



## Message from Br Albinus, Advisor

### Discovering Our Gifts...



The seal can look miserable lying on rocks. It seems like a gigantic blob of useless fat and shapeless flesh. He appears not so much living as dying, without any energy or spirit, a kind of pathetic creature that inspires pity rather than admiration. But of course he is out of his element on the rocks.

Then in time he begins to manoeuvre himself towards the sea by slow, cumbersome movements which can be painful to watch. But once he hits the water, he is transformed. Now he seems to become another creature—sleek, beautiful and completely at ease. He is now in his element.

Our students too need to find their element to be seen at their best. That really is why they come for tuition or learning. We in our various Centres have to help them discover their real talents. Very often unfortunately some students do not realise the talents they have. This is sad. It has been said that our true birthplace is the place where we discover our gifts.

As we saw during our assembly last December students who may appear slow in learning can display unusual talent away from the classroom. So after the talent has been recognised, comes the task of developing it. No easy task indeed. Every talent even the most instinctive, has to be practised to be made perfect. Taking care of our gifts is not the same as keeping them in a vault.

Some talents wither and die if left undeveloped and unused. Penguins for example have wings yet they cannot fly. Why? Is it that they once could fly but didn't and so in time lost the ability? Even when a talent is recognised and developed, a lot of hard work, discipline and patience are required if it is to bear fruit as it were.

So like the seal, students need to find their element if they are to be seen at their best. Wonderful things can happen to them when they do the thing for which they were destined. All this sounds maybe too idealistic but, it can help us as teachers and supervisors to keep our dream alive... the dream to help the students cross the boundaries into a new life... to make learning a lifelong love.

**Br David Hawke**, General Councillor, Pacific-Asia Regional Conference visited the LaSallian Family in Kuching.

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## YLK Students Enjoyed Generosity of Kelab AmBank Group ...

Kelab AmBank Group (KAG) hosted a grand pre-Gawai celebration for 50 of YLK students and guardians at Boulevard Shopping Mall. This is KAG's inaugural Gawai Celebration in Sarawak. The celebration ended with a great dinner at Kenny Rogers Roasters Restaurant.



Tuan Syed Anuar Syed Ali, President of KAG is also a LaSallian and sporting sang his alma mater song.



Mr Peter Yap, Chairman, YLK thanked KAG for its thoughtfulness and generous spirit of giving.



KAG also extended its generosity to YLK with a donation of RM5,000-00.



Wow! Ang Pau and Goodies! - Children were given RM150 voucher to shop at Boulevard outlets.

"On behalf of YLK and its students, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to KAG's contribution towards our cause and for bringing the children to the mall here. We hope KAG will continue to sponsor our children and that more organisations will emulate KAG's generosity," said Mr Peter Yap.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 10th Annual General Meeting of Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) was held on 13 April 2013 at the Resource Room of the Mill Hill Block at St Joseph's Secondary School, Kuching.

In his welcoming address, Peter Yap, Chairman expressed his thanks to all for the good teamwork and cooperation rendered by all parties that resulted in a fruitful and meaningful past 12 months. He also informed that ECM Libra has agreed to extend its sponsorship to 2013. ECM Libra would sponsor two 20-footer containers to be converted into YLK's own classrooms for its La Salle Centre, Skibang.

The minutes of the 9th AGM was confirmed by William Chong and seconded by Andrew Law.

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# ECM Libra Foundation... Generosity from the Heart...

YLK's sponsor since 2010, ECM Libra Foundation visited our Centres on 18 - 19 July 2013. Dato' Seri Kalimullah bin Hassan, Chairman, Board of Trustees together with Mr Lim Beng Choon, Trustee and Cheah Sook Lian, Senior Manager checked out the progress of the Container Classrooms at La Salle Centre, Skibang.

Besides Skibang, our guests visited La Salle Centre, Singai, La Salle Centre, Stutong and La Salle Centre, BDC.

A Dialogue Session was held between ECM Libra and YLK and among the issues discussed were the way forward and how creative teaching methods can aid children to be more interested in their studies.



On behalf of YLK, we would like to thank Dato' Seri, Mr Lim Beng Choon and Ms Cheah Sook Lian for taking time to visit us and most of all, for their continuous support and generosity.



"We would like to thank you for helping us to help other people," said Dato' Seri Kalimullah bin Hassan.

**Generous Hearts...** Dato' Seri Kalimullah (Centre) with Mr Lim Beng Choon (Left) and Ms Cheah Sook Lian (Right) were happy to see YLK's own centre at Skibang; made possible by ECM Libra Foundation.



La Salle Centre, Singai.



