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**Hong Kong Music Festival Champions: La Salle College Wind Orchestra and Chinese Orchestra.** “On Wednesday the 6th March both the Wind Orchestra and the Chinese Orchestra of La Salle College in Kowloon competed in the 1st Division of their respective competitions in the 65th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival and both were awarded Champion. Congratulations to all the orchestral team members, Mr. Wan and Mr. Lam, their teacher mentors, and Mr. Ngai, conductor of the Wind Orchestra, and Mr. Ng conductor of the Chinese Orchestra.

“The Wind Orchestra competed in the morning and the Chinese Orchestra in the afternoon. The judges in both competitions commented on the boys skill and obvious amount of hard work and training that had gone into such disciplined, high-quality performances, but the significant point of difference they saw when compared with the second place winner was the team work, consistency, and soul that the boys had in their competition pieces.

“Also, to note, both the Chinese Orchestra and Wind Orchestra were awarded Champion earlier this year in the Music Inter-flow competition. The Wind Orchestra went on to win the Winners Final.



This is the first time for La Salle College's Orchestras to win Champion in both competitions in the same year.

"On returning to school staff have commented that while winning the boys were able to suggest how they could improve and at the same time commending the other teams for ways in which they may have exhibited superior skill and from which they could learn. This reflective humility is admired and to be encouraged." ([www.lasalle.edu.hk](http://www.lasalle.edu.hk))

**Another Young Lasallian Honored as "Manila's 40 Under 40"**. Joining three other Lasallians from De La Salle Santiago Zobel awarded by Devex last 19 February (see *LEAD Story 87*) is a graduate of BSBA Major in Economics Batch 1999 of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas, Ryan Patrick Evangelista.

"Evangelista, who currently holds the post of executive director of and COO of U-ACT was honored for being youngest deputy secretary-general for policy and advocacy of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and his role in co-founding the Universal Access to Competitiveness and Trade (U-ACT), PCCI's designated trade policy arm. Throughout his career, he was able to successfully advise and consult with leaders of the private sector and international organizations, among them the United Nations and the U.S. Agency for International Development, on issues concerning trade and policy, resulting in development projects implemented all over the world.

"Evangelista, who was named one of the 20 emerging leaders of the Australia - ASEAN Emerging Leaders Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2011, was also responsible for authoring research publications on stakeholder dialogue mechanism and SME participation in trade policy formulation. ([http://www.dlsud.edu.ph/achievers\\_page/news/alumni/2013/devlead.htm](http://www.dlsud.edu.ph/achievers_page/news/alumni/2013/devlead.htm))



**Brother Charles Wolff Tree.** On 4 January 2013 a Musenda tree was planted in the newly designated Br. Charles Garden by Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng. In his speech the Chief Minister spoke warmly of the La Salle Brothers and the number of distinguished people educated at SXI. In memory of Br. Charles he gave a donation of RM10000 to the school.

In recent times the state government repaired the sea wall at the edge of the playing field, and contributed to the extension of the canteen at a cost of RM190,000. Br. Anthony Rogers, Malaysia Sector Head, spoke of the long tradition of close collaboration between the Brothers and the authorities, and the unflinching support of the people of Penang for SXI. The chairman of the Board of Governors Dr. Francis Loh expressed the School Board's appreciation to the Penang State Government.  
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**Tribute to Br. Xavier FSC.** On the 30th January, 2013, St Joseph's College arranged a Mass to celebrate the life of Brother Xavier, also known as Brother David Jones. Although the Mass was at 7.30am, it attracted a goodly congregation of Brothers, Old Boys and students. The celebrant fused the gospel reading nicely with Brother Xavier's life and the general intercessions called on God's generosity and mercy. At the end of the Mass, the Brothers sang the Salve Regina, after which school Supervisor, Brother Thomas Favier, delivered a very fine and touching appreciation of Brother Xavier, highlighting a number of his human and spiritual qualities. (*The Gateway 45 | March 2013*)



**Christian Brother's Schools Sports Association Athletics' Meet.** Valentine's Day provided the date and Wanchai Sports Stadium the venue for this year's Christian Brothers' Schools Athletic Meet. (De La Salle Secondary School, Chan Sui Ki La Salle, Chong Gene Hang College, and La Salle College all sent teams.) Everything ran smoothly, including the weather. Brother Thomas Lavin was Guest of Honour. He reminded all the athletes that, besides their own individual families, they belonged to the large Lasallian Family of Hong Kong and the world. As such, they must start by loving their own schools. He also thanked the school Principals and P.E. teachers who have been supporting this athletic gathering for so many years, since 1974 in fact, when the Association was founded. The occasion suitably rounded off our Chinese New Year celebrations. (*The Gateway 45 | March 2013*)



**Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary at 40.** As part of its 40th anniversary celebrations, Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School held a grand gala dinner on the 23rd February. There were 28 tables and guests were treated to a sumptuous Chinese course of dishes. The dinner was nicely punctuated with student performances, the cutting of a massive anniversary birthday cake, presentation of long-service awards to staff, lucky



draws and down-memory-lane videos. The function was well supported by principals and supervisors of our Lasallian schools in Hong Kong. Here's looking forward to the golden jubilee in 10 years' time. (*The Gateway 45 | March 2013*)

**Remembering Br. Peter Phelan FSC.** On the occasion of the 3rd death anniversary of Br. Peter Phelan FSC, who passed away last 27 February 2010, the February 2013 issue of "La Salle Malaysia" featured one of his legacies:

***Nabawan, Sabah: A project for the poor and the neglected.*** "In 1991, a small hostel was opened by the La Salle Brothers in a temporary location using an old church building. The project was to help students from surrounding more remote localities. It all started when Brother Peter Phelan saw the acute urgency to provide living accommodation for good but poor and needy village students studying in Nabawan to give them a better chance to success in life.



