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**Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers.** As Hong Kong observes the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival, Lasallians in the Sector have another reason to celebrate as the Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers (HKLV) achieved another milestone when they held their first Annual General Meeting last 15 February. Attended by Brothers Tom, Patrick, Steve and Jeffrey, the meeting was an opportunity for the group to formally launch their new structure and constitution. All the members of HKLV are former students of Christian Brother Schools or are current Form 6 students invited for their leadership potentials. Since their establishment in 2005, they have made efforts to bring together the different Christian Brothers' schools in the Sector through different formation programmes, Bridging Programmes for newcomers and Leadership Camp for student leaders.

In his inaugural speech as the first President of HKLV, Mr. Peter Leung recounted the history and achievements of the group and expressed their gratitude to significant individuals who supported them throughout these years. To inspire commitment among the members, Mr. Leung shared these encouraging words: *"Being a part of the Lasallian Volunteers means to live up the Lasallian Spirit of Faith, Service and Community. All of us here have our own roles to play in our daily lives – we are either working or studying. Nevertheless, we are still willing to sacrifice our leisure time to share what we have – a Lasallian heritage which we treasure, to pass on the passion which we have been inspired. Tonight, we pledge ourselves to contribute our best for the betterment of the Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers and that of the Hong Kong Lasallian Family."*



**Fullerton - SJI Leadership Lectures: Mr. Tony Chew.** "On the 30th of January, the second series of the Fullerton-SJI Leadership Lectures was held. Jointly organized with The Fullerton Singapore, the third lecture of the series featured Mr. Tony Chew, a distinguished Old Boy who is now the Chairman of the Singapore Business Federation. During the lecture, Mr. Chew shared with the audience how he dealt with problems he faced while growing

up such as poverty and peer rivalry. He also talked about his long and arduous journey from being a malnourished child who received free milk from his principal every day to the successful businessman he is now.

“During the dialogue session, the audience quizzed Mr. Chew on a variety of subjects such as if there was anything he would have done differently in his life, to which he replied that he does not regret anything he has done. He believed that as long as you learn something from the situation, it would not have been a wasted opportunity. He also highlighted important factors to his success such as choosing the right partners and meticulous planning.” (Written by students of St. Joseph’s Institution: <http://www.sji.edu.sg/subpage.php?id=465> )



I am attaching an article from the “Strait Times (31 January 2013)” for more details on this story.

### 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians.

Mr. Joseph C. Gilson, International Coordinator for Young Lasallians, sent the following information about the 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians:



**Meeting Dates:** 9 - 14 February 2014  
**Venue:** Generalate, Rome, Italy  
**Regional Quota:** Eight (8) Delegates

#### Objectives of the Symposium

The 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians, seen as the clearest and most inclusive expression of the Young Lasallians’ (YLS’) collective voice, will strive to achieve the following objectives:

- *To Identify and prioritize objectives and Lines of Action for the Young Lasallian Movement. These will be referred to as the Young Lasallian Mission Objectives, henceforth.*
- *To link the Young Lasallian Mission Objectives directly with the Institute’s Mission, and the lines of action and orientations of the broader Lasallian Educational Mission, as expressed by the 2nd International Mission Assembly, to be held in 2013.*

#### Description of the Regional Delegates’ Selection Process and Criteria

Since the Symposium has a specific task to accomplish in a short amount of time, the number of delegates will not be more than 60. The delegate selection process will be based on an equal Regional representation, with 8 YLS from each Region being invited, 4 women and 4 men. Regions and Districts are being asked to choose their delegates on the basis of:

- Age: *Every Regional Delegation should include not more than 2 delegates younger than 20 years old and not more than 2 delegates older than 31 years old.*
- Geographical demographics: *Representation of the many different cultural/social/religious/geo-political realities of each Region should be included.*
- Diverse ways of being a Young Lasallian: *Representation of the many different expressions of being a YL within a Region; Balanced inclusion of Young Brothers.*
- Involvement in the Mission: *Delegates need to have been exposed to and/or active within the Lasallian Educational Mission for at least 2 years.*

10 additional delegates will be invited at the discretion of the Superior General on the basis of the following criteria:

- Geographic Demographics
- Diverse ways of being a Young Lasallian
- Socio- and Economic backgrounds
- Other Lasallian interest groups

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

All delegates should be informed, from the onset, that accepting an invitation to participate in the Symposium, would entail committing themselves to be actively involved within their local Young Lasallian groups and/or District and/or Region, at least until 2016. In this way, in collaboration with Districts and Regional administrators, they would see to the necessary follow-up processes needed to foster the Young Lasallian Movement where YL groups are already in place, and assist in the organization of groups where the Movement is still in its initial stages.

