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Dear Lasallians,

This is the first term of my presidency after serving the Association since 2004. I feel nothing but thankfulness for having this honor in being President of LSCOBA, promoting fraternity and brotherhood among over 7,500 members of the Association. LSCOBA is like a big family to me in that we meet and discuss while sharing the fun and rewards of getting our jobs done. There are times when we would have different views and opinions, but we as Lasallians would always find a way out. One thing we know is that we have the "heart to conquer every ill."

Attributed to the support from the Committee and members, the Association held a number of successful events during the second half of the term. The theme of the LSCOBA Annual Ball 2016 was "Night of the Legends", where we paid tribute to some of our most outstanding and legendary old boys. The Year of the Rooster Spring Dinner 2017 held in March continued to be the OBA's most popular event. This year we broke the record in attendance. Apart from the conventional activities, we also rolled out new programs and events like a Photo Competition featuring "La Salle Spirit". Then, the Members' Benefit Platform provided offers for OBA members. In the first Community Service Program, we invited needy families for an exclusive movie show, and we also launched the best-selling souvenir, the LSCOBA Octopus, covering both the adult and elder versions for old boys of different years. I hope you have noticed our efforts of enhancing the presence of the OBA through the ease of getting news via various channels, including our website, Facebook page, regular email notice and your class coordinators.

Regarding the issue of this newsletter, I have invited a number of key stakeholders to write their views of old boys as well as any message they would like to convey to our members. My special thanks to Br. Patrick Tierney

for the poem paying tribute to Br. Henry Pang, Past President Nicholas Ng for sharing his story of how he was "Called to be a Lasallian," Mr. Wun-Sing Tong, Principal, La Salle College for the recent update of our students and the School, Mrs. Chandni Rakesh, Principal, La Salle Primary School for information on the Diamond Jubilee Campaign, and Mrs. Shirley Wong, Chairperson, La Salle College Parent Teacher Association, for writing about her experience of working with old boys. The articles of two 98ers, Jevons Au and Thomas Ng, are particularly impressive, demonstrating how La Salle has made them become who they are now.

As I am on the verge of finishing my first term, I would like to share with you an experience which has strengthened my commitment to serving you and La Salle. I needed to collect at least 50 nominations in order to run for the Alumni Manager position of LSC last year. I ran onto the football field on a weekend, trying to collect the signatures from old boys. When I approached a senior old boy who just walked out from the game and asked for the nominations, he kept walking and said, "Why would I sign it without knowing who you are and what you have done?" I was pretty upset at that moment but when I thought it through, I realized that there is no free lunch in this world and nothing can be taken for granted. This, of course, includes serving for La Salle. If we take up a role, we need to do it wholeheartedly in order to earn the respect we strive for. I will continune to serve each one of you with my Committee.

I look forward to your continuous support!

Roger Lee (85)

President LSCOBA 2016-2017 Email: president@lscoba.com

#### FOCUS: PAST PRESIDENT NICHOLAS W. F. NG - "CALLED TO BE LASALLIAN"

As a former Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Secretary for Transport and head of the Public Service Commission, Nicholas Ng describes how his Lasallian education prompted his commitment to serve others.

#### BY BR. PATRICK TIERNEY FSC

Nicholas W.F. Ng AFSC, joined the Lasallian Family when he was admitted into La Salle Primary School (LSPS) in Hong Kong in 1959 at Primary Six. "The Principal, Brother Henry Pang, interviewed each applicant and obviously saw something in me that would seal my future bondage with the Brothers," he mused. "It was a bumper year for LSPS. We got a record one-sixth of all the government scholarships in Hong Kong for free education at secondary level. It was rumoured that Brother Henry set the examination papers and marked them himself. Not true, of course," he laughed.

Nicholas was one of the scholarship winners and moved up to La Salle College where he completed his secondary education. It was there that he made the most of Lasallian education. "We studied hard, played hard, and made many life-long friends. The school was a second home to me," he said. "I was lucky. There were plenty of first class teachers and Brothers at the time and I had the fortune of being taught by the Brothers at each level," he reminisced.

It was at La Salle that brought him in contact with the Catholic faith. "Like most Hong Kong Chinese," he said, "my family adopted the traditional Taoist Buddhist practices but could hardly be labelled religious". He joined the school's catechumen class and got baptised.



"There was no overt pressure from anybody," he stated. "Looking back, it must have been the Holy Spirit that was working behind the scene!" His family all got converted to the Catholic faith along the way. "That made life easier for my mother," he smiled, "we all had to eat fish on Fridays!" Among the various Catholic groups, the Legion of Mary attracted Nicholas' interest. "The weekly routine of leading the rosary in the school chapel; the service assignments; and the emphasis on personal contacts resonated well with the Lasallian ethos of faith, service and community," he stressed. "The close association with the Legion of Mary has subtly moulded my outlook on life and contributed to my character building".

"I was also close to the Brothers," he added. Two of them had the most influence on him. "Brother Anthony Philip Cheung was talented and a workaholic. He was also charged to establish a Juniorate in Hong Kong and I used to hang around with a few young Aspirants after school. But, no, the thought of joining the Brothers did not seem to stick!" The other Brother was the Principal of the time, Brother Casimir Husarik. "Externally, he appeared stern and remote, but you would not resist his warmth and friendliness when you got to know him," said Nicholas. He should know, as head prefect of the school during Brother Casmir's time, Nicholas had plenty of opportunities to approach Brother Caismir on behalf of the student groups.



