



23rd District Council

Members of the District Council and the Leadership Team convened in the Provincialate during the Chinese New Year Holidays for a series of meetings (some referred to it as a marathon of meetings). On the first day, February 2, we listened to reports for the seven countries of LEAD, ably prepared and presented by the respective Country Coordinators. February 3 was for the Chapter of Vows - 34 Brothers to chapter! February 4 was perhaps the heaviest - the regular Council business. February 5 - the home stretch - was the Leadership Team Meeting (Auxiliaries, Bursar, and Administrator).

Special thanks to Br. Patrick Tierney, Director of the La Salle College Community for being a most gracious host. (I'm not saying this just because of the red envelopes you gave us all on the last day). Also to Mr. Timothy Henares, for ably helping out as our Intern.

National Children's Day Thailand



This year Thailand celebrated Children's Day on the 14th of January, being the second Saturday of the month.

The government being aware of the importance of education of the country's peace, economic sufficiency and security and well-being of its people through of no better than this year's motto "เด็กไทย ใส่ใจศึกษา พาชาติเจริญ" which means "Thailand's Children pay attention to your studies for national growth"

On this occasion La Salle Nakhonsawan School has organized some activities for the children and the students to celebrate Children's Day. (Br. Jonh Niran Suksankrasin FSC)

SJI International 10th Year Anniversary



On 20 January, St Joseph's Institution International in Singapore began its 10th anniversary year with a School Founders Celebration, honouring members of the Leadership Council that initiated the founding of the school. SJI International opened its doors on 8 January 2007 with 104 students. Today the elementary and high school have a combined enrolment of 1700 students. Further celebrations are planned for throughout the year. (Br. Larry Humphrey FSC)



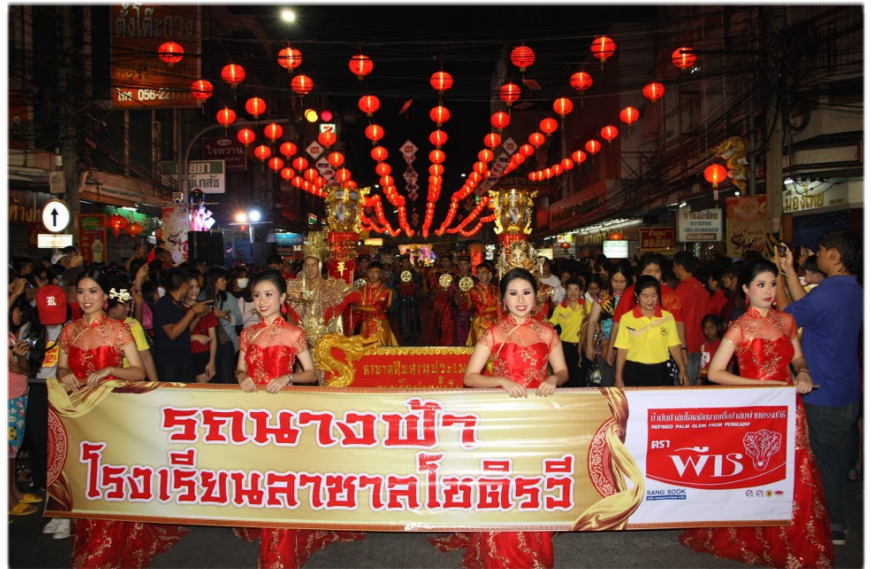
Nakhonsawan Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year falls on a full moon between the 21st of January and the 20th of February. Here in Nakhon Sawan, it is a twelve day festival from the 21st of January to the 1st of February this year. The festivities are held in honor of Chao Paw Pak Nam Pho. Local people will pay homage to Chao Paw Pak Nampho and Chao Mae Pak Nam Pho, the guardian spirits of Nakhon Sawan province. The highlighted programs are definitely two amazing “Chao Pow - Chao Mae” Processions which take place in the evening of 30th of January and the following morning on the 31st. The festival also features various processions such as lion parade, dragon, angel processions and the goddess Guan Yin marching along the main roads in the municipality.

La Salle Chotiravi Nakhonsawan School played a big role during the twelve days Chinese a contribution in the grand opening, the La Salle students accompanied by the La Salle Brothers together with the teachers presented an interpretative dance. In preparation for the “Chao Por - Chao Mae” Processions, La Salle Chotiravi Nakhonsawan School prepared a float decorated with golden art works. There were twelve girls from the secondary level chosen to show a Chinese choreography with colorful Chinese costumes and thirty boys to join the parade with different Chinese costumes and accompanied by the La Salle Brothers and teachers.

In the morning of January 30 the school director Bro. Prapas Sricharoen invited the Dragon and Lion dancers to come and entertain the students into the school. After the dragon and lion presentation it is followed by different activities done in every building. Students and teachers from different level

prepared their own presentation to celebrate the Chinese New year. Chinese New Year is possibly one of the most authentic celebrations and participating in this event will be a great experience. (Br. John Niran Suksankrasin FSC)



Visitor's and Auxiliary Visitors' Calendar February

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Visitor	LEAD PRV, 23rd District Council	Philippines, DLSL BOT Hong Kong, Standard and Chartered Hong Kong Marathon	Thailand, Canonical Visit	LEAD PRV Philippines, LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly
AVMA	LEAD PRV, 23rd District Council	Singapore, Vitality and Viability	Singapore	Philippines, LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly
AVVF	LEAD PRV, 23rd District Council	Thailand, Pastoral Visit to Nakhonsawan and Juniorate Bangkok OAV-THA	Thailand, Pastoral Visit to Sampran	Thailand, Bamboo School Philippines, LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly
AVSP	LEAD PRV, 23rd District Council	Singapore, Vitality and Viability Philippines, DLSJBC Anniv. DLSBI and OLEF Meeting	Philippines, Pastoral Visit, 1911 Community Philippines, Pastoral Visit, Bacolod Community	Philippines, Pastoral Visit, Kaupod Volunteers Community LEAD Senior Brothers Assembly

Newsbits

Congratulations. Br. Mandy Dujunco was recently invited to join the Board of La Salle College, Perth. Also, after submission of a working title for his research, writing a proposal as well as a sample chapter, his Panel has officially confirmed his Candidature. He is now officially a Doctorate Candidate . Keep it up Mandy!

Happy Birthday!

Brother Joe Dougherty FSC	February 14, 1953
Brother Quilino FSC	February 15, 1991
Brother Peter Ng FSC	February 18, 1943
Brother Stephen Ooi FSC	February 18, 1946
Brother Rey Mejias FSC	February 19, 1974
Brother Larry Humphrey FSC	February 25, 1953
Brother Joseph Nguyen Hong Hung FSC	February 25, 1979

Arts and Culture



St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia

Happy Lunar New Year!

The Rooster is the tenth in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac sign. The Years of the Rooster include 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029...

The Rooster is the epitome of fidelity and punctuality. For ancestors who had no alarm clocks, the crowing was significant, as it could awaken people to get up and start to work. In Chinese culture, another symbolic meaning of chicken carries is exorcising evil spirits.

(https://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/social_customs/zodiac/rooster.htm)

Photo: Br. Danai Kingkan FSC, St. Joseph's International, Malaysia
Chinese New Year Celebration

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