

MESSAGE FROM DATUK CHRISTOPHER SIM THE ADVISOR

It is my privilege to witness the celebration of YLK's Twentieth Anniversary. In twenty years, through the generous support of its benefactors and the hard work of its management committee, teachers and office staff, YLK has grown and flourished.

The growing number of Learning Centres that YLK is running successfully, and the impact these centres have had helping rural communities improve their children's education standards, are clear for everyone to see. I have no doubt that the commitment and determination of the management and staff will carry this momentum forward, to scale new heights in the future.

Education of the poor is key to the LaSallian mission. YLK has carried on with this mission because we understand that education is the most effective way to promote social mobility and hope among marginalised youths.

To this end, YLK has always kept the faith and stayed true to its course. This celebration signifies that twenty years after the late Bro. Albinus founded YLK, the LaSallian legacy lives on.

Many congratulations to the YLK's management and staff. I wish YLK many more fruitful years to come.



MESSAGE FROM BR. JOHN D'CRUZ, THE ADVISOR FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Greetings to our friends of the YLK. It has been a meaningful time for me to be part of the movement to renew Education in Sarawak.

In particular, I would like to point out three important changes:

- a greater emphasis on **LEARNING** and associated skills rather than focus too much on **TEACHING** from selected text-books.
- greater focus on the student as a person rather than focus on the student as one who has to pass exams at all cost.
- a greater focus on the poor/weak students rather than on clever, academically-inclined students. And so we see that we follow what La Salle did: ".....the Brothers exist for the human and spiritual needs of the student, especially the poor." And so I urge you to be true Lasallians!

YLK COMMITTEE 2021-2022

The 19th Annual General Meeting was held on 12th March, 2022. YLK recorded a deficit of twenty-one thousand Ringgit in 2021. The new office bearers together with the Auditor for the year 2022 to 2023 were elected as follows:

Advisor: Datuk Christopher Sim
Advisor: Br. John Nycle D'Cruz
(Education & Training)

Chairman: Peter Yap Seng
Hon Secretary: Jacob Wong Wu Hing
Hon Treasurer: Benny Wee Hong Guep

Committee Members:
Callum Sia Peh Swee
Mildred Jong Lee Phin
Nicholas Hu Kie Lik
Thomas Chan Hiok Ping
Rhys Salang
Agatha Lau Nguok Sing
Edwina Tan Swee Ngo

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Speech of Mr. Peter Yap, the Chairman, during the Anniversary Dinner



Good evening, our guests Dr. Jeffrey and Angie Goh, Dr. Brian Lim and Michelle Lim, Mr. Ngu Lee Hieng, YLK committee members, supervisors and teachers, students and ex-students.

On behalf of YLK, I welcome you all to our 20th anniversary celebration.

YLK was founded by Brother Albinus together with some of his former students in 2002. It was approved by the Registrar of Societies as a non-profit organisation in 2004.

10 years ago, when I took over the chairmanship from Datuk Chris Sim, I was fully aware of the many challenges ahead of us.

First and foremost was fund raising. YLK runs on a budget of about RM300,000 annually to cater for the free tuition for students in 11 centres. Brother Albinus assured me that money would not be an issue.

Instead, I was given the task to set up a sustainable management system to continue providing tuition to the least, lost and last especially in the rural communities.

Tonight, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I am proud to say that we have not disappointed Brother Albinus in carrying out his vision and mission. Many of our alumni have completed their tertiary education in various fields and we have a few of them here with us tonight.

We also have a lot to be thankful for on this occasion. Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to our sponsors, both corporate and individuals. Your generosity and continued support are what make it possible for us to continue making a difference to the lives of these students in the rural communities. Thank you.

We are also very grateful to our team of volunteer teachers, some of whom have been with us for more than 10 years. Thank you for your commitment.

Moving forward, we are confident that we can continue to help those students in need. We are happy that we have many more like-minded young volunteer teachers from the kampong joining us to continue our mission. We are now incorporating Information Technology into our lessons. Most centres have now been equipped with smart TVs to provide access to online resources. Hopefully in the not too far future, we can provide tablets for every student.

YLK has earned its reputation and credibility as a trusted non-profit organisation. I am confident that we will continue to be so because this is the work of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of so many people, and I believe that we are just the instruments in carrying out this work of love. Hopefully, by the grace of God, we will be able to continue with this work for many more years to come.

Thank you very much and have a nice evening.

YLK 20th Anniversary was celebrated on a moderate scale on 15.12.2022. 80 people comprising benefactors, committee members, staff, students and alumni gathered for a dinner to celebrate the existence of the Foundation for 20 years (right). After singing the National anthem and "We are the Lasallians", dinner commenced. The Chairman, Peter Yap, after his speech, invited Dr. Lim Choon Yang, a founding member of the Foundation to share his involvement and experience on the birth of the Foundation. Dr. Lim recalled it had a humble start at its earliest state.



