

MESSAGE FROM BR ANDREW LOKE

Greetings from La Salle Provincialate, Petaling Jaya.

Thank you for inviting me to write a message for the 14th Issue of your newsletter, Stars of Tomorrow. For those who do not know, our La Salle East Asia District Provincialate is in Hong Kong. The one in Petaling Jaya is the headquarters of the Brothers in Malaysia.

La Salle had a strong history in Sarawak when a number of La Salle Brothers worked in that State to develop education in the few schools that were entrusted to them. Now that all of them have passed on, their legacy remains in the many alumni who still want to continue in the La Salle mission of educating the students especially the less privileged ones. This mission has moved on to smaller tuition and learning centres especially in the rural areas.

I am happy that Yayasan Lasallian Kuching has initiated and funded the many tuition and learning centres offering educational service to the less privileged youth, enhancing their knowledge and, more importantly, molding their character to be men and women of integrity. I thank and congratulate all those who have sacrificed their time and effort in this Lasallian endeavor.

I thank Br John D'Cruz for making himself available to serve in Sarawak. I believe his presence there will help to keep the Lasallian mission alive and focused.

Thank you and God Bless all of you.



Br Andrew Loke
Director, La Salle Brothers Malaysia



15TH YLK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15th YLK Annual General Meeting was convened on 17.3.2018. New office bearers were selected for the year 2018-2019 as follows:



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YLK HOSTEL

In 2018, YLK is entering into another new era by running a hostel. This is in response to the need of the development of the Foundation. After the Board of Management of St. Joseph's Private School offered two scholarships to YLK students annually, YLK has to provide Boarding/Lodging for the rural scholarship recipients who have no place to stay in the city.

We are blessed to have the Franciscan Sisters of Sarawak to collaborate with us in this project. On 31.12.2017 Sr. Rufina Bijang was transferred from Marudi to Kuching to be the matron of YLK Hostel. At the moment we have two rural students staying there and in time to come we are expecting more boarders to occupy the hostel.



VISIT AND SUPPORT FROM ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL OLD BOYS



Josephians of batch 1964-1968, known as CLOSERS, meet bi-annually. This year on 28.6.2018, they visited YLK and SMK St. Joseph. YLK advisor, Datuk Chris (photo left) briefed them on YLK, which is the legacy of the late Br Albinus. That very night CLOSERS, from different corners of the world, gathered at a dinner and shared about their past and present lives. Joy, laughter and fun filled the air. Datuk Chris represented YLK to receive a donation amounting to RM5,470 from the organizing Chairman, Mr Luke Yiin. YLK thanked CLOSERS for their generous support and their interest in the activities of the Foundation.



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TESTIMONY OF YLK ALUMNI AZIELLA FELSAYENNA SAMSON

I am Aziella Felsayenna Samson, alumni of Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) tuition Centre at Singai during the year 2005 and 2006. I am now a fresh graduate from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Bachelor of Science with Education (Honours).

I am grateful to God for His blessing in my life journey especially in my UPSR, PMR and SPM Examinations. I was chosen to be in Kolej D.P.A.H. Abdillah, Kuching, one of the cluster schools in Malaysia during my high school. Then, I managed to get 8A's in SPM which enabled me to further my study in Matriculation College. Later, as I had been accepted to USM, I was once again showered with His blessing as I was awarded a OCBC Bank Scholarship. As a university student, this scholarship benefited me greatly as it lightened my parents' financial burden and got rid of my stress as well.

After graduation, I served as a voluntary Science teacher in La Salle Centre, Sibuluh and Singai for five and a half months until I was offered a post to teach at SMK Tatau. As a youth, I really do think that building strong basic good foundation at early age is essential for later success in one's life. We need to have great values to be inculcated in us and I really want to express my gratitude to YLK Tuition Centre as one of the earliest contributors to my success today.

Dear Lasallians,

Greetings from YLK Headquarters at St. Joseph's Secondary School.