"Nabawan itself is rather remote - 195 kilometers from Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah. About 90% of the population of Nabawan district is Murut. Due to the lack of infrastructure and its remoteness, it can be considered an underprivileged area. There was only one government secondary school in the district at that time. However, the construction of another secondary school (*SMK Nabawan 2, approximately 10 kilometers from the present SMK Nabawan*) was completed and is fully operating now .

"The hostel had been successful over the past 10 years and with the acquisition of a suitable site of 2 acres, a new hostel was erected and completed. Apart from the provision of dormitories, dining room and kitchen, it also includes an office, study rooms, audio-visual room. library, chapel, computer room, indoor recreation room, toilet and bathroom, a workshop and staff quarters. Construction of the project started in early 1999, completed 12 months later and occupied some three months after that. The official opening took place on 27th April 2002."





**The New Asrama Butitin Nabawan.** “Asrama Butitin Committee was formed in November 1998 for the purpose of building the hostel. This committee was under the umbrella of the Association of Ex-Students of La Salle and Sacred Heart, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

“The foundation stone for Asrama Butitin was laid by Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Bernard Dompok, the then Chief Minister of Sabah on 23rd January 1999. On that occasion, the Chief Minister presented a grant from the state government of RM500,000.00 (US\$ 167,000.00). This amount to 37% of the contract sum for building the hostel (excluding furnishing).”

**The Students of Asrama Butitin Nabawan.** “All the students of Asrama Butitin go to SMK Nabawan, a government secondary school. Ideally a boarder would stay in the hostel for a period of five years. Experiences has shown that boarders who enter the hostel at the impressionable age of 12 more readily adapt themselves to a regular routine and inculcate in themselves traits of faithfulness and loyalty. Those who, in the past, were admitted at a later stage were less amendable to adaptation and commitment.

“The boarders receive three meals each day. To food bill per boarder per month averages around RM 200.00 (US\$ 67.00). At present, the boarders are asked to pay RM 20.00 (US\$ 6.70) per month and the rest is subsidised by the La Salle Brothers and by donations.”

Programme of Activities include: *Studies (Academic and Learning Skills), Information and Communication Technology, Spiritual Life, Leadership Training, Community Life, Living Skills (Cooking/Bakery, Organic Farming and Fish Rearing) and Guidance and Counseling.*

Two Brothers are currently full - time staff of Asrama Butitin: Br. Joikul Egbertus Bin Sevelinus Borahim as the Brother - In - Charge and Br. Herbertus Gampok as Bursar.

**DLSU Research Congress 2013.** “The Research Congress 2013 (formerly the Science and Technology Congress) is an annual event organized by De La Salle University which was held last March 7 - 9, 2013. This year's theme is "A Commitment to Serve: Lasallian Research for the Next 100 Years". The congress provides an opportunity for researchers, educators and students to disseminate their research outputs and a venue for discussion and exchange of new ideas and application experiences, and to find partners for future collaboration. Among the keynote speakers was 2010 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry, Professor Richard Heck, an adjunct professor of the Chemistry Department, DLSU.” ([http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/conferences/dlsu\\_research\\_congress/2013/](http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/conferences/dlsu_research_congress/2013/))



**New Lasallian Research Available.** New Lasallian resources are now available. The latest [Digital Journal of Lasallian Research](#) includes a focus on the Rights of the Child. All issues are accessible through the Institute website. A new issue of [AXIS: Journal of Lasallian Higher Education](#) of the Institute for Lasallian Studies at St. Mary's University of Minnesota is also available. “AXIS: Journal of Lasallian Higher Education exists to encourage and share original scholarly and creative works about, and texts of historic significance to Lasallian Catholic Higher Education.” (<http://axis.smumn.edu>)



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**Buttimer Projects.** Participants in the Buttimer programme work on practical projects for implementation in their home District. Br. Tony Cummins, Vocations Director for the District of ANZPPNG has prepared a powerpoint for Young Lasallians: “Lasallian Spirituality: a gift to live and to share.” You may find Tony as a useful Young Lasallians resource person in your Sector. (PARCVIEW: 06/03/13)

**Young Lasallians Symposium February 2014.** James Camden, ICYL representative for PARC has sent you a letter with proposed Delegates. You will notice we are looking for a teacher or Brother who fits the criteria as the other Young Lasallians are well covered. It is imperative that those attending commit to action in their home Sector upon their return. (PARCVIEW: 06/03/13)

Fraternally,

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