Old School

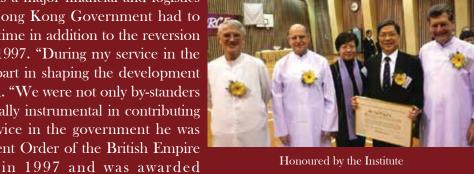
A young Nicholas with Br. Casimir at La Salle College (LSC) From La Salle College, Nicholas went to the University of Hong Kong to read Economics and Business Management. After graduation, it was not difficult to make a career choice between government service and the private sector. "There are more opportunities serving the community in joining the civil service, but certainly not as financially rewarding or glamorous as a private sector career," he said. He spent the next three decades in the Hong Kong civil service until his retirement in 2003. He was a member of the elite Administrative Service and rose in the ranks to the Secretary (equivalent to Minister) level. He was the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs during the changeover of Hong Kong's sovereignty in 1997 and oversaw the smooth transition. He retired as Secretary for Transport. Reflecting on his career in the civil service, Nicholas said it was a fulfilling career. It coincided with Hong Kong's phenomenal development from a trading entrepot to a major manufacturing base in the 1970's, a vital

catalyst and source of capital for China's opening up in the 1980's and the 1990's and

the consolidation of Hong Kong's role as a major financial and logistics centre in this part of the world. The Hong Kong Government had to tackle a myriad of challenges during this time in addition to the reversion of sovereignty from Britain to China in 1997. "During my service in the government, I was able to play a direct part in shaping the development and history of Hong Kong," Nicholas said. "We were not only by-standers watching the world go by. We were actually instrumental in contributing to the events." For his outstanding service in the government he was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire



Visiting the La Salle Study Centre, Changjiao, China in July 2010



Honoured by the Institute

In 2010, Nicholas was made an Affiliated Member for his service to the Lasallian Community

and expertise in the civil service was such that he has been recalled from retirement to head the Public Service Commission, a body that oversees the integrity of the civil service appointments and discipline systems. He has held the position for nine years and he said he was looking forward to his second retirement. What about his family life? "I am married. I have a grown girl - and that is my wife! She comes from a devout Catholic family, and has been a tower of strength for me in my maturing, my work and my voluntary work, like supporting La Salle," Nicholas said.

Alongside his heavy commitments as a senior government official, Nicholas was generous with his time for the Lasallian cause. He served as President of La Salle College Old Boys' Association from 1982 to 1984. He headed the La Salle Foundation between 1997 and 2005. He is currently a member of the School Management Committee of La Salle College as well as being its Alternate Supervisor. He also served as Vice Chair of the Redevelopment Committee of La Salle Primary School and on many occasions acted as Chair. He has been a member of the Hong Kong Lasallian Education Council since its establishment in 2004. In addition, Mr. Ng was appointed by the Superior General to the Executive Committee of UMAEL from 2003 to 2007. In recognition of his devotion and loyalty to the Lasallian mission, the Superior General made him an Affiliated Member of the Institute in 2010. When asked for his reaction to the affiliation to the Institute, he responded, "It is my good fortune to have been educated by the Brothers



Lasallian Family

Nicholas at the 2011 World Union of Lasallian Former Students (UMAEL)

and to be given opportunities to raise the Lasallian flag in various capacities". The affiliation is a singular honour and I can never repay the debt to the Brothers. I can only hope that I would be worthy of the Brothers' generosity and trust".



A LEAD Representative

Nicholas together with the other representatives of LEAD in the 2013 International Assembly in Rome He continued, "The wholeperson education philosophy of the Lasallian education, infused with Christian values, has moulded my childhood development. It is as valid today as it was in my time. I have been taught to embrace service for others and care and concern for one's community in our work. These precepts have been a guiding light in shaping my life's

"It is my good fortune to have been educated by the Brothers and to be given opportunities to raise the Lasallian flag in various capacities".

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Without teaching duties, this year enables me to participate more in outside competitions, especially sports matches. Every time I go to the sports match, I am impressed not only by our students' grit in playing for the school, but also by the dedication of the Old Boys. No matter whether the event is swimming, fencing, cross country, football, basketball, volleyball, squash, handball, athletics or foot drill competitions of uniform groups, there are always Old Boy supporters at every event, regardless of whether the events are held on weekdays or at the weekends. The Old Boys are always there to support students because they love to be there. My observation has been that they are there to show their support, concern and care to the students, and ultimately, to the school. Consequently, as I am writing this, the slogan "This is La Salle, mighty mighty La Salle"is echoing in my head. La Salle is really 'something more'.

Our Athletics team did well in the inter-school Athletics Meet in Wan Chai this year. The athletes trained hard and had to be very careful on the track as conditions were not satisfactory. There were swells and lumps especially at the starting point of the 100-meters area. Otherwise, they might have easily gotten injured and jeopardized their chances of winning at Wan Chai Stadium.

The school has to shoulder the responsibility of repairing and maintaining school facilities because when the school was built, the EDB (or former Education Department) took these facilities as 'above-standard' albeit the Government that now recognizes these facilities are basic training facilities as revealed by the Sports Institute. Sports are an integral part of a holistic education and an activity that our school cherishes. As such, the school is striving its best to maintain the sports facilities for the good of students.

However, due to the educational reform and curriculum changes, facilities in our school are barely sufficient to cater for the needs of our students. For example, the Government is now pushing STEM in schools. However, our D&T room has been in use since the school was built in 1979. To provide more up-to-date facilities and equipment to students, the school needs to solicit extra resources. IT in education is also another area we are now working on so as to improve learning and teaching. We know that IT skills are essential to 21st Century education and investment in this area should be large. Thus, based on the good work of Br Steve in developing s powerful wi-fi system covering the whole campus, we have made great developments in using IT in education. Yet, to further develop, the school needs more resources.

The school is also short of manpower. The teacher ratio of classes is fixed by the Government, but because of student diversity, more split classes are needed to cater to the learning needs of different students. Smaller classes are one of the ways to cater for diversity but the implication is on manpower. Hence, The school, with the help of the Old Boys, has worked hard to provide more teachers to cater for the needs of students. Also, in extra-curricular activities, we need more professional coaches to train our students to stretch their potentials to the fullest. These are all challenges to the College finance.

The needs to sustain the smooth operation and improvement of learning and teaching have always been challenging to the school. However, I believe that with the support from old boys, we will overcome all the obstacles and let La Salle shine as it always does.

Wun-Sing Tong Principal La Salle College

#### STAKEHOLDER'S NEWS: MESSAGE FROM MRS CHANDNI RAKESH, PRINCIPAL, LA SALLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

La Salle Primary School Diamond Jubilee Campaign - Lasallian Gentlemen

Dear Old Boys,

La Salle Primary School will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in the academic year 2017-2018. With God's blessing and the support of different stakeholders, LSPS has established a reputation for its exceptional educational accomplishments.

