraternal bonds. It is truly a blessing. (Br. Joseph Pi FSC)



Visitor's and Auxiliary Visitors' Calendar for December

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Visitor	Malaysia, Leadership Team Mid-Life Brothers Assembly	Philippines, Board Meetings	LEAD PRV	Christmas Holidays
AVMA	Malaysia, Leadership Team Mid-Life Brothers Assembly	Malaysia and Singapore	Singapore	Malaysia Christmas Holidays
AVVF	Malaysia, Leadership Team Mid-Life Brothers Assembly	Thailand, Religious Superiors' Meeting	Thailand, OAV	Christmas Holidays
AVSP	Malaysia, Leadership Team Mid-Life Brothers Assembly Philippines, APLYC11	Philippines, Association of Major Religious Superiors Pastoral Visit, Foreign Brothers Studying/Working in the Philippines	PARC Novitiate, Lecture of Needs and Vocations	Singapore Christmas Holidays

Happy Birthday!

Brother Larry Blake FSC	December 01, 1929
Brother Antonio Cubillas FSC	December 01, 1973
Brother Andrew Loke FSC	December 02, 1955
Brother Patrick Tierney FSC	December 04, 1942
Brother Stephen Pichit Wedcharak FSC	December 05, 1959
Brother John Pongpat Khasochan FSC	December 05, 1990
Brother Seby Matundu FSC	December 05, 1986
Brother Thomas Kha Lee FSC	December 07, 1989
Brother Noel Hrang Lal FSC	December 08, 1977
Brother David Liao FSC	December 12, 1946
Brother Eddy Soe Wai FSC	December 24, 1938
Brother Armin Luistro FSC	December 24, 1961
Brother Johnny Perapong Kaewkanha FSC	December 25, 1989
Brother Benilde Preecha Trikaew FSC	December 27, 1984

Arts and Culture

Batu Caves, Malaysia

Guarded by a spear-toting gold statue of Hindu deity Lord Murugan, the Batu Caves are a Malaysian national treasure and an unmissable day trip from Kuala Lumpur. These limestone caves harbour Hindu temples where murals of mythic scenes gleam behind stalactites, bats flutter in the shadows, and troops of monkeys prey on hapless tourists.

American naturalist William Hornaday is credited with discovering the caves in 1878, though they were known to Chinese settlers (who collected guano) and to local indigenous peoples. The caves are always a colourful experience, but never more so than in late January or early February when hundreds of thousands of pilgrims converge during the three-day Thaipusam festival, in which devotees in a semi-trance walk in procession from KL's Chinatown to the caves.

The cave complex is 13km north of Kuala Lumpur (<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/malaysia/batu-caves>) (Photo: Br. Allan Buenavista FSC)



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