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Dear Members of the LaSallian Education Family

I am sure that most of you have heard about Brother Albinus and his tuition centres in the rural areas of Kuching. Together with some former students of St Joseph namely, Datuk Chris Sim and William Chong and from Sacred Heart School, Dr. Lim Choon Yang and Jacob Wong to name a few, Brother Albinus formed Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) to continue the work of the La Salle Brothers. Staying true to the La Sallian spirit of providing education to the Least, the Lost and the Last, YLK offers free tuition classes in English, Mathematics and Science to Standard Five and Standard Six pupils in the rural areas; especially to those who are left behind in their studies, to the marginalised students and those who are deprived of the chance of conducive learning environment.

On 1 December 2012, YLK celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Indeed, it was a joyous and meaningful occasion for us all. Some of our current students and former students as well as their parents rejoiced at the event together with our guests, staff and volunteers. For the past 10 years, YLK has made a significant difference for over 1,200 students from the rural areas. Some of these students are in universities by now and shared their appreciation at the anniversary celebration. Indeed, the heart-warming testimonies from these students have strengthened our will to do more and to make meaningful difference for more students through YLK.

Do check out the event's videos and photos at:

- **YouTube** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/yayasanlasalliankch>)
- **Google+** (<https://plus.google.com/photos/118298884189052519693/albums>)

Currently, YLK has five (5) centres in Bau District and three (3) centres in Kuching where the special learning programmes or/and tuition classes are held. Altogether, we have more than 200 students. The special learning programmes provide invaluable assistance to students with difficulty in reading and writing. This proves to be effective and we are very proud that all these centres show remarkable progress and results. In the tuition classes, English, Mathematics and Science are offered to students. In 2012, our UPSR students obtained an outstanding average improvement of 78% and 67% in Mathematics and Science respectively while the average improvement in English was 21%. The success of these classes is the result of the dedication, commitment and diligence of the teachers and students alike.

The success rate of our centres has prompted many parents from different Kampongs to seek YLK to set up similar centres for their children. As much as we would like to help as many children as possible, it is not financially feasible to open up new centres to meet the increasing demand. As a non-profit organisation, YLK is entirely dependent on generous support from former students, corporate organisations as well as caring members of the public. We are very grateful to those who have been generously contributing to the cause of YLK all these years to make it what it is today. The estimated average cost per annum incurred for each student is RM1,000.00. This

amount helps to pay for the rental of the centres, honorarium for the teaching and administration staff and other operating expenses.

We appeal to all members of the LaSallian Education family and caring members of the public to contribute generously and where possible, consistently. In one way or another, we have all benefited from the generous work of the LaSallian Brothers who literally sacrificed their lives for our education needs. Let us continue the proud legacy left by St John Baptist De La Salle and play a critical role in making a difference in the lives of these children.

All pledges/contributions can also be credited to:

**YAYASAN LASALLIAN KUCHING
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD
ACCOUNT NO : 420156625375**

We are in the midst of compiling a list of Contributors/Members of the LaSallian Family for our website. Please indicate accordingly if you prefer to remain anonymous.

For those in and around Kuching, we welcome your contribution as a volunteer where you can assist with our transportation needs, supervising a class, the maintenance of our website and so forth.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ylk.org.my. You can also download the Pledge of Hope and Volunteer Form at the website.

On behalf of YLK and its students, we thank you and we look forward to a favourable reply from you.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Yap Seng
Chairman (2012/2013)