

I. INTRODUCTION

This report gives an account of the activities of the Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) for the period from 1st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009.

II. GENESIS OF YLK

The YLK is a charitable organization established by some former students of St. Joseph's School Kuching and Sacred Heart School Sibu on the initiative of Bro. Albinus O'Flaherty, former principal of St. Joseph's School and Sacred Heart School Sibu. It is a non-profit making organization to promote the development of tuition and learning centres for disadvantaged students irrespective of race and religion. This service, known as the LaSallian Rural Education Service (LRES), provided by YLK was approved by the Brother Visitor in Council of the De La Salle Brothers of Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. The objectives can be summarized as follows:

- to maintain and promote the LaSallian education image;
- to provide funding for educational programmes for the disadvantaged;
- to undertake such programmes as an independent concern.

III. REGISTRATION

The YLK is a registered society. The registration was approved by the Registrar of Societies, Malaysia. The Certificate of Registration number is PPM/SK4150/03(4) dated 10th January, 2004 and the registration number is 49-03-15.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of YLK is 27.

V. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2009

The 6th AGM was held on 11th July, 2009. The elected Officer-bearers and Committee Members are:

Datuk Christopher Sim	: Chairman
William Chong	: Hon. Secretary
Richard Kiew	: Hon. Treasurer
Bro. Albinus O'Flaherty	: Member
Dr. Lim Choon Yang	: Member
Martin Chai	: Member
Anthony Sia	: Member
Jacob Wong	: Member

Bernard Chong was appointed Auditor.

In line with the decision of the meeting, Bro. Justin Mobilik, Director of YLK Education Programme, was co-opted to the Committee.

In accordance with the Constitution of the YLK, the following office-bearers remained as signatories (any two of the three to sign) for all cheques or withdrawal notices:

Datuk Christopher Sim	: Chairman
William Chong	: Hon. Secretary
Richard Kiew	: Hon. Treasurer

The YLK Annual Return 2008 was submitted to the Registrar of Societies on 26th July, 2009.

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the year, the YLK held three Committee Meetings on 17 January, 14 May and 19 December. An Extraordinary Committee Meeting was also held on 4 September. In addition, members of the Committee met frequently to attend to operational matters to ensure the proper running of all YLK programmes. Matters of interest are highlighted below:

- a) Following the meeting with the school authority of S.K. Stutong and parents of students, a new centre was set up. The centre started operation in April with 36 primary 5 and 6 students at the 2nd Floor of a rented shophouse in Stutong Baru.
- b) A special class for slow learners was started in St. John's Centre, Singai. Training sessions on the teaching technique were conducted for the facilitators of this learning centre.

- c) One training session was conducted in Kuching by Bro. John De Cruz for all YLK Supervisors and teachers on 20th June, 2009. The agenda of this training included:
- What is a learning programme?;
 - The LaSallian School System; and
 - The Spirit of Faith.
- d) The YLK Extraordinary Committee Meeting decided that YLK would proceed to sign the application for a licence from the Education Ministry to operate a private primary school and a private secondary school following the Malaysian National Curriculum to assist the Archbishop's Private School Committee. In the event the licence is approved the YLK would be the licence holder while the Archbishop's Private School Committee would be the operator. Details will be discussed for the purpose of mutual co-operation.
- e) The amendment to the YLK Constitution to include the setting up of a private national type school and the collection of school fees has not been approved yet by the Registrar of Societies. A reminder has been sent.
- f) The application for tax exemption to donors for donations received by YLK has not been approved yet by Jabatan Dasar Percukaian. A reminder has been sent.
- g) The 1st draft Operational Procedures No. 1 for the Setting Up and Running of Tuition and Learning Centres, No. 2 Guide-lines on Supervisor Management of Tuition and Learning Centres and No. 3 Reserve Fund have been completed for eventual approval and implementation so that all YLK management, administration and operations can be formerly standardized.
- h) St. Theresa's Centre Serian was closed down due to the expiry of the tenancy of the premises, and also the unavailability of suitable teachers, in particular, a good quality supervisor. The service in Serian may be restarted if there is sufficient funds to cover rental for a suitable premise, and also if we can find suitable supervisor and teachers.
- i) Periodic meetings between the Director of the YLK Education Programme and Supervisors have been initiated to improve supervision and management including teaching in all YLK centres.
- j) The YLK continues to sponsor poor students from the urban town centre for tuition in St. Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre.

VII. YLK CENTRES

The YLK now has 5 centres.