Who's Gone AWOL @ La Salle Centre, Stutong?

## New Committee Members 2013 - 2014



Br Albinus (Advisor)



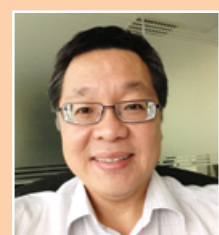
Nicholas Hu (Treasurer)



**Front Row** (Left to Right): Peter Yap (Chairman), Jacob Wong (Secretary) and William Chong (Member)  
**Back Row** (Left to Right): Peter Seo (Member), Andrew Law (Member), Martin Chai (Member) and Thomas Chan (Member)



Datuk Christopher Sim (Advisor)



Benny Wee (Member)



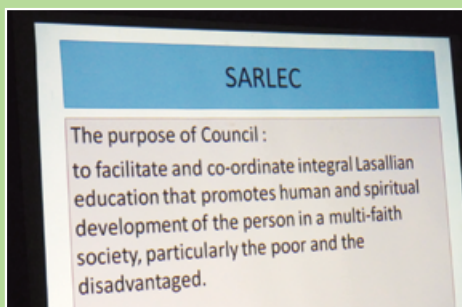
# Together and by Association... the La Sallian Way

Br David Hawke, the General Councillor of Pacific-Asia Regional Conference (PARC) was on a tour of love (25 - 27 June 2013) to visit the LaSallian Family in Kuching. Based in Singapore, PARC is the coordinating body of the La Salle Brothers in the Asia Pacific Region.

During his visit, the LaSallian Family organized an Assembly where the Young LaSallians of Sarawak, the Sarawak LaSallian Education Council (SARLEC) and Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) showcased their activities.



Br David (2nd from Right) was warmly received by members of the LaSallian Family upon his arrival in Kuching.



Top Left: Mr Ngu Lee Hieng aka Mr Never Give Up of SARLEC gave thanks to the La Salle Brothers for their dedication and love for the students.

While in Kuching, Br David paid a courtesy call on the Archbishop of Kuching, John Ha at his residence. He also visited St Joseph's Secondary School and the La Salle Centre, Skibang and La Salle Centre, Stass managed by YLK.

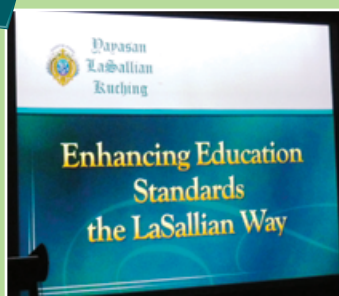
"I am very impressed with the closeness among the members of the LaSallian Family in Kuching and in Malaysia. This trip has been a rich experience for me," said Br David.



Br David (front) and Br Albinus arriving at the Crown Towers for the LaSallian Assembly.



Top: Mr Reuben Then going through the activities of the Young LaSallians.



YLK...educating the Least, the Lost and the Last; irrespective of Race, Creed or Religion.



Br David: The La Sallian spirit is "caught"; not taught..it is built on relationship...



Peter Yap, Chairman, YLK presenting a souvenir to Br David.



Learning and Sharing Together... Br David with Students at La Salle Centre, Stass.



La Salle Centre, Skibang...Thumbs up for the LaSallian Spirit of Faith, Service and Community.



## Latest Developments...

@ La Salle Centre, Skibang

We were literally singing in the rain when ECM Libra offered to pay for the electricity connection to our own container classrooms.



Inside one of the New Classrooms.



Team ECM Libra and Team YLK together with the Penghulu in front of the new Classrooms.

@ La Salle Centre, Singai

Everyone is happy that the tuition programme for English, Maths and Science for Primary 5 & 6 is on again!



A Moment to Treasure... The happy students and staff with our guests from ECM Libra Foundation.

## Training & Development

Various programmes were held to enhance teaching skills of our teachers and to foster closer ties...



Alternative Learning & Brain Gym @ YLK Office.



19 facilitators from Learning Programme took part in the training and sharing session @ YLK Office.



## LaSallian Discipline...

Meeting with Parents @ La Salle Centre, Apar.

## Annual LaSallian Family Day...

At the Staff Meeting held on 27 May 2013, it was decided that each Centre will take turn to host the Annual LaSallian Family Day to enhance the LaSallian Spirit. La Salle Centre, Singai will host the inaugural Family Day end of 2013.



## Creativity is Key...

Children are taught via practical ways of living...



Samples of Cash are used to teach Maths.



## Great Supporters...

Appreciation to Sacred Heart Old Students' and St Elizabeth's Old Students' Associations for the opportunity to renew our ties during their Reunion Dinner.

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