The theme for our Diamond Jubilee is 'Sparkling Onwards & Upwards'. A series of exciting events celebrating our achievements will take place from September 2017 onwards. More details will be made available as we move into the new school year.

LSPS has been and will continue to be one of the top tier schools in Hong Kong. It is a well-known fact our achievements as an aided school in



HK, are regularly compared to that of direct subsidy, private and international schools. And as an aided school with government funding, it is also a well-known fact that LSPS faces financial challenges to upkeep the superb facilities and infrastructure that have supported our approach to education, an approach that has produced numerous outstanding old boys like you.

Though daunting, LSPS is proud to stand tall to face the challenges ahead such that we will be able to continue our heritage in order to produce the many generations of Lasallian Gentlemen like you who have created a difference in our society. Your support in this challenging but meaningful task is thus critical.

The School song puts it well...

Boys of courage, boys of daring, Full of manliness and will; Spirits nought for danger caring, Hearts to conquer every ill.

LSPS is counting on you to put your Lasallian spirits to work.

I look forward to your support as well as an exciting year ahead with you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Pat Wong, Head of School Office, at 2336-2609 or email dj60@la-salle.edu.hk.

God Bless. Yours sincerely,

Chandni Rakesh Principal La Salle Primary School



REUNION OF LA SALLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967



Half a century seems a long time if you look forward but it seems such a short time when you look backwards.

It was half a century ago that the La Salle Primary School Class of 1967 graduated. On 6th May 2017, over 30 of these graduates came together for a meaningful reunion. Many of us had not met up since leaving school in the 1970's. Despite the long separation, we had no trouble connecting again once we managed to identify one another through the bloated bellies and snow dusted hair.

To commemorate this important event, we went for a tour of the School all dressed in our primary school summer uniform. We were received by Mrs. Catlin, the Vice Principal of LSPS, who very kindly took us around the new primary school campus. We met with Mrs. Rakesh, the current principal of LSPS who is in fact the niece of the late Mr. Nair, our physics teacher in La Salle College. We toured the Brother Henry Library. There on the walls of the Library was the old plague containing the names of scholars from various years of the LSPS student body. 4 of these scholars from 1967 were there in our group. While inside the Library and under the portrait of our beloved Brother Henry, we gave a vigorous rendition of the School Song. At the new Heritage Room, we found many items from the past which brought back fond memories of our time at our alma mater. We were also surprised to find that Peter Choy, one of our group was listed as part of the relics. I guess that really brought home how old we actually are although all of us were still feeling young.

After the tour of the Primary School, we proceeded to La Salle College for a tour there. With the help of the LSCOBA, 2 current students, Allan Lee and Victor Siu turned up to be our guide around the new school building. We ran into John Tsang (Mr. Potato Chips) who was doing fencing coaching. The new school building had an excellent functional feel but we all missed the old school building with the magnificent dome and the forecourts. We were delighted to see a mostly accurate model of the old school building (it even had a bald soccer field which reminded us of how the old field managed to host at least 15 soccer games going on at the same time during recess and lunch time).



After the tours, the group gathered for a dinner which was graced by the presence of several of the teachers from the primary school: Mr. Francis Fung (Class teacher of P.5B), Mr. Clement Lau (Class teacher of P.6D), Mr. Dominic To (Class teacher of P.5E), Ms. Alice Chau (Music Teacher) and Mrs. Elizabeth Pau (Past Principal of LSPS).

Benjamin Chang LSC-Class of 1972

#### STAKEHOLDER'S NEWS: MESSAGE FROM LA SALLE COLLEGE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



First, I would like to express my thanks to President Roger for giving me this opportunity to write a few words on behalf of La Salle College Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Being a working mother, I rarely got a chance to be around the school during the day years ago. Without any experience and intention in serving Parent Teacher Association before, I was blessed to be brought on as a co-opted member of the La Salle College PTA Standing Committee in 2012. Afterwards, I was invited to join the Committee. Luckily, I had the chance and honour to be the Chairperson of the Committee in 2015 and I am very delighted to be staying at the committee till now.

Founded in 1994, PTA is now 23 years old. Over the past years, one thing has proved certain: the strength of our parent community. Even though the mission of the PTA has remained the same over years, there have been changes and some evolution of PTA in the past to support the school. Thankfully the school offers a wide array of volunteer opportunities for our current and alumni parents who are passionate about serving the school and supporting its educational, social and fund raising activities.

The La Salle College Old Boys' Association (OBA) undoubtedly is a strong team with powerful college alumni network. All along, La Salle College old boys' image as self-confident, prideful and distinguished gentlemen has been cultivated in my mind and I am impressed with the way that OBA and PTA mind only their own business but less meddling in each other's affairs. However, in partnership with the dedicated OBA Presidents and committees in recent years, my attitude toward OBA has changed. Having a strong sense of belonging and a good understanding of La Salle, the OBA leaders demonstrate strong leadership with strategic visioning on education for contribution



to La Salle. Though with different missions, OBA and PTA have taken more opportunities to communicate a sense of unity and encourage a strong La Salle community together in support of the school's mission, values, and growth. It isn't just about having fun together, it's about working together for the benefits of our La Salle students and school development.

As a parent, I really appreciate the strong school spirit OBA nurtures for La Salle. At every year's interschool athletics meet, I always feel touched by the La Salle spirit with lots of our students and old boys in attendance cheering for our school teams. Their fight slogans & fight cheer together with our school song always stir up the school pride at the event. Their La Salle spirit warms the whole college and even the parents and friends are also influenced. And we the parents, as part of the Lasallian family are honored by the support that is continually shown by our old boys. I strongly believe both of our associations that make effort to build La Salle spirit will instill a sense of pride in our La Salle students that can yield lots of wonderful results, something more will happen.

I have enjoyed serving the PTA and I am happy to get connected with OBA in the past. For the coming year and beyond, we look forward to working with everyone in the Lasallian Family to ensure that PTA continues to flourish and serve La Salle. I am confident that with the strong support of the school community, La Salle will continue to grow and respond to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

May god bless all of you and your families today and always.

