

Stars of Tomorrow

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Yayasan LaSallian Kuching

THE NEW OFFICE BEARERS:

2020 was a year of great challenge to all mankind irrespective of nations, races, beliefs and age. Coronavirus almost brought the whole world to a standstill. Due to the lock down, the 17th Yayasan LaSallian Kuching Annual General Meeting on 28th March 2020 was rescheduled to 18th June 2020.

In the virtual meeting, the new office bearers together with the Auditor were elected as follows:



Peter Yap
CHAIRMAN



Datuk Christopher Sim
ADVISOR



Br. John
**ADVISOR - EDUCATION
& TRAINING**



Jacob Wong
HON. SECRETARY



Benny Wee
HON. TREASURER



Peter Chin
AUDITOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Sia Peh Swee



Mildred Jong



Nicholas Hu



Thomas Chan



Rhys Salang



Stephen Rejoe
ak Bisen



Edwina Tham



Despite the lock down due to Covid-19, the committee held virtual meetings regularly to monitor the development of the Foundation.

CHANGE OF NAME

We were notified by ROS on 13.01.2021 that the name Yayasan is not allowed to be registered under the new directive Seksyen 3(A), Akta Pertubuhan 1966 [Akta 335]. We will propose a new name in the coming March 2021 AGM.

THE LATE BR. ALBINUS



The late Br. Albinus was a beacon in the arena of education. He was once a teacher, a principal of St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart Secondary school, director of the A-Level of St Patrick's Private School, principal of St Joseph's Parish Tuition Centre, a teacher for conversational English at Fuzhou and a lecturer for World Religions class at Inti College. In 2002, the late Br. Albinus - with some former students of St Joseph's and Sacred Heart - started Yayasan LaSallian Kuching with a mission to "Educate the least, the lost, and the last" before he was called by the Lord on 4th August 2013.

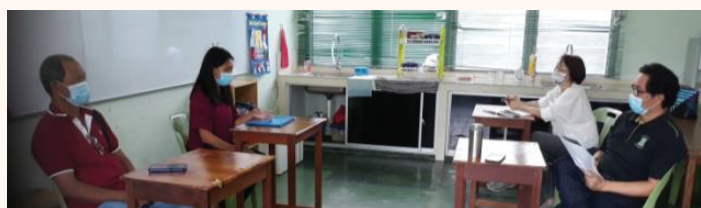
On 15.10.2020, the Cabinet of Sarawak State Legislative Assembly approved the proposal of Sibu Sacred Heart Secondary School Alumni Association to change the name of Jalan Oya in Sibu to Jalan Brother Albinus to commemorate his great contributions in Sarawak's Education.

YLK Financial Aid for Tertiary Education

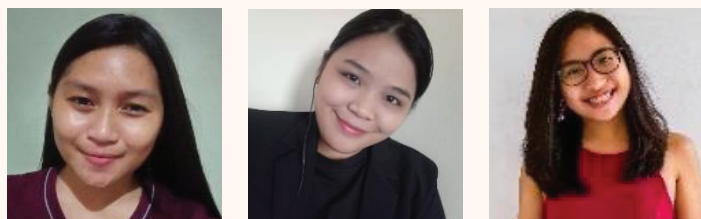
The proposal of expanding the Foundation's Vision to assist needy students in their tertiary education was mooted a few years ago.

In the second half of 2020 this Vision of YLK was realised through the generosity of Mr Ngu Lee Hieng.

Three candidates were selected to receive the bursary. And they are Alencia Ak Lojem and Regina Ak Kuyieh, both from La Salle Alumni of Stass Centre and Ann Marie Teng from St. Teresa Secondary School. We hope that more benefactors will donate to this bursary.



Interview of the candidate and parent in process.

