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Dear Lasallian Alumni in East Asia,

Lasallian greetings of peace and well-being!

LEAD's 10th anniversary celebration last year bore fruit in a renewed inspiration to respond to the urgent needs of those in the peripheries with the decision of the LEAD Council to establish La Salle Mae Hong Son in northern Thailand. I am pleased to invite you to join the Lasallian Family in East Asia as we work, together and by association, to recreate the faith and zeal of the pioneer Lasallians during the time of our Holy Founder.

As you are aware, our Lasallian Mission is embodied in the different ways we provide young people, especially the poor, with access to human and Christian education. Our long-time Lasallian missionary to LEAD, the recently departed Br. Victor Gil Muñoz FSC from the province of Cuenca in Spain was a strong advocate of new Lasallian educational ministries for the poor that challenge our comfort zones. He was convinced that it is necessary for Lasallians today to reach out to remote areas where the needs are yet unmet, and the young people are still far from salvation.

Mae Hong Son is a small village in northern Thailand near its border with Myanmar. It is populated by indigenous peoples with little opportunity to access quality education. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when schools were closed and cities on lockdowns, the LEAD Council heeded the invitation from the Brother Superior, Br. Robert Schieler FSC, to become beacons of hope and creators of bold decisions. It is in this same spirit that I invite you, our loyal Lasallian Alumni in East Asia, to join us in this journey to the periphery.

I enjoin you as individuals and alumni groups to participate in this endeavor by volunteering part of your time to serve in the school as a teacher or resource person, to live in community with the Brothers and other Lasallian Partners either for a short period of time or for a full term, to unite with us in prayer for the success of this new foundation, or to help us raise funds for infrastructure and operating needs of the new school. In an effort to push for a new way of being Lasallian, I invite you to consider working with Lasallians from all walks of life and varied cultural and faith backgrounds so that we can pray together, work together and discover God together.

It is my fervent prayer that you and your friends will rediscover the treasures that were kept alive by generations of Lasallians in so many other parts of the globe. I continue to hold you in high esteem and thank you for your continued support of the Lasallian Mission.

Fraternally yours,

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