## Symposium Preparation Manual

This guide is to be made available to as many young people connected to the Lasallian Educational Mission, especially the selected Symposium delegates. This will also be available online at <http://www.lasalle.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/3rd-International-Symposium-of-Young-Lasallians-Preparation-Manual-Final-1.pdf>

## INSTITUTE SNIPPETS

## PACIFIC ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the District of Colombo.** Diyagala Boystown, Ragama celebrates 50 years this year with the main celebratory events scheduled for December. The celebrant of the Jubilee Mass will be Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo who is a former student of De La Salle College, Mutwal, a Lasallian school in the District. Congratulations to all associated with Boystown past and present. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

**PARC Brothers in Rome.** Over the past couple of weeks we have had Brothers Christopher (India), Ambrose (Australia) with the three permanents; Mawel and Jorge (LEAD) and Joseph (India) and the itinerant David. We all braved the winter cold last Saturday night and enjoyed the warmth of fraternal company over a Chinese meal in a local restaurant. There are now four Chinese restaurants within walking distance of the Casa Generalizia but the Indian ones require a bus or metro ride. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

**150 Years of the Lasallian Presence in Ecuador.** On 28 February 1863 ten Brothers from France arrived in Ecuador having sailed via Southhampton in Great Britain. The President of Ecuador at the time; Garcia Moreno requested Bro Philippe, Superior General to send the Brothers thus planting the Lasallian seed for the first time in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recently we celebrated the feast of St Miguel one of the first vocations to the Institute in his country. We join the Brothers and Lasallian Family in Ecuador and rejoice on this occasion. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

**IALU Board meets in Mexico.** Bro Victor Franco from the College of St Benilde, Manila and Mr Arnulfo Azcarraga of DLSU, Manila were in attendance at the Board meeting held at the Universidad La Salle, Mexico City. Bro Claude Reinhardt, General Councillor attended also. The Board has virtual meetings at other times during the year. Lasallian Higher education is an important mission in the Institute and the board met on various issues pertaining to that mission, eg, the development of web based communications, projects for students, the Lasallian formation programme for teachers held annually in Rome, scientific research projects and preparations for the IALU Encuentro in 2015. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

**Some news of Br. Mark Murphy.** Mark Murphy has reported in from the District of San Francisco that he has begun full time the new responsibilities that called him back. He is evolving the actual job description for being the Brother Consultant to two entities at the same time: (1) the Lasallian Education Fund (LEF) - which represents the network of secondary schools and raises fund for scholarships granted those who qualify to attend but their families do not have finances to meet tuition and other costs; and (2) the Christian Brothers Charitable Trust which raises funds for the health care and retirement needs of the senior Brothers and education/formation costs of the young Brothers. Both these areas will take on increased importance with the movement toward the District of San Francisco and District of New Orleans-Santa Fe moving to become one District. Mark has just completed a tour of all 11 secondary schools, meeting the Presidents and the Principals, as well as individual members of the Board of LEF in order to begin a process to hire an Executive Director. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

**Visitors to La Salle Novitiate Lipa.** Recently Bro Edmundo Fernandez, Visitor, LEAD spent time at the Novitiate followed by Bro Mark McKeon, Visitor of ANZPPNG. Both Visitors interviewed their Districts' novices and interacted with the novitiate community. The Novitiate staff and novices welcome such visits. **Date claimer:** Habit taking for the incoming novices will be held on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 7 June, 2013. Brothers Visitors/ President have been invited to attend. (PARCVIEW: 17/02/13)

Fraternally,

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