Shirley Wong Chairperson La Salle College Parent Teacher Association 2016/17



PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER 2017



The Past Presidents' Dinner is held every year where the current Committee will have the opportunity to meet most past presidents of LSCOBA on a single occasion. This year, our guests Brother Patrick, Principal Tong as well as Past President Lester Huang gave the latest update of the School at the dinner, while I also passed on the message for Mrs. Rakesh, LSPS Principal, regarding the Diamond Jubilee Campaign to the attendees. After dinner, we all shared the special moments of taking the group pictures and singing school song together in the end. My special thanks to Immediate Past President Leonard Chu for coordinating the event.

Roger Lee (1985)



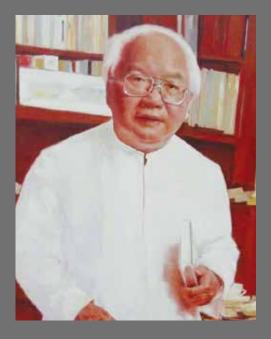
### **CLASS COORDINATOR GROUP**

To enhance the communications with OBA members and old boys, LSCOBA has formed a class coordinator group this term to promote fraternity among old boys of different years while counting on each representative's support of dispatching OBA news to the school mates of his year. As of now, we have a total of 50 class coordinators from graduation years of 1955 to 2013.

The first ever OBA Class Coordinator Group gathering was held in early-April for representatives spanning from the graduation years of 1955 to 1990, enjoying some precious moments like talking over the stories of their old days in school. We are still looking for representatives of some years and please write to admin@lscoba.com if you are the contact point and would like to join the group.

Roger Lee (1985)

#### A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER HENRY PANG BY BR. PATRICK TIERNEY FSC



The morning sun rose-fingered the sky, Sparking desire in heart and soul, Flashing coats of varied hues, Stirring the spirit of wide-eyed youth.

The noonday sun blazed bright and clear, Showering rays of faith and zeal, Touching hearts in a far-off land, Throwing open the light of days.

Afternoon beams shone strong and sure, Stoking the dreams of daring youth, Burning dross in a gentle melting, Turning to gold the rough and the smooth.

The evening sun fair-speckled the sky, In fiery-red, in russet and rose, Undimmed the flame, unquenched the fire, Scripting His glories in sheets of gold.

#### Old Boys' Messages

Still remember in 1959, my father and I lined up outside LS Primary for an interview. That was the first time I met Brother Henry. We met again in Vancouver in the 80's with the LSCOBA. The last time was in HK, 1990 for the 70's class reunion.

Allan Woo (1970)

記得有一次小息時告訴 Brother Henry 我在電視看到他接受訪問,他聽後笑着拍拍我的肩對我說:「我依家都係呢度見到你喎!」說來像爺爺般慈祥。

李兆豐 (1985)

#### Thank you Brother Henry.

In 1974, my mom bought me to line up and wait for an interview. I still remember it was a hot day. We were not rich but mom insisted to take a taxi. She said she does not want to let Brother Henry see us full of sweat. I walked with my mom up to the stairs. It was a wooden stairs and the A/C was really cold. Lucky that I got admitted to LSPS finally.

Randolph Lau (1984)

Brother Henry is wise and kind. Looking back after 42 years I realize that he remembers all his students and treats us with great respect. He is a great man.

Christopher Mong (1984)

He was my god father and he did take good care of me during my primary years. The most memorable thing was that he always brought me to the top floor and cut my hair during class hours. I do miss him very much from time to time.:(

Marco Lo (1990)

#### Brother Henry,

Back in 1966, I was admitted to La Salle Primary school. During those days, as a young boy, I used to fear you. Still remember your punishing me once. But now, when I look back, it is with tears of gratitude in my eyes. Because only during these adult days, do I realize how caring and good you really are/were. RIP Rev Brother Henry. Your memory will live on. Not just within my heart. But within the hearts of the many young La Salle Old Boys that know you, and were educated under your tutelage. God bless.

Ronald Mc Smith (1978)

#### 從喇沙到香港電影金像獎

假如我不是喇沙仔,或許,我不會成為一個電影工作者。

我生長在一個比較複雜的家庭,在寂寂無聞的屋邨小學就讀。 我沒有見過自己的母親,父親是一個夜更的士司機,不過嚴格 來說,賭徒才是他的職業,唯一與父親相處較長的時間,就是 小四至中二,當時我的父親再婚,但後來他又再次離婚,所以 大部分時間,都是祖母獨力照顧我。

當我滿十五歲的時候,便開始在課餘時間到快餐店當兼職,又 在超級市場當理貨員來賺取生活費。當時壓根兒沒有想過會拍 電影,更沒有想過會做導演,讀商科的我只是想著將來或許會 做會計師,所以我的英文名 Jevons 也是源自一位經濟學家。 中五會考的時候,我最大的壓力不是公開試,而是財務公司來

我家追數,我家的大門被人淋紅油,匙孔被人貼萬能膠,追數恐嚇電話響過不停。那年暑假,中學同學丁裕軒找我 替他的短片做打雜,當時我對於拍片的熱衷,可能是

> 因為通宵達旦的拍攝,可以讓我短暫逃離那個讓我窒 息的家。



好不容易能在原校升讀中六,卻見父親為了還賭債而 跟人假結婚,但祖母又沒有阻止,當時我的內心混沌 躁動,除了認識數字和利益以外,人生蒼白乏味,情 緒糾結壓抑卻無從宣洩,我想去看外面的世界。然後, 我想起了那次拍片經驗。也許是初生之犢,也許就是 年少無知,我竟無視拍片所需的資源及製作的複雜性, 我只想到"既然有人做到,自己為何會做不到"。

雖然丁裕軒同學已到了美國的 California Institute of the Arts 修讀電影,但他仍熱心回覆我關於拍片 的電郵查問,還有兩位未能原校升讀預科的同學,伍

奇偉(即《樹大招風》編劇)及周震業,他們對拍片的熱誠投入,令我的電影路上不感孤單。然後我把大部分課堂 的時間用來構思劇本,放學後不是去當兼職,便是去上堂學拍片,然後把握每次可以拍片的機會,包括用短片取代 Power-point 去做我的 Business Studies Presentation。