One day, he was called up by the late Br. Albinus to help the needy students who had no space to study at home in a village. Though never involved in the field of education, as an obedient student of the La Salle Brothers, he with a few others renovated a room for them to do their studies at night. To their surprise, many of these students could do well in the examination at the end of that year, with one of them scoring 5As in the UPSR. This unexpected result inspired them to initiate a foundation. In 2002, with financial help from many La Salle schools Old Boys, a free tuition centre was set up in the village. As time passed, when more free tuition centres were established, an office was set up to monitor the activities, and more new members were recruited to continue the vision and mission of the Foundation.



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A video presentation about the precise history of the Foundation was projected on the screen. The foundation took this opportunity to appreciate the current teachers and staff who had served at least ten years (left).

The night was filled with light music mingled with the chit-chatting of the guests. The lucky draw was another item welcomed by the guests although only a handful were the lucky ones to receive the presents. Later in the evening, many guests rose and danced to celebrate their joy.

It was a meaningful and memorable night for those who were present in the celebration. As for those who could not make it to the dinner, they could be proud of the legacy of Br. Albinus which will continue to serve the Least, the Last and the Lost in their education.

SHARING FROM SOME ALUMNI OF LA SALLE CENTRES

After the Foundation has served the needy students for the last 20 years, here are some of the alumni who share their thoughts with us.

I am an Alumni of La Salle Centre, Stass of the batch 2009-2010. When I received a call from a YLK officer for an interview, I reminisced about my wonderful and meaningful childhood life in the tuition centre. More than ten years ago, there was neither internet access nor tuition centres in the remote Kampung Stass near the Kalimantan border. The setting up of the free tuition centre by YLK was great news for me. I was blessed with a very good and strong foundation in my early age for my academic advancement through garnering extra knowledge from the tuition teachers. Besides this, it provided a conducive environment in the afternoon after school for me to learn to be independent and to build up my social skills. Beside the tuition centre was a kampung community fish pond with a hut at its centre that exists till this day. This was my favourite meeting place with my friends where we would bring and share some food while chit chatting at this peaceful and scenic pond. The fellowship we shared still lives vividly in my heart.

This holistic education prepared me well to study at University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Johor and I have since graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering with Honours. Currently I am serving with One Medicare Sdn Bhd as an Electrical Technical Executive at Sarawak General Hospital.



Last but not least, I urge parents to send their children to a La Salle centre wherever there is one. My gratitude to the YLK committee members, volunteers, the Alumni and donors for their good deeds and support which transform the lives of the new generation for the common good of the society.

Lionel Jesson Anak Bolrahman
1.10.2022

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I am an Alumni of La Salle Centre, Skibang of the batch 2013-2014. I thank the donors for providing financial support to YLK to run the free tuition lessons at Kampung Skibang which helped me to acquire strong foundation for my secondary school education. YLK also sent me to attend SPARK Leadership Camp at Epsom College, Sepang, Negeri Sembilan in 2017. This camp inspired me to develop the talent given to me for the society, to be a leader of integrity and to build a healthy relationship with the people around me. At the moment, I am studying at the Institute of Teacher Education, Batu Lintang Campus (IPGKBL), aiming to become an educator for our young generation. I urge all students receiving free tuition at the centres to take this opportunity to gain as much knowledge as possible, for a sound education is a stepping stone to a better future in our life.

Valerie Elniecia Anak Dratin
21.11.2022

On 23.9.2022, KKB Engineering Berhad donated generously to YLK during its 60th Anniversary Dinner, to continue the noble work to help the marginalised students in their studies. Picture (right) shows Ar. Sia Peh Swee, a YLK Committee member, receiving a mock cheque from Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, the Premier of Sarawak. The event was witnessed by Dato Sri Kho Kak Beng, the Chairman and Group Managing Director of KKB Engineering Bhd, and his team members. YLK is grateful for the generous donation.



YLK would like to thank all the other benefactors too for their continual support.



On 3rd – 5th September 2022 the “Saya Bintang Harapan” camp was conducted at Gethsemane Garden, Bunan Gega. 80 Primary Six Students (Above) from eight La Salle Centres took part enthusiastically and joyfully in the annual camp which was interrupted and halted in 2020 due to the Pandemic MCO. 20 YLK teachers passionately facilitated in the 3D2N programme. The aims of the camp were:

1. To prepare our YLK Primary 6 students mentally for their secondary school life.
2. To develop good character so that they can be an exemplary leader to other students in their secondary school life.
3. To strengthen the spiritual life of our students.

At the end of the camp they had the courage to express their thoughts on the stage in English. As a whole, they felt that the camp was very beneficial and they were thankful to the facilitators and the Foundation.

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