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# **New Principal**

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SUPERVISOR on March 5, 2010

**Appointment of the New Principal** The Supervisor and the School Management Committee of La Salle College are pleased to announce the appointment of **Brother Steve Hogan** as the new principal of the College as of 1st September 2010.

**Brother Steve** was born in New Zealand in 1961. In 1984 he graduated from Auckland University with a Bachelor of Arts, and took two Masters of Education, one in Religious Studies in 1995 and the other in Curriculum Studies in 1997, both from the Australian Catholic University.

Up to now **Brother Steve** has been a teacher, religious education and curriculum coordinator, vice principal and, for the last five years, Principal of various Lasallian schools in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Currently he is the Principal of **De La Salle College**, Mangere East, in Auckland.

During his time as vice principal and principal **Brother Steve** brought De La Salle College to new heights. The college is an all boys' school with a student population of over 1000. Many of the students are from the Pacific Islands. Under Brother Steve's leadership the school won many awards, most notably national awards for value added academic success and for rugby. **Brother Steve** himself is a keen supporter of academic, cultural and sports activities.

We congratulate **Brother Steve** on his appointment as Principal and welcome him to our Lasallian Family in Hong Kong. Many of you will no doubt have the pleasure of meeting him shortly. We assure him of our wholehearted support and prayers as he prepares himself to lead the school forward in these exciting and challenging times.

**Brother Patrick Tierney Supervisor** 

# Reminders

#### Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering
Date noon April 2, 2010 (every first Friday)

Venue Urban China Restaurant

潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street

### AGM & Annual Spring Dinner

Date Saturday April 10, 2010 Time 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm Venue Urban China Restaurant

> 潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street

#### Southern California

### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date noon to 2 pm, every first Sunday
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant

111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

Cost: \$15 per person

\$10 Children and full time students

#### Vancouver

#### Annual Dinner and Dance Party

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m

Venue: Sheraton Four Point

8368 Alexandra Road, Richmond

Tel: 604-214-0888 \$60/person

RSVP: Joseph Ng

Cost:

josephkmng@yahoo.com

# **About this newsletter**

This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among La Salle College old boys residing in North America. However, it shall not be used as a tool to promote any personal agenda. The editorial board therefore reserves the right to review and edit all submissions to ensure that no inappropriate contents appear in any issue of this newsletter. The editorial board also reserves the right to reject any submission that is not in line with the objective of this newsletter. Please send all your communications to <a href="editoria@lscobaedm.org">editors@lscobaedm.org</a>.

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# **News Clips**

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# 「過江龍」修士掌喇沙、9月新西蘭來港履新

【明報專訊】只有經過琢磨的石頭,才會變得光滑。將人生黃金歲月奉獻喇沙書院,34 年來由教師、副校長至出任校長,「琢磨」教導過無數學生的王仁傑,今年正式 榮休。校方經全球招聘後,決定委任新西蘭修士 Steve Hogan 登上喇沙校長「寶座」,2010 年 9 月越洋來港履新,該傳統名校再度由修士執掌。

王仁傑於 1976 年加入喇沙書院,初時任中文科教師,直至 2006 年擢升爲校長,大半生與喇沙結下不解緣。王仁傑接受本報專訪時說:「所有學生儼如一塊石頭,需經過琢磨;爲人師表的我,需教導學生向善。」

## 退休校長: 難忘出文科狀元

他又說,剛加入喇沙的「大家庭」時最喜歡與資歷較深的教員在一起,「早上回校前,一起往附近大牌檔飲茶,午膳時一起吃飯」。當時一名印度籍教師的一句教誨 "open your ears but close your mouth"(意指多聆聽,少說話),時至今日他仍銘記於心,並遵行日常須專注工作,不說別人閒話的原則。



度籍教師的一句教誨 "open your ears '加入名校喇沙書院 34 年,校長王仁傑由教師做起,直至升任校長,見證喇沙but close your mouth"(意指多聆聽, 的變遷發展。他憶述 90 年代曾兼教同一班的會考中文、中史及中國文學,培少說話),時至今日他仍銘記於心, 育出本港首位 10A 文科狀元潘天蔚,十分難忘,但他謙稱「這不是我一個人並遵行日堂須惠注工作,不設別人間 的功勞」。(林振東攝)

投身喇沙 34 年,教他最難忘的是 90 年代的教師移民潮。他憶述,當時因政治問題,約 3 名中文科主任、中國歷史科主任移民,「我需兼任高低年級中文科主任、高低年級中史科主任」。