某程度上,我放棄了我的高考,但很感激當時的老師也沒有 放棄我,當時我的預科班主任,包括現已離任的中文科老師 Miss Yim 和現任校長唐煥星,替我申請學費全免,英文科老 師 Mrs. Chong 給予我短片劇本的意見,感謝每位讓我上堂 "發夢"的老師,感謝直至今天仍是默默到戲院入場支持我 的 Martin Wong 老師,也感謝每位曾幫我拍片演出做苦力的 同窗友好,很慶幸當時身邊的同學沒有嫌棄我的出身,也體 諒我的憤世疾俗。

為什麼我向大家講這麼多自己的成長背景?因為戲劇的重要 元素,是衝突。而喇沙書院,豐富了我的戲劇人生。

人生的價值不在於贏過幾次金像獎,人生苦短,反倒慶幸透 過創作《十年》、《樹大招風》,過程中讓我頓悟更多。我 始終相信,就算沒有金像獎的肯定,它們的價值早已出現。

歐文傑 Jevons Au(1998) 第36屆香港電影金像獎最佳導演





關於喇沙,我想到驕傲。

出名驕傲,或所謂「吋」。 「 吋 」 是負面的,但驕傲呢?

我曾經都好驕傲,就在我獲派進喇沙中一的時候。

然後,我想,因為這是喇沙呀,當年身在很多很多身邊同學,都在學術或運 動有這麼多真本事的地方,真是每分鐘都開始退縮,對,是同時都很驕傲自 己是喇沙仔,但無形中愈來愈知道自己廢,愈來愈知道自己其實沒有什麼很 值得驕傲,我指我個人本身的質地啦,是喇沙「唔好彩」地接收了我··· 我想,我在最值得驕傲的地方,學會了沒有什麼好值得驕傲,所謂的找回了 一點尤其是做創作人應有的謙卑。

是故金像獎後,收到了很多舊生和校友的關注和祝賀,我都沒有敢去驕傲甚至 自豪什麼。我一直都只說「多謝歐文(《樹大招風》導演歐文傑)」,就是那 個我有幸在喇沙中二認識的同班同學。母校給我種了一段緣,雖然歐文不是我 的夢中女孩沈佳兒,但友誼,是我覺得比任何名牌或獎項更值得讓我驕傲的。

伍奇偉 Thomas Ng (1998) 第36屆香港電影金像獎最佳編劇





社區服務之復活節親子電影欣賞會

喇沙書院舊生會首次與陽光勵進會合辦之電影欣賞會已於2017年4月9日順利完成。於是次活動,大會邀請逾 四十多個家庭以優惠票價觀賞親子電影「波士BB」優先場。舊生會希望在復活節前夕為參與的家庭帶來親子、溫 馨又富有教育意義的活動, 給社區傳遞更多積極訊息。

喇沙書院舊生會致力推動社區活動以及義工服務,希望透過舊生會龐大的網絡及會員的支持,除了幫助喇沙學弟成 長,亦做到回饋社會,幫助有需要的家庭及小朋友。這社區服務計畫,主要邀請基層及部份首次全家看電影的家庭 參與此活動。舊生會希望透過這次活動能增進這些家庭的親子關係,讓小朋友從電影中認識父母親對自己的愛,及 對人對事能存感恩的心。

這次活動由舊生會社區服務委員會負責籌備,招待及資助逾40個家庭共二百多人,到牛頭角影藝戲院觀賞電影。 大會亦於現場送贈爆谷和汽水,讓各參與家庭投入享受電影的奇妙樂趣。參與的家庭更獲贈紀念品,讓小朋友、家 長與舊生會代表一起分享復活節的歡樂。

Robert Lui (95)



LSCOBA ANNUAL BALL 2016: NIGHT OF THE LEGENDS



The LSCOBA Annual Ball 2016 was held on 17 December 2016 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. On this occasion, we were honoured to be graced by our LSCOBA Past President (1954-1957), the Honorable Hilton Cheong-Leen CBE JP ( 張有興太平紳士 ), who was the first Chinese Chairman of the Urban Council of Hong Kong (1981-1986) ( 首位華人市政局主席 ) as our guest of honour.

The theme of the Ball this year was "Night of the Legends". It was an evening where we paid tribute to some of the most outstanding and legendary old boys,

the late Mr. James Wong (58) and Mr. Bruce Lee, who had made tremendous contributions not only to our Alma Mater, but also the community at large.

Another highlight of the night was the presentation of the recognition and appreciation plaque. We invited Mr. Johan Wong (85), son of Mr. James Wong, and Mr. Clarence Lee (97), nephew of Mr. Bruce Lee, to come and share stories of two of our most outstanding and legendary old boys.



(JW) which brought the atmosphere of the ball to its peak. Guests were enthralled with having the opportunity to take pictures with various celebrity old boys like Hilton, while busy mingling with fellow old boys and friends.



The LSCOBA would like to once again thank our sponsors and guests for their generous patronage and participation. The success of the LSCOBA Annual Ball 2016: Night of the Legends would not have been possible without their contribution and support.

Terence Mak (1997)

#### BEST PHOTO SHOOTING COMPETITION FEATURING "LA SALLE SPIRIT"

The LSCOBA Photo Competition 2016 - "The La Salle Spirit 喇沙精神" was successfully held in October 2016. The submission period was from 17 October to 10 November 2016, while the voting period was from 12 November 2016 to 30 November 2016. We received 9 entries in total from our old boys. Winners were selected by online voting (50%) and OBA Committee 2016/2017 with the school principal (50%). Our winners received LSCOBA Credit Card free spending and recognition at the Annual Ball 2016. The final results were as follows:



Champion - Donny Hu (84) (Prize: HKD1,500 LSCOBA credit card spending)

1st runner-up - Howard Wong (95) (Prize: HKD1,000 LSCOBA credit card spending)

2nd runner-up - Samson Kwok (10) (Prize: HKD500 LSCOBA credit card spending)

Edison Siu (2008)

#### ANOTHER GOLD AWARD IN WINTER BAND FESTIVAL!



Our Old Boys' Wind Orchestra captured the Gold Award in the Open Class Division Competition at the 8th Winter Band Festival 2016 Hong Kong on 30 November 2016. The competition pieces are Mark Camphouse's In Memoriam, Julius Fucík's Florentiner March and Márquez's

Danzon No. 2. This is the second year that the Old Boys' Wind Orchestra participated in this competition and won the Gold Award. Adjudicators gave some very positive comments, such as "appreciate the energy and focus on creating the musical tapestry", "appreciate the blend the ensemble generates", "Bravo clarinet soloist (for Danzon)", 'Nicely done, trumpet soloist (for Danzon)". That said, there is always room for improvement and we are sure that the Old Boys' Wind Orchestra will be even better next year!



