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Visit to the Communities in Japan. I visited our three communities in the Sector of Japan from 3 - 10 March. I began with the community in Kagoshima, south of Japan. Instead of going through Tokyo I flew to Fukuoka which is a shorter distance from HKG. I was met by Br. Jose del Coss, Director of the community and we travelled by train to Kagoshima. We were met in the station by two members of the community, Br. Domingo Villamil and Br. Victor Gutierrez, they were with Sector Leader Br. Rodrigo Trevino. We had a quiet dinner at a nearby Shabu Shabu restaurant. The next day, the 4th, I interviewed Domingo and Victor and Br. Fujita, Bursar of the Sector. The latter two have various involvements in La Salle Gakuen including work in the dormitory, helping out in the school library, catechism classes in the parish, moderator of some sports clubs. Next year they will be taking in some teaching responsibilities. The next day, before Rodrigo and I flew out to Hakodate, I met Jose for reditions.

During the visit La Salle Kagoshima broke ground for their new dormitory. It will be a modern facility that will house the junior and senior high school students. Two years in the planning, it will be inaugurated in 2015.

On the evening of the 5th we landed in Hakodate in Hokkaido island where we were met by Br. Andre Labelle, Director and Br. Mark Maheu. While they are nearly towards the end of winter Hakodate still has below 0 temperatures. We proceeded to the community for dinner with Br. Fermin Martinez, Principal of Hakodate La Salle, joining us after. The 6th was devoted to interviews and the community meeting. Br. Andre is the President (chairman) of the Board and holds office in the school. Br. Fermin is the Principal and handles the day to day operations with the help of able lay partners. Br. Mark does "ministry of presence" and often greets the students by the school entrance every morning.





Br. Rodrigo and I flew to Sendai on the 7th arriving in the evening. The 8th I interviewed Br. Antonio Cubillas, Director and Br. Ohtomo (Rodrigo is the third member of the community). On March 9 we had the Sector Council meeting which practically took the whole day. March 9 also happened to be Br. Sector Leader's 60th birthday! In the evening we all went to a sushi bar where we had a nice, simple Japanese dinner. I flew out on the 10th.

I wish to thank Br. Rodrigo Trevino for organizing my visit and to the Directors, Jose, Andre and Antonio.



Myanmar Finances Turnover. As part of the turnover of the Sector of Myanmar, Br. Mark Murphy met with a finance team from the Philippines to turn over all matters related to the finances of Myanmar. Br. Mark prepared a voluminous folder detailing budget concerns, funds and investments. Members of the team from the Philippines included Mr. Vic Gamo, Mr. Ferdie Fernandez, Ms. Caroy Labrador, Mr. Deo Navarro and Ms. Marivikk Viñas. The team was headed by Br. Dante Amisola, sector bursar.

“The Lion King” at SMI. The Annual School Drama of St. Michael's Institution in Ipoh, Malaysia will be held on April 12, 13 and 14, 2013 at 7:45 PM. This year's play will showcase "The Lion King". Themed, " A NIGHT OF DOUBLE JOY," Michaelian Talentime 2013 will also be presented back to back with the drama. The coordinator of the Talentime is Miss Foong Yin Pui while the director of the play is Miss Corrinne Mah, who brought to life "Mulan" in 2005, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in 2006, "Hercules" in 2007 and "Camelot" in 2008.



Prayers for Pakistan. “You may be aware of the news in Pakistan, that 185 Christian houses were burnt and looted by a mob of Muslim extremist. They had accused one Christian young man Sawan Masih of blasphemy. He was arrested on Friday, still the houses were burnt on March 9, 2013. Christians in all over Pakistan are protesting. All our Christian schools in the country are closed in protest. We need your prayers for the victims of Joseph Colony Badami Bagh Lahore.” *(Pauline Toms)*



Lasallians Win Philippine Ultimate Association’s New Year’s League.

“Congratulations to Lasallian Ultimate (LU), led by its Team Organizer and Coach Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC, together with Br. Sockie de la Rosa FSC, for winning its third consecutive championship in Pool B in the New Year’s League organized by the Philippine Ultimate Association held at the Greenfields Sports Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The team won the final game versus Klaw (of Biñan, Laguna) in a three hour game with the score of 15-7. All in all, this is the fifth championship of the team including one beach ultimate league crown in Bagac, Bataan last December 2012. The team has lost only one game in 40 matches since its first championship in the last three years. Twice it has won the championship via sweep from the elimination round to the finals.