Appended below are statistics of these Centres:

a) St. Matthew's Centre, Kampung Sibuluh

Supervisor : Paul Rijet Niset

Teachers : Komi ak Dehem
Rosline Nyotem
Akui ak Ahai
Lipeng ak Nyogien

Students : 12 primary 5
17 primary 6

UPSR Results	<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
	1A	9A	6A
	8B	4B	6B
	5C	2C	4C
	2D 1E	1D 1E	1E

b) St. John's Centre, Singai

Supervisor : Vincent Disun Sijore

Teachers : James Bigol
Dominic Dondang Luanka
Mary Clement
Akong Singin
Lenora (Siti Zulaikha)

Facilitators in Learning Centre (For Slow Learners) : Jesrim Anak Akok
Bernardine Phyllis
Mary Clement
Dondang Luanka
Margaret Clement
Haslina Ak. Welis
Stephanie Ak. Rescia
Fabian Nyirun

Students : 18 primary 5
14 primary 6
14 in Learning Centre from year 1 – year 4

UPSR Results	: <u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
	9B	2A	1A
	3C	5B	5B
	1D	5C	4C
	1E	1D	2D
		1E	2E

c) St. Luke's Centre, Apar

Supervisor : Jentry Ak. Sinol

Teachers : David Bindick ak. Teck Soon
Lipeng ak. Nyogien
Jennifer ak. Chapi

Students : 15 primary 4
14 primary 5
12 primary 6

UPSR Results	: <u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
	3A	6A	4A
	4B	5B	6B
	4C	1D	1C
	1E		1E

d) St. Mark's Centre, Stass

Supervisor : Stephen Lijong

Teachers : Paul Dency
Ginnea Ak. Nyoneg
Joe Ak. Mito
Victoria Ak. David (left in August and replaced by Razul Ak. Petrus Noyed)

Students : 22 primary 5
21 primary 6

UPSR Results	: <u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
	4A	4A	4A
	9B	6B	13B
	8C	11C	5C
	1D	1D	

e) La Salle Centre, Stutong

Supervisor : Loong Sun Seng

Teachers : Andrew Lam
Chin Shaw Kiong
Leong Soh Mei
Dayang Suraya
Rose Hii

Students : 36 primary 5 and primary 6

UPSR Results	: <u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>
	1A	1A	1A
	4B	3B	3B
	6C	6C	7C
	7D	7D	5D
	3E	4E	5E

VIII. APPRAISAL OF THE YLK EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The YLK is set up with the very specific purpose of providing children in rural areas with the opportunities to progress in their studies to the best of their abilities. This is directed towards the poor, the marginalized and slow learners in the spirit of John De LaSalle, in line with the LaSallian Spirit of the LaSallian Mission set out by the LaSalle Brothers. Thus the spirit of service and voluntarism is vital to the YLK mission. Greater effort must now be made by all concerned to ensure that everyone participating in the YLK education programme is not driven by any personal or financial gains but a passion to help the last, the lost and the least. All our supervisors and teachers must be imbued with the spirit of charitable service towards the children in their care. We would devote greater attention to foster this attitude in all concerned. The need to familiarize ourselves with the LaSallian Spiritually is urgent. An effort in this direction has been initiated in some centres and the outcome is quite positive. It will therefore, continue in every centre.

There had not been many dialogue sessions between the supervisors/teachers and parents of students. This dialogue activity can improve our efforts to help the students.

On the whole, student discipline was satisfactory. The students generally made notable progress in their studies. The idea is that we are here not so much to see the students scoring more As but to see the poor students, especially those who cannot even read and write, make good progress.

IX. FINANCE

Despite the economic hardship in many quarters, donations received have surpassed all other years due largely to a few substantial contributions from corporate bodies and Sacred Heart Old Boys' Reunions. The notable corporate bodies are Sarawak Foundation, KTS Mutual Sdn. Bhd., Star Foundation and Sarawak Timber Association Mutual Sdn. Bhd. A good number of old students of the LaSalle Mission schools continued to give their unwavering financial support.

X. AUDITED ACCOUNT

The audited account for the year ending 31 December, 2009 is annexed as Appendix A.

XI. APPRECIATION

A note of thanks to all our benefactors for their financial support and to supervisors and teachers for the services rendered in all YLK Centres. We rely on their continued commitment to help us to help the last, the lost and the least in education. We remain faithful to our mission.

“I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

(William Chong)
Secretary,
Yayasan LaSallian Kuching

31st December, 2009