Our current La Salle College students also captured the Grand Slam in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows 2016. The Wind Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chinese Orchestra and String Orchestra all won Gold Awards. The pieces they played were Alfred Reed's Armenian Dance Part 1, Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring,  $\pm$ 丹紅-太陽頌第四樂章 and Grieg's Holberg Suite respectively. Further, the current boys' Wind Orchestra was granted the Overall Champion title.

Congratulations to the Old Boys' Wind Orchestra and the school music teams!

Music Board



SPRING DINNER 2017



The Spring Dinner has always been a popular old boys' event; and this year was no exception. The Year of the Rooster Spring Dinner was held on 3 March 2017 at **ECOL** The Grand Hall, Wan Chai. (灣仔名爵)

> Immediately after the Interschool Athletics Meet in Wanchai, more than 150 old boys joined the happy hour mingling with ice cold beer and wine in hand at the restaurant. This arrangement proved to be very much welcomed and if you missed it, do join early next year!



With the tremendous support of old boys, we had full house with record 54 tables that night. More than 600 old boys joined the dinner and had great fun, together with past and present teachers and also students from the athletics teams and other sports teams and supporting functions (being guests of the OBA). Some highlights of the night included the personal sharing by our La Salle athletes on stage, the exciting beer drinking competition and the lucky draw.

We may not have served the best wines and food for the night, but the event had the greatest atmosphere in the OBA calendar.

We would also like to extend our warmest gratitude to our respected sponsors including Telecom Digital, Telford, and our devoted old boy sponsors including Mr. Stanley Shum (79), Mr. Sunny Cheung (85), Mr. Roger Lee (85), Mr. Ray Sun (85), Mr. Herman Bo (89), Dr. Thomas Fung (96) and Mr. Vincent Fong (97) for their support towards the Spring Dinner.

Terence Mak (1997)

#### LSC FAMILY FUN DAY AND LSPS SPRING CARNIVAL



The OBA supported the annual carnivals of La Salle College and La Salle Primary School held on 18 December 2016 and 22 Jan 2017, respectively. On both occasions, we ran a game booth which attracted a large number of patrons and about 800 gifts were given away. We would like to thank Mr. Vincent Ma (82) and Mr. Paul Leung of Lung Cheong International Holdings Ltd for their generous donation of gifts.

Stanley Shum (1979)



#### CURRENT SCHOOL TEAM GAINING EXPERIENCE FROM LSCOBA BASKETBALL LEAGUE



LSCOBA Basketball League Season 2017 has resumed on March 12. All the first round games were held at the school gym with our Principal Mr. Tong and previous basketball teacher Mr. Victor Lo at present. Our league has expanded to 10 teams this season with the top 8 teams to go through and compete in the playoffs for the trophy. We are glad to have invited the current school team to participate and hope that they can gain some valuable experience by playing against different age groups of old boys. The season will finish by mid-August and please find out more information on our facebook group (search: LSC OB Bball League).

Paul Lee (1996)

#### DOCTORS OF LA SALLE SOCCER TEAM - HKMA FOOTBALL COMPETITION



For the second time, The Doctors of La Salle soccer team participated in the Hong Kong Medical Associate 7- a-side soccer competition held at Stanley Ho Sports Centre. As with last year, we have put together two teams, the La Salle Red and La Salle Purple. La Salle Red is mainly composed of doctors who played regularly in our OBA soccer league while the purple team was mainly non-league players. It was our honour to have two of the most senior yet the most skilful La Salle warriors, Dr. Ip Kin Sing and Dr. Brian Ho to lead our teams in the contest. Our old boys demonstrated full athleticism and Lasallian spirit throughout the tournament. The most memorable highlight



was in red team's first game. Our team unexpectedly conceded a goal early and within 10 minutes, our captain Dr. Ip Kin Sing received a yellow card, and at the same time, he also sustained a scalp laceration from a fierce challenge. At this adverse juncture, Sing clearly conveyed our motto "Never say die" to the crowd by wrapping his bleeding scalp with bandage and continued to play as if nothing had happened. With the boosted spirit, our team scored the equalising goal eventually by Dr. Yeung Yat Bong. Before the start of the second game, Sing's scalp laceration was skilfully repaired by our experience surgeon Dr Alex Kwok with the help of Dr Clarence Leung who brought the equipment swiftly from Queen Mary Hospital.

Both teams played really well. Red team was pressing on the front half over 90% of the time. Purple team had barely enough players due to injury but yet they have not conceded a goal in the three matches with Dr. Brian Ho's exemplary defence. Both teams did not proceed to the finals, but we have not lost any of the matches. Most importantly, our spirit flooded the stadium as we held our banner and screamed out our usual LSC slogan. There were quite a few Old boys on the other teams, and we still cheered for each other, because we are all Lasallian brothers, no matter where we are! We hope they could join our team next year. Do not hesitate to contact me if you want to be part of us!



Thomas Fung (1996)



LSCOBA SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017

This event was held on 26 May 2017 with 17 old boys participating at Shenzhen Firestone Golf Club ( 光明高爾夫球 會). We had visited this course in Nov, 2005. Wow, another 12 years passed...

Debutant was Jerry Wong (07) and he received a warm welcome by other fellow old-boy golfers at the lunch after the round.

This is the first time we had the transportation to China golf course provided by LS golfers. The original plan was suspended due to the low enrollment rate. The weather condition was cloudy and dry after heavy rain two days before. After the round, we all enjoyed the camaraderie amongst the fellow old boys with the beer and laugh during lunch, and we sang our school song following the prize presentation before heading back to Hong Kong.

We all hope to see your participation in November 2017.

