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# TAKE THE LEAD



**Lasallian Youth from Malaysia and Singapore to "Take The Lead" in 2013.** 88 student leaders from 16 schools all over Malaysia and Singapore came together at the La Salle Centre in Ipoh from December 17 to December 20, 2012 for the 22nd NLLC. This year's theme was "Take the Lead".

The organising team made up of young Lasallians, Partners and Brothers put together a dynamic series of events, workshops and input sessions to help the participants gain a better understanding of the Lasallian story, themselves and the social realities in the respective areas.

They are expected to go back energised and ready to take the lead in spreading the Lasallian story in the respective schools and to inspire others in joining the Lasallian mission of the helping the needy and the poor.

Aside from being a powerful venue for imparting the Lasallian story and values, the NLLC has proven to be the wellspring for young Lasallian volunteers in the region. Many of the participants come back to the La Salle Centre to join the growing group of volunteers for the NLLC organising team. *(Br. Arian Lopez)*



**Sector of Japan Retreat and Assembly.** Ten Brothers from the Sector of Japan gathered in Sendai from 26 – 30 December for their annual retreat and assembly. The theme of the Retreat was “Visiting the First LEAD Chapter”. Br. Thomas and I facilitated from the 27th to the 29th looking at the six areas that the Chapter worked on. We took two sessions per day: Interior & Community Life and Formation on Day 1; Lasallian Vocations Promotions and Lasallian Educational Mission on Day 2; Lasallian Association and Governance & Animation on Day 3. The session would be in the morning and the afternoons would be free for prayer and reflection and a Plenary session would take place before evening prayers. Br. George Van Grieken FSC, President of SJI International in Singapore was with us as he continues to get to know LEAD. Thanks to Br. Rodrigo, Sector Leader, for the preparation and organization of the retreat – assembly.




**District Bursar in Thailand.** Br. Jose del Coss, District Bursar, was in Thailand from 3 – 5 January to meet with the some of the Brothers as he tries to have a clearer picture of the resources of LEAD. Since the advent of LEAD, Br. Jose has been visiting the different sectors and talking to the Sector Financial Officers and Sector Leaders. Many thanks to Br. Stephen who arranged for all the meetings in Bangkok.

**Prayers Requested.** Prayers are requested for Br. Alphonsus Chee FSC of Hong Kong who has been in the hospital since 24 December because of respiratory concerns. He is often on oxygen and still weak but his condition is stable.

**Restructuring Meeting in India.** I have been invited to attend an assembly of the Delegation of India on 12 January in Madurai to talk about our experience of restructuring in LEAD. Last August (7th), I was in Colombo to talk about the same topic. Both the District of Colombo and the Delegation of India are in the process of dialogue and reflection as they ponder their options.

Fraternally,

**Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC**  
Hong Kong



**Vocations Promotion.** The following websites offer free resources and ideas that may help in our efforts in promoting our vocation:

[brothersvocation.org](http://brothersvocation.org) is a website of the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) of the Brothers of the Christian Schools dedicated to vocations promotion.

[delasallebrothers.com](http://delasallebrothers.com) is the vocations promotions website of the District of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea.

[vocation.com](http://vocation.com) offers a wealth of resources to young people considering vocations and all Catholics interested in promoting and fostering vocations.

[VISION VocationNetwork.org](http://VISIONVocationNetwork.org) is the most comprehensive resource available in print and online for those seeking information on Catholic religious vocations and men's and women's religious communities.