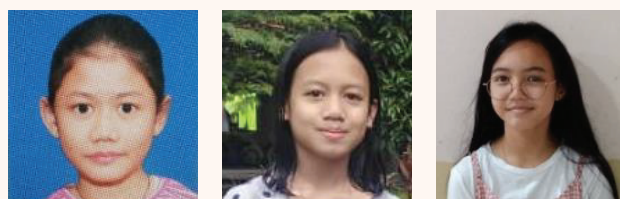


(L to R) Alencia Ak Lojem, Regina Ak Kuyieh, Ann Marie Teng



Besides the two scholarships from Archbishop of Kuching for Primary 6 students from La Salle Centres to Form 1 at SJPS, an additional scholarship was offered for a student outside the La Salle Centres. This was made possible through the sponsorship of Mr Ngu Lee Hieng, an old boy of Sacred Heart School, Sibü.

9 candidates were shortlisted for assessment test on 26.9.2020 and subsequently interviewed on 17.10.2020. The 3 successful students are:-



(L to R) Felicia Nicole Anak Anthony Abbot (Kampung Daun, Singai), Pamela Petelia Anak Peter (Kampung Apar) and Ixora Aldthimz anak Timothy (Kampung Mongkos)

LA SALLE CENTRES AND THE COVID19 PANDEMIC

Due to the pandemic and Movement Control Order, all La Salle Centres were closed on 18.3.2020. After careful deliberation, the Committee finally approved the reopening of the centres on

17.9.2020 with all stringent SOP in place. However, due to another wave, all centres were closed prematurely for the year on 7.11.2020.



Mildred Jong, Chair-person of Performance Monitoring Sub-committee visiting the centres to ensure the SOP of the COVID-19 were observed besides giving motivation to the students when the centres reopened in September 2020.

A STORY TO TELL



(L to R) Rela and Komboi

Mr Komboi, an Indonesian, married Mdm Rela, a Sarawakian Bidayuh, and they settled in Indonesia for over 10 years where their 10 children were born. Struggling to make ends meet, they decided to migrate to Kampong Stass, Bau, the home village of Mdm Rela.

Through the assistance of the village headman and after a long and arduous process, the children were granted the Malaysian birth certificates, qualifying them for enrolment into the public primary school in the kampong. However, by that time, the 3 older children were in their teens and beyond the age limit for admission into primary school. These 3 siblings remain illiterate as they were previously not given education whilst in Indonesia.

The next 4 younger siblings were enrolled into the respective classes according to their age group and this was when Mr Stephen Rejeo, our Supervisor for La Salle Centre, Stass, learned of their plight and offered assistance.

Through the commitment and compassion of our La Salle teachers, these 4 children were given daily special tuition after school hours to enable them to integrate into the school syllabus and system and with the children's diligence and obedience, they were able to pass UPSR and proceeded to a boarding school in a nearby kampong for secondary education.

These 4 children are now:-

Vicky - working as a kitchen hand in a Kuching restaurant;
Vensila - an operator in an electronic factory;
Theresia - taking a course in Early Childhood Education
Jiliana - studying in Form 4.

Presently, La Salle Centre, Stass, is still assisting the remaining younger siblings in their education, hoping to give them a better future.



(L to R), Vicky, Theresia, Jiliana, Stephen Rejeo (Supervisor), Vensila were admitted to La Salle Centre, Stass in 2011

Mr Komboi and his wife are doing some farming to meet their simple daily needs and recently, the Sarawak Rural Development Authority has built a more decent house for the family in the kampong.

“ Giving a glimmer of hope to this family is one of YLK’s many achievements through the free tuition service. This was also made possible through the love and dedication of our teachers and the generosity of our benefactors. We believe that the legacy, of the late Br Albinus and some Lasailian old boys who initiated YLK, can stay with time to continually benefit The Lost, The Last and The Least of society.”