移民潮彌漫全校,王仁傑則選擇繼續留港,「我希望教導學生,對學校很有歸屬感,所以未有想過移民」。到 1992/93 學年,他需兼教會考中文、中國 歷史及中國文學,但並無影響喇沙的文科成績,更培育出全港首位文科 10A 狀元潘天蔚,教王仁傑最爲難忘。他謙虛地說: 「這不僅是我一人的功勞。」

## 無意轉直資結龍

隨脱校董會正式聘請來自新西蘭 Steve Hogan 修士,於下學年開始出任校長,王仁傑稱, Steve Hogan 修士與喇沙辦學理念相同,如「以有教無類的心,讓貧苦大眾均可接受教育」。他指出,校董會暫時無計劃改以直資辦學,亦未有與小學結龍的計劃。據了解,由於候任校長熱愛欖球,他最快在本月底來港與校方會面,順道觀賞「香港國際7人欖球賽」。

王仁傑即將離開喇沙,他說,任內「出產」5名狀元屬他最成功的「任務」,並期望今屆能維持 2、3名狀元,成爲他退休的最佳「禮物」。喜愛種植的他,計劃退休後移民澳洲,購買一塊土地,開始種植,踏入人生另一階段。

## 明報記者 楊曉楓



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## 雙碩士校長資歷擊敗群雄

【明報專訊】喇沙去年起全球招聘校長,過程十分激烈,吸引 10 名副校長和教育工作者競爭。校董會經過近 1 年的篩選,才決定由新西蘭「過江龍」登上校長「寶 座」。現任校長王仁傑和校友均盛讚新校長具雙碩士學位和多年任職校長經驗等優秀資歷,期望他推動學業、運動及社會服務三方面發展。

喇沙書院校長王仁傑表示,校長遴選委員會最後選定 Steve Hogan 修士為校長,因他是資歷最佳的應徵者,與他為海外學者或修士身分無關,並讚揚他「擁有雙學位,現時並於新西蘭擔任校長」。

## 接任奧克蘭喇沙奪「高增值」獎

49 歲的 Steve Hogan 修士,擁澳洲天主教大學教育雙碩士學位,主修課程學及宗教學,過去曾在澳紐及巴布亞新畿內亞等地區的高中任職,現於新西蘭奧克蘭市的 De La Salle College 擔任校長。王仁傑稱,Steve Hogan 修士曾成功將該校發展成「高增值」的學校,包括帶領學生奪取多項國家學業增值獎項及欖球獎項。

Steve Hogan 修士以 49 歲之齡便當上喇沙校長,換言之最多可領導學校逾 11 年。身兼校友的前喇沙副校長趙榮德直言,校方難得從新西蘭聘請一名修士擔任校長,他寄予厚望:「修士可將自己百分百的時間投身學校,有助喇沙更上一層樓。」

過去喇沙曾「出產」財政司長曾俊華及美國康奈爾大學物理教授戴自海等名人校友,趙榮德期望新校長帶領「喇沙進入另一個 10 至 11 年、燦爛光輝的時刻」,又笑指新校長喜愛欖球,望能推動學生於學業、運動及社會服務三方面發展。

# 喇沙新舊校長簡歷

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	現任校長王仁傑	候任校長 Steve Hogan 修士		
年齡	59 歳	48歳		
學歷	1973年: 香港大學文學院畢業 1978年: 香港大學碩士畢業 1979年: 中文大學教育文憑	澳洲天主教大學 (Australian Catholic University)教育雙碩 士畢業,主修課程學及宗教 (Master of Education in Curriculum and Religion)		
工作 經驗	1976年:加入喇沙書院任教 2004至2006年: 喇沙書院副校長 2006至2010年: 喇沙書院校長	曾在多個地區的高中任職, 包括新西蘭、澳洲及巴布亞 新畿內亞,現於新西蘭奧克 蘭市 Mangere 區 De La Salle College擔任校長		
興趣	游泳、閱讀、種植	籃球、欖球、煮食等		
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# **Chapter News**

# East Coast (USA) Chapter

#### The 2010 Chinese New Year Dinner & AGM

## Beltrao Baptista (77)

It was wonderful to see fellow old boys coming from near and far to the 2010 AGM and Chinese New Year Dinner on the day after

record snowfall in the New York region, with many old boys appearing despite calling and cancelled their reservation the day before. However, there were still about 40 persons attended the event.

As it has been for the past two years, the event took place at the Orchid Chinese Restaurant in Garden City, New York. Orchid is owned by a fellow old boy James Ng (66), and he went all out in preparing an exceptional meal for the occasion. (*Please see photo of the 10-plate first course*). We would like to thank him and his staff for the hospitality and great service. Thank you.

