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1st LEAD Directors' Workshop. 37 Brothers assembled from 1 - 3 February at the Shah Village Hotel in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia for the 1st LEAD Directors' Workshop with the theme: "*Leadership in a Religious Community.*" During those three (3) days, the participants who were current and prospective community Directors were accompanied by their respective Sector Leaders as well as the Brother Visitor and his Auxiliary. The keynote speaker was Sr. Miriam D. Ukeritis, CSJ who facilitated the reflections on the first two days of the Workshop and was also actively involved during the final day. Sr. Miriam has also generously made herself available during her free times for personal consultations on specific issues.

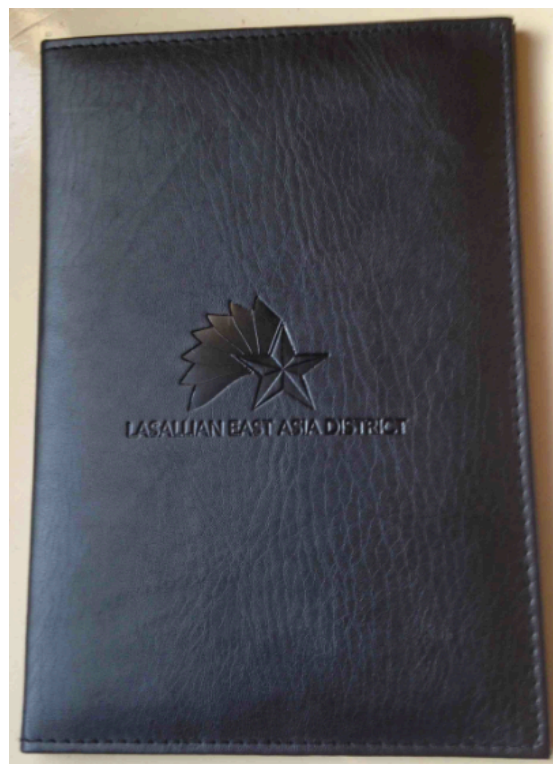
Day 1. Br. Dodo formally welcomed the participants as the Workshop began in the morning of February 1. He introduced Sr. Miriam who began the morning's reflections with input on the theme of "*Facing and Embracing Change*" within the context of the Paschal Mystery. The next part was on "*Emotional Intelligence*" and its role in managing emotions. This session included an EQ Self - Assessment Test for the participants. The afternoon was devoted to the theme of "*The Person of the Leader.*" Sr. Miriam introduced the concept of "*Servant Leadership*" as the model for today's leaders in religious life and connected the facets of emotional intelligence with the qualities of a "Servant Leader." After the sessions, the participants went to La Salle Hall near the former Provincialate of the legacy District of Penang for the Eucharistic Celebration and Dinner hosted by the former students and the Lasallian Family in Malaysia. Fr. Eugene presided the Mass creatively and used various languages within the District during the liturgy. Everyone enjoyed the socials and the Indian - Malaysian dishes, especially the roasted lamb, while Br. Augustine Julian provided a tour of the former Provincialate house to some Brothers.


Day 2. The second day engaged the participants in a more personal way as Sr. Miriam began to talk about "*Community Life and Living.*" She dwelt on the different aspects and styles of community living and the stages of growth of a community while sharing various experiences of different religious congregations. This session gave opportunities for the participants to discuss

current issues on the topic. Sr. Miriam's input shifted to "Local Leadership and Challenging Persons" during the afternoon as she presented the characteristics of "difficult people," their background and how to work with them, including plans for intervention. After the Sunday Mass, the participants had some informal sharing at the poolside before feasting on a Malaysian Satay (Barbecue) Dinner outdoors. The relaxed atmosphere facilitated the sharing of some of the challenges that community Directors face today.

Day 3. The final day commenced with the participants gathering by Sectors to share their thoughts and reflections on the topics of the first two days. During the plenary sharing that followed, the participants were able to hear the common as well as the different concerns of all the Sectors. Afterwards, Br. Vic Franco presented the LEAD "Community Annual Planning Guide," which will serve as a template for the annual planning and evaluation of the communities in the District. This was followed by a session on the "Health Profile, Living Will, and Last Will" by Br. Tom Lavin wherein he provided the participants with copies of sample documents that all the Brothers in the District ought to have. Sr. Miriam was then invited to say a few words about "professional boundaries" before Br. Dodo Fernandez introduced the "LEAD Guidelines on Appropriate Behavior with Minors." Br. Richie Yap followed with an orientation on the "LEAD Web Safety Guidelines." During the afternoon, the participants gathered by Sectors to discuss and plan activities to address concerns and challenges in community life both on the Sector and District level. These plans were presented during the plenary sharing.

The Workshop culminated with a Commissioning Prayer Service prepared by Br. Richie and the ritual included the "Handing of the Obedience" to the Community Directors for 2013 - 2016. The Commissioning Rites invited the Community Directors to be blessed and "prayed over" by everyone before they received the leather-bound "Obedience" with the LEAD Logo debossed on the cover. Everyone celebrated Chinese New Year early with an 8 course dinner at a nearby Chinese restaurant. The meal began with a "Yee Sang" or "Yusheng" (鱼生), which is a Chinese New Year dish made of 27 ingredients and mixed by diners while standing and tossing the shredded






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OF THE LASALLIAN EAST ASIA DISTRICT
OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

appoints

as Community Director
from the year 2013 - 2016.