LETTER FROM OUR STUDENTS

Hai nama saya Vensila. Cerita ini adalah tentang kehidupan saya semasa menuntut di sekolah rendah. Saya memulakan alam persekolahan ketika berusia 10 tahun. Pada usia itu, saya mula mengenali ABC serta belajar menulis, membaca dan mengira hasil tunjuk ajar daripada guru di sekolah dan guru tuisyen. Sebelum ini, saya langsung tidak mengenali semua perkara asas itu. Anda bayangkan hanya dalam tempoh tiga tahun sahaja saya membuat persediaan sebelum menduduki peperiksaan UPSR.

Dengan keyakinan diri yang tinggi untuk berjaya, saya sanggup menghadiri kelas tuisyen yang diberikan secara percuma di La Salle Centre, Stass setiap hari, dari Isnin hingga Jumaat tanpa mengira penat lelah. Selama tiga tahun saya belajar di kelas tuisyen itu, banyak ilmu yang telah saya perolehi. Antaranya, meningkatkan kemahiran membaca, menulis ayat yang gramatis serta mempelajari teknik pengiraan yang betul daripada cikgu-cikgu yang mengajar saya walaupun kaedah pembelajaran yang digunakan seperti mengajar murid Tahun Satu. Tetapi itu semua tidak menghalang saya untuk belajar kerana saya mempunyai satu prinsip iaitu belajar bersungguh-sungguh demi membanggakan kedua-dua ibu bapa saya walaupun saya hanya belajar selama tiga tahun di sekolah rendah. Saya sangat bersyukur kerana lulus dalam peperiksaan UPSR. Walaupun kami empat adik-beradik tidak pernah belajar di pra sekolah, Saya

bersyukur kerana kami berjaya sehingga ke peringkat sekolah menengah walaupun tidak berpeluang untuk menyambung pelajaran ke peringkat yang lebih tinggi. Oleh itu, untuk anda di luar sana, jangan mudah mengalah selagi belum mencuba untuk melakukan sesuatu kerana tanpa usaha, kejayaan akan sukar dicapai. Dengan kejayaan kita dapat membanggakan ibu bapa kita. Orang yang berilmu tidak akan dipandang rendah oleh orang-orang di sekeliling anda. Anda juga akan mampu bersaing secara sihat pada era yang serba moden ini. Ini saja pesanan daripada saya untuk anak-anak muda sekalian.

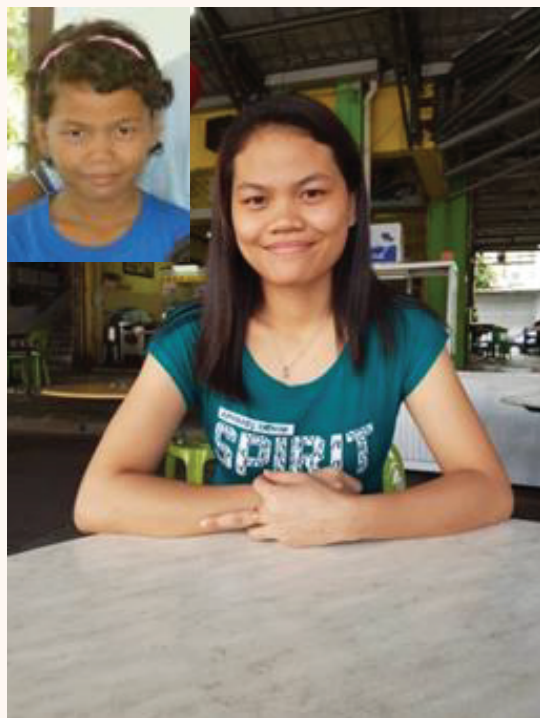
Saya ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada semua guru yang telah mengajar dan membimbing saya sebelum ini.

Sekian terima kasih.

Daripada:

Vensila Anak Rela

30.8.2020



COVID19

2 families of our students from La Salle Centre, Sungai Apong, received food aids from ECM Libra Foundation on 25.4.2020. The families were very grateful for the timely assistance.



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