In the last four issues (June 2016, December 2016, June 2017, December 2017), I have tried to help you understand some important aspects of the Lasallian Family:

- A look at the life of our Founder, La Salle, and a look at our own lives as human beings
- An attempt to see more clearly our Lasallian way of life as modelled by La Salle who in turn models the life of Jesus, the eternal Teacher
- and in this article I want to point out some important aspects of La Salle's life that reflect the way of life we are challenged to practice as Lasallians.

In his life, La Salle practised three important Gospel values:

- a. In a world that stresses wealth as an important value, La Salle focused on a simple way of life.... not to be carried away by a materialistic way of life, of being able to share our material goods especially with the poor and be satisfied with the basic necessities of life.
- b. In world that tends to look down on people and use or abuse people because of status, riches or intelligence....La Salle respected the dignity of each and every human being and did all in his power to empower people to live a meaningful life and work with others to make a better world.
- c. In a world where people want to grow in power and control, La Salle and his 'brothers' learnt to live as a family/community and did their work for the common good so that in many ways they worked together to make a better world, to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

It is useful now and again to reflect on our own life as Lasallians and besides the work we do during our working hours to consider the Lasallian way of life we have committed to live:

Are we leading a simple way of life?

Do we respect the dignity of all people who come into our lives?

Can we work together with other educators for the common good?

Maybe we can begin with our family and relatives and the educators we work with.

Br John



LASALLIAN CORNER

THE SPARK LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The SPARK LEADERSHIP Programme conducted annually is sponsored by ECM Libra Foundation, Leadernomics, Air Asia and EPSOM in Malaysia. The 7-day camp is designed to provide participants opportunity to discover their true leadership potential.

End of last year, we selected seven students (photo left: Skibang - 3, St Joseph - 2, Stutong - 2) and accompanied by Allan Tan (Executive Secretary) to attend the camp at Epsom College from 17-23 December, 2017. The programme was experiential in nature which included projects, game-based learning, leadership sharing sessions, field trips and fun group activities.

The Foundation is working on building future leaders with integrity for the nation. At the end of this year a YLK Alumni Leadership Camp and A holistic Camp are planned for YLK ex-students who are currently in forms 3-4 and the present Primary Five students respectively. The total costs for the former event is RM15,000 and RM12,000 for the latter. All donations for this noble course from the public are much needed and appreciated.



YLK EDUCATORS' RETREAT 2018

Ten Yayasan Lasallian Kuching (YLK) centres are currently being run to empower the needy children through tuition classes and classes for special children. YLK Committee realised that the educators and administrators at these centres play a crucial role in improving the learning of these children - they are the guiding light for children in their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive developments. They have a noble mission of moulding the new generation into future leaders of the nation who are capable of scaling the heights of human excellence and be a leader of integrity in their own field.

After months of planning, an Educators' Retreat themed "Illuminating Minds, Transforming Lives" was conducted from 18-19 March 2018. Dr. Teh and his team from Global Peace Foundation helped to conduct it at Ranchan Recreation Park, Serian. Through well-planned programme, 40 educators were motivated and their passion rekindled in teaching and they also discovered new ways to nurture and transform the lives of the students. We thanked ECM Libra Foundation for sponsoring this retreat.

The students would benefit from the experience and knowledge gained by the educators in this retreat.



Chairman, Peter Yap welcomed the participants, thanked the sponsor, ECM Libra Foundation, and the collaborator, Global Peace Foundation.



Dr. Teh on his introduction for the retreat.



'Discover Your Why' session – The reason to be an educator



Personality Compass -Understanding the dynamic and challenges of human relationship



Team-building Experiencing the importance of team work



To identify personal strength and weakness.



Social Emotion Learning - Awareness of the importance of addressing the social and emotional needs of the children.



Educators brainstormed about challenges they faced within the YLK centres and determine viable solutions to overcome them.

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