The Brother Director is at the service of his Brothers
to help them in their spiritual growth
and in accomplishing their vocation as persons
and as a community in the exercise of his responsibilities
and functions as stipulated in Articles 61-63
and other pertinent sections of the Rule of the Brothers
of the Christian Schools.



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BROTHER VISITOR

ingredients into the air with chopsticks. Also known as the “Prosperity Toss,” it is believed that the height of the toss reflects the height of the diner’s growth in fortunes, thus all the Brothers mixed the dish enthusiastically and enjoyed the refreshing taste of its various flavors. Br. Anthony Rogers pointed out that the dish is also a good image of community living. After dinner, some Brothers were able to watch the animated film on the life of the Founder, “Frere De La Salle: Patron Saint of Teachers,” produced by De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde. As the Brothers returned home the following day, the LEAD Council and the Formation Committee held their meetings at the hotel.



The District is grateful to the following: Sr. Miriam Ukeritis, CSJ for her service to the Directors, Br. Anthony Rogers and the Sector of Malaysia for hosting the Workshop, Br. Richie Yap and Mr. Keane Palatino for the program organization, preparations and logistics, Brothers Kelvin Tan, Antonio Cubillas and Rey Mejias for the morning prayer services, Brothers Vic, Tom, and Richie for presenting the documents on Day 3, all the District Council members for their presence and involvement during the Workshop, and the former students and Lasallian Family of Malaysia.

Young Brothers’ Conference: Education Forum and Leadership Training

Workshop. Last January 28 - 31, 2013, 8 Young Brothers in the Philippines gathered at the Central House located inside La Salle Green Hills for an Education Forum & Leadership Training Workshop.

Day 1. In our morning session, Br. Armin Luistro FSC, the Philippine Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary, graced us with his presence as he gave us the scenario of the Philippine public





education. He focused on one major issue; the Out-of-School Youths (OSY) in the country. DepEd has spearheaded different programs to give solutions to this longstanding social concern. They looked promising and Br. Armin challenged us on how Lasallian schools can help out in addressing this issue.

Mr. Jose Miguel Luz was our speaker for the afternoon session. His topic was closely related to the talk we had that morning. He reiterated the strengths, weaknesses, and disconnects in Philippine education, giving emphasis on the 10-Point Agenda of the Aquino Administration but not leaving without handing out statistics regarding dropout rates of the country. We ended Day 1 having a clearer picture of the condition of Philippine education.

Day 2. Assigned Young Brothers presented their country reports (Sectors of Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand) to the group. The education system, La Salle schools, La Salle Brothers, and general atmosphere of those countries were discussed. This gave the group an idea of the diverse educational set-up of LEAD. Afterwards, Br. Steve Hogan FSC, the principal of La Salle College in Hong Kong, showed to us the educational trends and challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region. The trend now is not just to gain knowledge, but also to create it. Critical thinking and its application are of vital importance. The challenge is how to realize it and how to keep up with the fast transitions and changes of the modern world. This includes management of schools and pedagogical innovations.

Days 3 - 4. The 2nd half of our Young Brothers' Conference catered to more practical concerns. For these two days, we had a Leadership Training Workshop facilitated by former La Salle Brother, Mr. Albert Entau. He tackled topics like behavior, needs, motivation, change, labor laws, and leadership with energy and enthusiasm. The activities and cases were relevant and engaging. What's more advantageous is that he discussed these things having the background of where we're coming from, in the point-of-view of Young Brothers.

The experiences of this 4-day Conference have been a blessing. As Young Brothers who will eventually fill in administrative positions in the future, it is truly beneficial to be prepared and

equipped with the knowledge and skills to face the challenges of managing a school. (Br. Michael Cua)



LASALLE Public Lecture Series: Lord David Puttnam. “With 30 years of film-making experience under his belt, award-winning British film producer Lord David Puttnam appears to have found the magic script to any successful film. His films such as *The Mission*, *The Killing Fields*, *Local Hero*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Midnight Express*, *Bugsy Malone* and *Memphis Belle* have won him 10 Oscars, 25 BAFTAs and a Palme D’Or at Cannes.

“Today, the 71-year-old is one of the leading creative leaders in the world. In addition to the recognition for his film works, Lord David Puttnam has garnered stellar accolades including a knighthood in 1995 and an appointment to the House of Lords in 1997.

“The famed producer is also known for his close engagement with education – after retiring from film production in 1998, Lord David Puttnam shifted his focus to providing quality teaching. He founded the National Teaching Awards in the UK and became the first chair of the General Teaching Council. The Puttnam School of Film at LASALLE was named in his honour and he continues to visit the school to give masterclasses to LASALLE's film students.

“His dedication towards education and the environment further led to his foray into public policy. Besides serving as president of UNICEF UK from 2002 to 2009, Lord David Puttnam also took on the role of chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill and Communications Bill.

“The lecture will take place on Tuesday, 19 February 2013, 7pm, at The Singapore Airlines Theatre at LASALLE, 1 McNally Street. Admission is free and on a first-come-first-served basis.” (<http://www.lasalle.edu.sg>)

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