“Lasallian Ultimate is an Ultimate (Frisbee) Team is composed of high school and college students, alumni, faculty and health service professionals of four schools: De La Salle University - Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), De La Salle Health Sciences Institute, De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) and De La Salle University (DLSU). One member of the team is now a Brother, Joseph Daluz, and another is an aspirant, Chuck Magno. (*De La Salle Philippines Central House Bulletin 1213 - 16*)

Critical Issues in Contemporary Art. LASALLE College of the Arts is publishing Singapore’s first critical art journal entitled *ISSUE*. The annual publication is produced by Milenko Prvacki, Senior Fellow at LASALLE in collaboration with a guest editor each year. *ISSUE* seeks to gather a range of practices, much of which are the result of intensive research. The majority of the articles are image-based, offering different practices in the region as well as the Middle East.

Said Prvacki, “We hope that *ISSUE* will act as an interdisciplinary tool to



stimulate dialogue and collaboration between people working in the arts, not only in Asia but around the world.” Each edition will focus on a specific “issue” through explorations & discussions across various art forms, projects, essays, exhibitions & interviews.

This first volume features guest editor Dr. Charles Merewether, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art Singapore. He explained, “The condition and future of LAND is fragile, even precarious, under the pressure of development. This has encouraged greater exploration and research of its history, both in its telling and as a point around which to argue for its existing value.” The journal will be distributed free this first year. The public is invited to attend the official launch on Friday, 22 March 2013, at LASALLE College of the Arts. Alternatively, write to olivia.c@lasalle.edu.sg to request a copy. (<http://www.lasalle.edu.sg>)



Cooking with Bro. Catch five Brothers teaching the young in cooking their favorite recipes in the first season of “Cooking with Bro,” a project of the Zoob TV of De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) School. Zoob TV is DLSZ’s cable TV channel in the Philippines. The project, “Cooking with Bro” showcases the culinary expertise of Brothers while promoting their Vocations through the stories and anecdotes they share while teaching select students from DLSZ in preparing hearty and healthy meals. You can view all the episodes in Youtube through this shortened URL link: <http://goo.gl/HYPVy>



Episode 1

Br. Iñigo Riola FSC

Squash and Cheese

Part 1
<http://youtu.be/diTipE0CzYI>

Part 2
<http://youtu.be/yLOGkmi8-LU>

Episode 2

Br. Sockie dela Rosa FSC

Ultimate Chocolate Pancakes

Part 1
http://youtu.be/ICM_A6uA0NA

Part 2
<http://youtu.be/67tUilnXpUw>

Episodes 3 and 4

Br. Lazaro Rodriguez FSC

Lasallian Maki

<http://youtu.be/ve9fieVpdBA>

Mexican Fish Tacos

<http://youtu.be/yZUhg0CYT6Q>

Episode 5

Br. Butch Alcudia FSC

Vegetarian Lasagna

<http://youtu.be/UuF114kfWQs>

Solemnity of St. Joseph. Today, 19 March, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, Institute Patron and the Installation of Pope Francis; a day of rejoicing for the Institute and the Universal Church. (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

St. Anthony of Padua School Jakarta. St. Anthony's is primary school of 326 students and 30 staff in Jakarta, very near the international airport. It was founded by a very dedicated group of women who invited Mimi Taher, formerly of De La Salle University, Manado to be the Principal. I have visited the school twice to give staff formation. During my recent visit I conducted a programme on "The Vocation of the Teacher" which was the topic suggested by the Principal. The Foundation (Board) and Principal have invited more involvement by the PARC office as they have requested further formation on "The Twelve Virtues" and "The Conduct of Schools". John Pill will make a familiarization visit there next month. St. Anthony's is yet another example of the evolving story of "Association." (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

Postulancy Colombo. The Postulancy in Colombo is a collaborative venture between the District of Colombo, Delegation of India and Sector of Pakistan (ANZPPNG). Br. Christopher, President and I spent a very interesting session with the five postulants last week. We were impressed with how they shared about their experience and the questions they asked related to the Institute. The staff are Brothers Jerald, Director (India), Emmanuel (Colombo) and Philip (Ireland). The production "REAMS" informs regularly on the Postulancy. (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

