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**Welcome to Hong Kong, Welcome to LEAD Provincialate.** I wish to welcome LEAD Administrator **Br. Richie Yap FSC** to the Provincialate. He arrived yesterday and was greeted by Hong Kong's sweltering August heat. He will be teaching part time at La Salle College, studying at HKU and will be helping out in LEAD in various capacities. After the successful organization of the PARC Young Brothers' Assembly he will be focusing on the International Young Brothers' Assembly to be held next year in Dasmariñas, Philippines. Henceforth, you will be receiving LEAD Story from him.

**Visit to Two Communities in Thailand.** I visited two communities in the Sector of Thailand from August 1 – 6: La Salle Sampran (Formation House) and La Salle Chantaburi. My gratitude to Br. Simon and Br. Stephen for organizing the visit and making the necessary arrangements.

**La Salle Sampran.** There are 13 young men in formation in Sampran, five (5) postulants and eight (8) pre postulants. All 13 study a four-year program at Seangtham College (Lux Mundi), a seminary of the Diocese of Sampran. Their postulancy usually begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their studies while those in their freshmen and sophomore are "pre postulants".

As can be expected of a seminary their curriculum is heavy on theology and scripture but a new program where our candidates are enrolled prepare them to teach catechism, hence they also have courses on pedagogy and teaching methodology. There are in house courses handled by the staff and these consist of English classes and Lasallian courses. Some candidates undergo individual tutoring in English.

Like any formation house, the schedule is highly regimented throughout the week but the daytime is mostly devoted to their studies. They have self-structure days on Thursdays and Sundays although they still need to follow some form of schedule. There are three prayer periods: Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer (which includes a 15 minute meditation), and Night Prayers. Manual work and sports are done daily.

Br. Simon Phanom is the Director of the house and Br. Sebastian Charoen ably assists him as sub director. Both work well together and complement each other well.

### Postulants

Name	Age	College Level	Originated from	Total Years in "Formation"
John Pongphat	21	4 <sup>th</sup> year	Juniorate	11
Benedict Chaiwat	21	4 <sup>th</sup> year		4
Philip Bancha	25	Graduate	North of Thai	
Rafael Thanet	21	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Gabrielite Bros	2
Joseph Thapananan	23	4 <sup>th</sup> year	Student at Chantaburi	2

### Pre Postulants

Name	Age	College Level	Originated from	Total Years in "Formation"
Matthew Thawatchai	21	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Juniorate	8
Paul Anuwat	21	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Juniorate	4
Paul Meakin	25	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	North east Thai	2
Peter Borom	21	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	North east Thai	2
Peter Thawatchai	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	North east Thai	2
Cornelius Surasit		1 <sup>st</sup> year	North east Thai	1
Luke Thatsaworn	18	1 <sup>st</sup> year	Juniorate	7
John Worawut	20	1 <sup>st</sup> year	Juniorate	7

Faternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**

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