The winners were as follows:

Champion	Tat Li (09)
Second	Paulus Choi (78)
Third	John, Paul, Ribeiro (78)
Best Score	Robert Cheng (76)
Best Front 9	Tony Cheung (77)
Best Back 9	Jerry Wong (07)
Nearest Pin	Warren Wong (78)
	Clarence Yeung (77)
	Tat Li (09)
	Ken Chan (79)
Longest Drive	Warren Wong (78)

We have to thank Ken Chan (79), Jerry Wong (07), Henry Lam (83) and Warren Wong (78) for our tournament coordination. Happy golfing and please continue to support the future golf events!

Thomas Tung (1977)

#### LSC CAREERS DAY 2017

The Careers Day was organised by LSCOBA and the school's Career Guidance Team in the afternoon of 25 March (Sat). This year, a total of 38 old boys participated as speakers covering 15 different professions (as mentioned below). About 130 students of form 4 & 5 attended different sessions according to their own interests. For the first time, we had a session for Chinese medicine. Furthermore, a separate session for Pilot will be arranged in May and perhaps other professions as well if there is a demand from the students or



teachers. The program was filled with lots of discussion and sharing among the old boys and students. It was surely an enlightening experience for our boys in their career planning.

On behalf of the school and OBA, we would like to thank the following old boys for their time and effort contribution to make the program a great one.



#### Accounting

Samuel Sinn (85), Freddie Chui (87), Samuel Cheng (88), Robert Lui (95), Gordon Leung (98), Vico Ha (99), Danny Chun (00), Gordon Ho (07), Samson Kwok (10), Jeffrey Chow (12)

#### Actuary

Clement Lam (98), Wong Chun Lok (14)

#### Architecture

Albert Ng (78), Michael Ng (78), Otto Ng (02)

#### Banking & Finance

Anson Chow (03), Noel Lam (06), Sam Luk (09)

#### Chinese Medicine

Dr Raymond Sin (01)

#### Dentistry

Dr Century Tsang (96), Dr Michael Mui (96)

#### Government & Consultancy

Kennon Tam (98), Kevin Ip (04)

#### Information Technology

Peter Man (86), Paul Lee (89), Gilbert Fung (98), Charleston Lee (09)

#### Legal

Dominic Wai (80), John Baptist Chan (95), Vincent Lung (98), Matthew Hui (08)





Medicine Dr Thomas Fung (96), Dr Clarence Leung (03)

Nursing John Fung (01)

Pharmacy Hung Wai Him (04)



Physiotherapy Law Pui Kai (96)

Social Work Benjamin Sin (95)

Sing Chi Ho (79)/Stanley Shum (79)/Clement Tang (96)/Derek Wong (99) Student Affairs Subcommittee **LSCOBA** 

#### POKFULAM VILLAGE DOCENT TOUR 薄扶林村文化導賞團



The Heritage Team aims to promote the history of our Alma Mater, and the local historical context of her development throughout the past decades. On 15th January, 2017, the LSCOBA Heritage Team organised a visit to the Pokfulam Village, as it is one of the oldest surviving indigenous villages on Hong Kong Island. The Village was listed in the World Monument Fund's Global Watchlist earlier in 2014, becoming the first Hong Kong place ever nominated in the list. 19 old boys and their family members joined the docent tour. Two local villagers served as the group's guides, and gave colourful introduction

on the Village's 280 years'

of history. The Villagers shared also the strategies on sustaining their unique intangible cultural heritage, Mid-Autumn Fire Dragon Dance, and on turning a 4,000 sq ft abandoned farmland into a public garden.

The community has been renowned for their strong collective identity and internal bonding. The villagers' ties are renewed and strengthened by their participation in regularly held social events. On this day they made tradition turnip cake using locally self-grown Chinese turnip hand-picked in the morning. They treated the LSC group a taste of good memory.

Heritage Subcommittee



#### LSCOBA GLOBAL REUNION 2018



After months of planning since last year, the Organizing Committee of LSCOBA New York/East Coast Chapter announced the dates and details of next year's Global Reunion.

The biennial event, scheduled for August 1 - 6, 2018 promises to be an exciting combination of onshore activities and Caribbean cruising, starting at the famous South Beach of Miami, Florida and cruising to the sunny beaches of Nassau, Bahamas.

Based on extensive research, the Organizing Committee identified and negotiated an attractive "best-value" package with Norwegian Cruise Line for reunion members, their family and friends. For an all-inclusive fixed price, the standard cruise package covers onboard food, beverage, premium alcoholic drinks and round trip hotel-to-ship

transportation. The 4-days, 3-nights cruise will be onboard the 850-foot vessel, Norwegian Sky, that accommodates 2,000 passengers.

From the moment you step aboard, you'll see that Norwegian Sky offers something for everyone. Your options are nearly limitless with 10 dining choices, free open bar, onboard spa and casino that has your favorite games. And, if you decide to bring your kids, they will be kept entertained onboard with activities all day, while you lounge by the pool, play in the casino, or enjoy dining at one of the many restaurants.

Regarding the land portion of the Reunion, after screening numerous hotels based on value, convenience and condition, the Committee chose the Royal Palm Hotel in downtown Miami as our reunion venue. Reunion participants will be pleased with the location of this hotel which is near the beach, shopping, dining and the bustling Miami nightlife. Our Old Boys will virtually be rolling out of bed onto the beach in the morning, and stepping out of the disco right back into the hotel at night.

The package for the Miami portion includes a trip to the famous Everglades National Park Safari. And avid golfers can sign up for, and enjoy the golf tournament arranged on one of Miami's scenic courses.



As to the many activities that will be available, Organizing Committee Chair, Peter Lai, explained: "The entire Reunion has been planned to accommodate the different interests of our Old Boys and their families within a pre-arranged, worry-free program in a Caribbean vacation setting, while providing activities to facilitate maximum camaraderie among old classmates and friends."

An added attraction of the combined land and cruise format is the flexibility to stay on in Miami for extra days to explore this vibrant city and enjoy all it has to offer. For convenience, additional side trips can also be arranged through a designated local travel agent, although the already-planned activities are likely to keep everyone pretty occupied. Alternatively, of course, just lazing around, chatting over drinks with friends and enjoying each others' company is always an option.