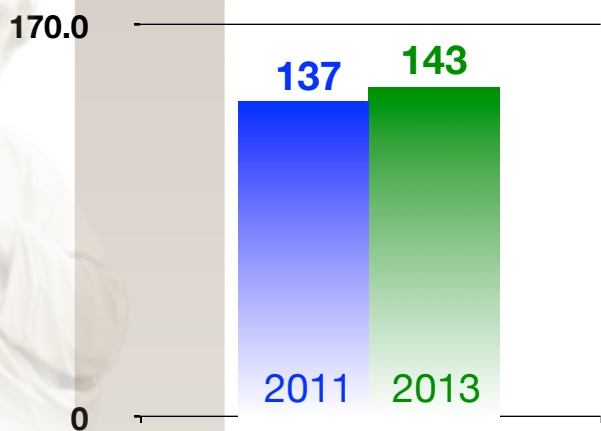
Lasallian Staff Formation Day Singapore. This is an annual day when the 700 staff of Lasallian Schools comes together for a morning of formation and an afternoon involved in service projects. Teachers new to the Lasallian school met in the afternoon for an induction programme facilitated by Bro Collin Wee. This year 110 teachers attended.

The theme of the day was; "Nurturing the Lasallian Charism: Revisiting Teacher-Student Relationships". Presenters were Br. John Pill from the PARC office and Ms. Margarita Pillay formerly of St. Xavier's Institution in Penang. Congratulations to Br. Nicholas Seet, Mr. Lucas Lak (Supervisor of Schools) and their collaborators for organizing a very valuable programme. (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

International Assembly 2013. LEAD delegates who form part of the PARC delegation attending IA 13 are meeting in Dasmarias this coming weekend with Brothers Edmundo Fernandez, Thomas Lavin and John Pill providing input. The registration and lodging fees for the Assembly are noted in item 14.0 of the PARC 36 minutes. (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

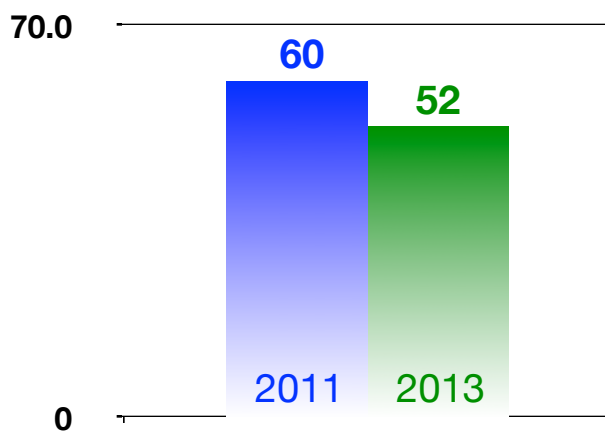
Vocations Novena. Today 18th March marks the beginning of the traditional novena for vocations. This may be a good time for personal and communal reflection on section 3 of Circular 466: "Being a Brother: Offering others a Way of Life." Let's keep praying and working for Brothers' and other Lasallian vocations. (PARCVIEW: 18/03/13)

Latest LEAD Statistics. Below are the latest statistics of LEAD as of 15 March 2013:



Number of Brothers

* Six (6) Brothers passed away from 2012 - 2013

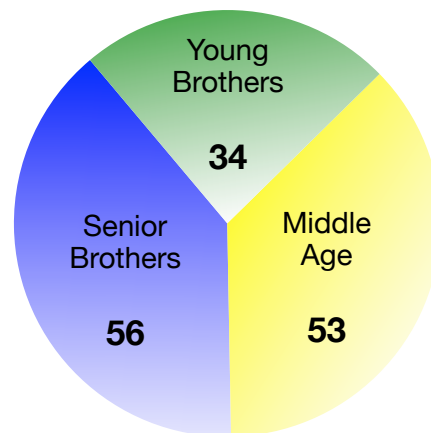


Average Age

Calendar of the Visitor. My schedule for the month of March are as follows:

March

16 - 22	Thailand	<i>Canonical Visit</i>
22 - 24	Philippines	<i>International Assembly 2013 LEAD Delegates Meeting (Dasmariñas)</i>
24 - 31	Thailand	<i>Holy Week Retreat</i>



Fraternally,

Br. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC
Thailand

The 10 Skills Modern Teachers Must Have. This is an informative and insightful article from edudemic.com : <http://edudemic.com/2013/03/the-10-skills-modern-teachers-must-have>

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