

MESSAGE FROM DR. TEH SU-THYE



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Greetings of peace.

Thank you for inviting me to write a message for your newsletter, Stars of Tomorrow. It has been very rewarding working together with YLK for two programmes in 2018, namely the Educators Retreat and Young Changemakers Camp. We look forward to more collaborations in the future.

The work of YLK in nurturing the younger generation, especially those coming from less advantaged backgrounds is highly commendable. As we are aware of, education is an important key to unlock the shackles of poverty. However, it is crucial to note that education is not just about academic achievement anymore. In the 21st century workplace, employers are looking for people with integrity, good communication, problem-solving skills, and teamwork. Thus, the continuous effort of YLK to develop the capacity of its teachers and improving pedagogy would ensure the children to be better equipped for the future.

I would also like to recognise the selfless service of the committee members and educators in ensuring YLK centres continue to run year by year.

Thank you and God bless your good work in the years ahead.

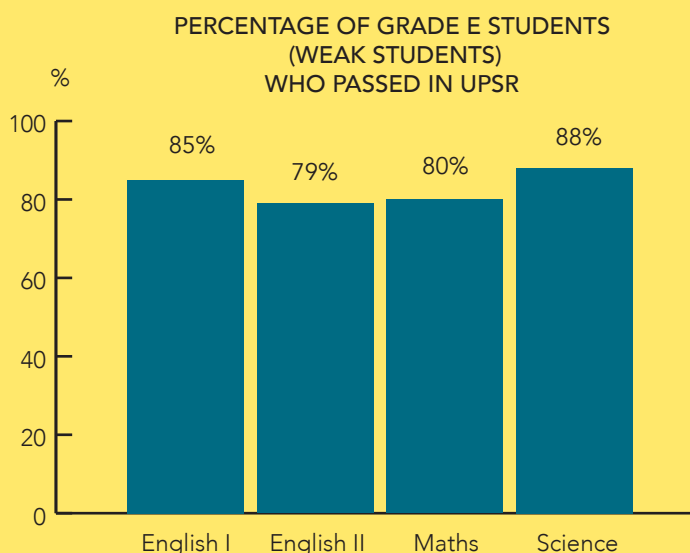
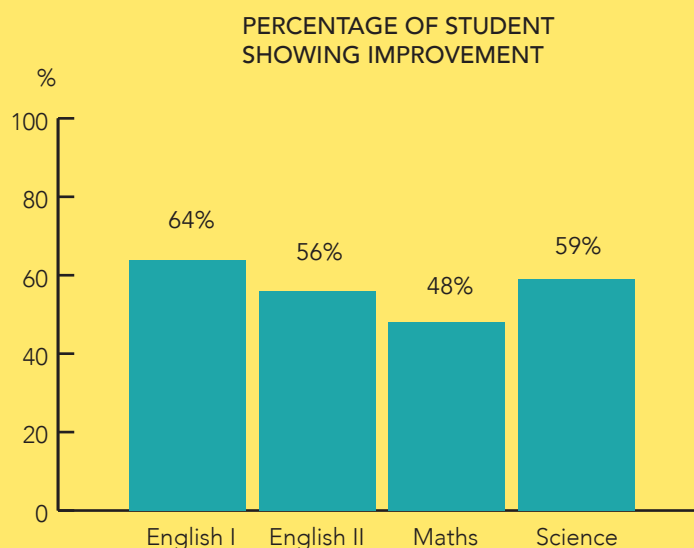
ANALYSIS OF UPSR RESULTS 2018

In 2018, our centres had 105 students who sat for UPSR.

Overall, the centres have helped about 50% of the students to improve in their studies as shown in the graph below (Bottom left). The emphasis on learning English at the centres has helped many students (64%) score better grades in English paper I in UPSR. Mathematics remained a challenge to many students.

More than 80% of the weak students (Failed in school exam) have scored at least Grade D in the UPSR (Bottom right).

It is evident that the centres have achieved its primary aim of helping those who are lost in their studies in school. More of the weak students (88%) were able to acquire basic science knowledge.





TESTIMONY OF TAN CHIN MEI (La Salle Centre Alumni)

I am Tang Chin Mei, 23 years old. I completed my Diploma in Quantity Surveying at Institute Executive College and graduated with a degree on Quantity Surveying at UTAR.

I was one of the former residents in The Salvation Army Children's Home. I was admitted to the Home in 1997 because of my family issues. And thanks to The Salvation Army I was able to live in a proper home and have education during my childhood.

When I was in Form 3, I was able to attend tuition at the St. Joseph Parish Tuition Centre. My tuition fees were paid by the Yayasan LaSallian Kuching. I am most thankful for the 3 years of sponsorship that enabled me to finish my Form 5. A big thank you to Yayasan LaSallian!

After Form 5, I made a major decision to further my studies. So, I chose Quantity Surveying because I love counting or Maths. And so without thinking further, I registered myself for the second intake in 2010 in Institute Executive College. And I also registered for PTPN loan to pay for my college fees.

On my second week, I received news that the Yayasan LaSallian would continue to help me with my studies. I was very happy. Soon, I met up with Dr. Lim Choon Yang, a Committee member of Yayasan LaSallian who talked to me about my studies. Thanks to Dr. Lim that I was able to do my Diploma without financial problems. He often gave me advice and guidance throughout my studies. A word of special thanks to Dr Lim!