Full details of the Reunion schedule, activities, logistics and a run down on frequently asked questions are available on our user-friendly Reunion website:www.2018LSCREUNION.COM.

Be sure to click on the video of the cruise ship showing its many amenities.

Finally, do try and book your spot online as soon as possible, as a limited number of cabins on the Norwegian Sky have been blocked out for us. And in case you have any questions, feel free to contact Peter Lai at laip888@gmail.com.

Daniel Souza (1964) Secretary LSCOBA New York/East Coast Chapter

## **LSCOBA**

Members' Benefit Platform

LSCOBA has officially launched the Members' Benefit Platform on 24th April, 2017. OBA members and their families ("LSCOBA Community") can now simply enjoy offers listed on the Platform by presenting their LSCOBA membership cards or LSCOBA credit cards. LSCOBA strives to bring in more exciting offers varied from Food & Beverages to Lifestyle products and Educations for kids etc. for the community in the upcoming future. You are very much welcome to provide us with suggestions on type of benefits you wish to appear on the Platform. Just let us know your thoughts at benefits@lscoba.com.

Meanwhile, if you are running a business and would like to open up new business opportunities, please do not hesitate to let us know your proposal at benefits@lscoba.com.

Members' Benefit Platform: http://www.lscoba.com/ benefits/

Gilbert Fung (1998)



#### STAKEHOLDER'S NEWS: LA SALLE DRAGON BOAT TEAM

This year our La Salle Dragon Boat Team has produced some much advanced progress. Having already collected Silverware trophies in all competitions from Repulse bay and Discovery bay races, we're looking to team up with friends from Team Maryknollers Dragon Boat club! Much wonders and success ahead!

#### LSCAC AT THE STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON AND WORLD INDOOR MASTERS

LSCAC AT THE STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON, Deagu World Indoor Masters Athletics Championship and International Spring Taiwan Hualien Master Athletics Championship.

#### Marathon:

On February 12, 2017, more than 40 Old Boys, Teachers and Brother Edmundo participated in the 20th Standard Chartered Marathon. The Full and Half Marathon race started in Tsim Sha Tsui, 10km race started in Tin Hau and all races finished at the Victoria Park. On the race day, the temperature was cool and the air was dry. Many Old Boys finished in personal best times. The top Lasallian finishers are:

(FM)Chan Li 3:24:33; Sat Jun 3:26:41; Cheung John 3:28:41. (HM) Pow Alfred 1:28:39; Law Nelson 1:36:24; Sze Desmond 1:37:23. (10KM) Mak Marcus 0:47:02; Kong Michael 0:51:17; Ng Johnathan 0:53:00.





#### Track and Field:

On March 23, 2017, 7 Old Boys represented Hong Kong in the South Korea Deagu World Indoor Masters Athletics Championship. This is the first time our Old Boys taking part in an indoor world championship. Our captain Alan Cheung came 5th in the Man M40 110m hurdles final. Although we did not win any medals, it was a great experience.

On April 15, 2017, 5 Old Boys represented Hong Kong in the International Spring Taiwan Hualien Master Athletics Championship. Our Old Boys finished strong winning two Gold medals (Alan Cheung M40 400m hurdles; Chris Au M35 100m) and five Silver medals (Alan Cheung M40 110m Hurdles; Chris Au M35



200m; Anthony Chow M50 100m & 200m; Derek Chan M35 400m), two Bronze medals (Derek Chan M35 100m & 200m).

We hope more Old Boys and their wives will join LSCAC in our future events such as Asia Masters this September in China and Hong Kong Master this November in Wan Chai Stadium Hong Kong. We have regular training every Saturday from 4 to 6 pm at LSC, and all Old Boys and their wives are welcome. For more information, please email raysun2005@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Ray Sun (1985)





#### LSCOBA CREDIT CARD

The LSCOBA Visa Platinum Card, issued by OCBC Wing Hang Bank ("the Bank"), has been revamped with attractive brand new benefits to card holders. The key objective of this credit card program is to generate extra and recurring funding for support of student scholarships, activities, and school development programs. For every dollar spent on the card, the Bank will give a percentage back to the OBA, and for every principal card issued, the Bank will donate \$150 to the fund pool in support of students' activities. Please fill in and return the attached application form to apply for the card.

David Leung (1981)





#### LEGAL X ACCOUNTING NETWORK HAPPY HOUR (25 MAY 2017)

A Happy Hour gathering for the LSCOBA Legal and Accounting and Finance Network was held at Lily & Bloom, Central on 25 May 2017 (Thursday). More than 100 old boys from the Legal and Finance fields attended the networking Happy Hour and we all enjoyed the good opportunity to meet our fellow Lasallians and maintain a good relationship within the same professions!

Eric Chow (2000) Legal Network Convenor (2016/17)





#### LSCOBA X MCSFSA HAPPY HOUR (1 JUNE 2017)



Having co-organized many successful events in the past, the MCS Former Students' Association (MCSFSA) and LSCOBA once again got together and organized a joint-association Happy Hour gatherings at Lily & Bloom in Central. We all enjoyed the Happy Hour and it was a perfect time to relax and to wind down a whole week of work and stress with a pint of chilled beer or a glass of white-wine spritzer.

Eric Chow (2000)



#### **Coordinator:**

Edison Siu (2008)

#### **Contributors:**

Daniel Souza (1964) Nicholas Ng (1965) Benjamin Chang (1972) Thomas Tung (1977) Stanley Shum (1979)

David Leung (1981) Roger Lee (1985) Mark Huang (1985) Ray Sun (1985) Herman Bo (1989) Robert Lui (1995) Paul Lee (1996) Thomas Fung (1996) Terence Mak (1997) Gilbert Fung (1998) Jevons Au (1998)

Thomas Ng (1998) Eric Chow (2000) Martin So (2004) Kenneth Lau (2005) Claudio Chan (2008) Edison Siu (2008)

#### SOUVENIR ONLINE BOOKING

You can now order the LSCOBA souvenirs through our website, including the hottest item Octopus cards (Elder and Adult versions) as well as Nike Tees and Tracksuits with sports pants. Please visit www.lscoba.com -> LSCOBA Souvenirs.

#### Claudio Chan (2008)

