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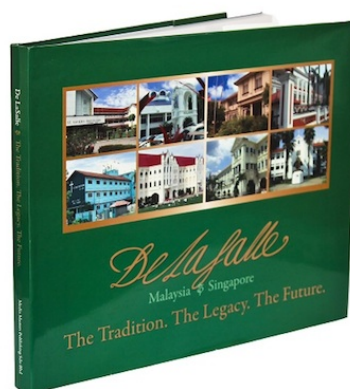
160th Anniversary Celebrations. “160 Years of La Salle” was the banner headline in the Malaysian Star (<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2012/9/9/nation/11996322&sec=nation>) for its report on the Gala Dinner held on 8th Sept in the Renaissance Hotel in KL. Organised by the MFOLSA which has 19 member alumni associations, almost 700 Old Boys and guests attended together with delegations from Thailand and the Philippines. The Guest of Honour was the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who is an old boy of St. John’s Primary KL. Tan Sri Augustine Ong, President of MFOLSA, and Br. Anthony Rogers, Sector Head, in their short addresses welcomed the Sultan and paid tribute to the courage and spirit of the pioneering Brothers who sowed the seeds of the Lasallian mission in Asia. The Sultan led the cake cutting ceremony and all Brothers were invited to join him on stage. He had a very warm greeting for his former Headmaster and teacher, Br. Matthew Liew. This enjoyable family celebration was rounded off by a moving rendition of “We are Lasallian...We come from all nations....”

A week earlier in Singapore, Brothers and teachers from our Lasallian Schools, including the Lasalle College of the Arts, gathered at the Shangri La Hotel to celebrate Teachers Day and to mark 160th anniversary of the founding of our mission in Singapore. Br. Thomas A.V., as guest of honour, spoke of the early travails of our mission in Singapore from which has grown a very dynamic Lasallian family now opening up new pathways for youth based on our core value of ‘inclusiveness with a heart’ During the dinner long serving teachers were honoured and recipients of national awards were recognized. The night was rounded off with the distribution of many valuable prizes and a certain lucky Brother took home a cosmetic set!

Congratulations and thanks to Sector Leaders, Brothers and organizing committees for these two memorable functions. The 160th celebrations will culminate in the in the final “homecoming” dinner to be held in St Xavier’s on 15th December 2012, following the Malaysian Brothers Retreat and Assembly. *(Br. Tom Lavin)*

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