Besides that, I also want to thank Yayasan LaSallian for sponsoring me with the laptop and my internet broadband. Because of this, I was able to use it conveniently to complete my assignments at home. After completing my diploma course, I was awarded a scholarship by KTS to do my degree course in UTAR and now I am serving in KTS Sdn Bhd as a Quantity Surveyor.

Once again I want to thank Yayasan LaSallian Kuching for the invaluable support. I really appreciate all the kindness of the committee members and I am glad that I am one of your sponsored children.

May God continue to bless your work and thank you very much!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Recently Tang Chin Mei met up with Datuk Christopher Sim YLK Advisor, Dr. Lim Choon Yang and Mr. William Chong.

YLK congratulates her on her success and graduation as a Quantity Surveyor.



(Top and Bottom)
Peter Yap delivering his speech and Tiong Siew Ing delivering her welcoming address.

6TH LASALLIAN FAMILY DAY

On 6.10.2018, 9 a.m., 200 students with Supervisors, Coordinators, parents and committee members gathered at Tan Sri Datuk William Tan Auditorium for the annual Family Day. We were pleased to have SMK St. Joseph's Principal witnessing the event. The participants sang the National Anthem followed by 'We Are Lasallian' to promote the Lasallian spirit.. The organising Chair person, Mdm Tiong Siew Ing welcomed and thanked the participants for their presence in this annual family day which was co-organised by the three La Salle Centres, St. Joseph, BDC and Stutong.

YLK Chairman Peter Yap elaborated on the plans of the Foundation. The Foundation is planning to conduct character building camp and moving forward to help the alumni in their tertiary education.

English storytelling was the main focus of the day. This is one of the ways to promote the English language in the centres. After giving away the achiever award for the 'I Am A Star Reader' and prizes for the most improved student of the year, the joyful day ended with a family meal.



The students from different centres entertained the attendees with amazing stories in English.



Staff from organising team performing the welcoming dance.

STUDENTS' CAMPS

At the end of the year 2018, YLK conducted two camps for La Salle Centres Alumni (Young Change-makers Camp) and Primary Five Students (Primary Five Students' Holistic Camp).

The main aim of the camps is to fulfill one of the missions of the Foundation, i.e. to raise more innovative young leaders with high moral values who can serve the country with integrity.

A. CAMP FOR LA SALLE CENTRES ALUMNI

Global Peace Foundation was invited to conduct this camp for forty selected La Salle Centre Alumni who were currently studying in Form Three and Form Four classes. The camp was sponsored by ECM Libra Foundation. The camp entitled '2018 Young Change-makers Camp' was successfully conducted on 19-21 November 2018 at Greccio Retreat House, 32 km away from Kuching. The 3D/2N camps helped them to know more about themselves and others. They were given a platform to work together in harmony and to learn to care for the needy. It was an eye opener for many of them while visiting a nearby Siburan village, Kampung Sion, which has no basic facilities like clean water supply and proper sanitary system.



The following are some of the activities and comments from the campers:

Generally, all the campers from Singai were happy and felt that the activities were very useful to them and would like to join the camp again next year. Besides, they have other testimonies as follows:

Photo left to right:
Eusebius Hipolytus
ak Timothy: It
helped me to find my
weakness and strength.



Calvin Sivon Ak Poren:
It helped me to
understand and respect other people. I learnt to inter-relate
and make friends with strangers.

Eddy Vocco Ak James: This camp taught me how to
communicate with other people.



Campers learning team work through
supporting a pail of water by using
their legs.

Campers experiencing the hard work
of weeding the wet padi field



Hands-on activities helped the
campers know themselves more
deeply.





B. PRIMARY FIVE STUDENTS' HOLISTIC CAMP 2018

Volunteer Educators (Top left) from various La Salle centres, with some helpers from Bunan came together to organise and conduct the camp for the 50 Primary Five students (Top right) at Catholic Memorial and Pilgrimage Centre from 10-13 December, 2018.

Activities were designed to develop the campers' intellect, character and spiritual life. Experienced teachers, Cikgu Abdul Aziz Bin Wahab, Cikgu Tejinder Kaur Gill, and Cikgu Lily Wong Mee Houng (bottom middle L-R) generously spent their time and effort sharing effective learning techniques with the campers on Science, English and Mathematics subjects respectively.



Some campers from different centres came forward to give testimonies on this 4D/3N camp. Among the testimonies given were they enjoyed making more new friends, picked up new and effective learning techniques from the speakers. They would share these techniques with their friends. They would recommend their friends to participate in future Primary Five Students holistic Camp. Some other testimonies were as follows:

Photos from Left to right:

Melcy James (Stass): Learnt how to pray.

Jesabell Joanna (Stutong): First time joint this type of camp and it was fun. Liked all the activities.

Susiana Serry (Bunan): Learnt to pray and share.

Gilbert Xavier (Sinjok): Learnt to pray together, worked in unity with team mates, be humble, be friendly and dared to seek help.

Kelvin (Sinjok): Loved Treasure hunt and Mathematical Trail activities. Learnt to be careful in listening while communicating with others.

Isabell Christine (Stutong): learnt to study in group.

Clara Eviolina (Skibang): Learnt to pray. Would like to share the new knowledge with friends. It was safe to attend the camp.

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