President Peter Lai called the AGM to order late in the afternoon on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as he explained the purpose of the meeting and sailed through the agenda with emphasis on this year's Global Reunion in San Francisco and the planning of Chapter sponsored activities for 2010.



**First Course - Appetizers** 

Peter reminded all members about the overwhelming support we received from all the OBA chapters when we hosted the Global Reunion in New York and encouraged all members to return our support by participating in the San Francisco event. Beltrao Baptista has been appointed by Peter to coordinate travel plans and activities amongst OB's participating in the reunion. If you are in the East Coast area and plan to attend the Reunion, please contact Beltrao at your earliest convenience.



The proposed 2010 Chapter organized/sponsored events for this year are:

- Summer Pool Party at John Ng's
- Autumn Moon Party at Frank Hon's
- Fall Gathering and Outing at Chris Tse's
- New Year's Eve at David Lee's

Details and registration information will be published in time for the event on our website **www.nylscoba.org** and on the NYLSCOBA facebook page.

The highlight of the meeting was the introduction of our newest member Jeffrey Chan (06). Jeffrey travelled from his home in Queens, NY to Garden City, Long Island, via bus, train and then trudged all the way, in the snow, from the train station to the

restaurant, a remarkable feat showing his true La Salle spirit. Three cheers to our newest member.

Jeffery is currently enrolled in NYU studying for his undergraduate degree toward a medical career and we wish him all the best; we welcome him to our chapter and hope that he can leverage the LSC Old Boy's network in New York and around the world to further his education and his career.

We also want to thank Jeffrey for his youthful insight and his suggestion of the creation of our Chapter's facebook page. Please become a fan of our page (NYLSCOBA) on facebook and stay up to date with what's happening in the New York Chapter.

Thank you and hope to you all in San Francisco.



Peter Lai & Jeffrey Chan



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## San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

### **Spring Dinner & Dance**

### Ephrem Fung (76)

The 2010 Spring Dinner / Dance took place on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in Pleasanton. Over

Ninety Old Boys, families and friends from four decades occupied twelve tables celebrated the event. The Marriott at Pleasanton is also the event location of our upcoming Global Reunion this summer. Our guests got the first hand experience of the hotel's facility, food and services. The highlights of the evening were our group game, lucky draw and dance.

Our group game is about testing your memory of Hong Kong's culture from the 1960's to the 2000's. Each table sent a representative to answer questions from each decade. Each correct answer was awarded one point. We tallied the points after the game and everyone from the winning table received a prize. We all had a blast walking down the memory lane.

The raffle drawing always draws every one's attention and this year was no exceptions. We had five excellent prizes. Many congratulations to Andrew Lai (1994) for taking home the grand prize, a red packet with \$200.



Andrew Sien (1963) and Raymong Wong (1963) working hard on school song



A relax moment during group game

We had dance after the raffle drawing. This year we had a live DJ and song selection ranging from western classics to Chinese pop music.

I would like to thank all the Old Boys, their families and friends that participated at the dinner. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to our Operations Committee, who put in a lot of time and effort to make this event possible.

Don't forget our upcoming global reunion this summer. I hope to see everyone at our Global Reunion in July. Please visit http://www.lscobasf.com/reunion/ for detail.



**Group game winners** 



**Everyone hitting the dance floor** 



# Life Update

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games were held in Vancouver between February 12 and 28, 2010. We received contributions from fellow La Sallians about their experiences in the Games.

**Editorial Board** 

#### Vancouver 2010 Olympic Experience

Peter Chiong (70)

I was very fortunate to be able to serve as a security screener in Vancouver 2010 Olympic. It was amazing to find out that everyone is so open to have all their belongings to be screened. I have received no objections even for body searches! I have never touched so many bodies in my entire life!!

Some interesting prohibited items that went thru the X ray were: bottles of Vodka, juices, scissors and pocket knives. I've heard that on 2 different portal 2 vibrators were discovered which we have no idea what purpose will they be used. Oh yes, on my duty we discovered a 6 inch long knife and a gun! It was tense as we have the suspect hand cuffed and taken away by a few RCMP police. We found out later that it was a test.

Hand sanitizers are located everywhere in the game venues. If you put lots in your hand, rub and smell it. It is similar to Gin Tonic with a twist of lime. There were lots of free interesting activities in town and I was able to travel in public transits for free with my Olympic accreditation. One of my favorite venues is the Heineken Beer Pavilion and I don't mind the long line up for the beers. Cheers!!

It was a wonderful experience for me to meet people from all over the word. Everyone was very excited and cheered for their teams to win. I am looking forward for the London summer Olympic in 2 years.



Victim (or beneficiary?) of FREE coke at Yale Town



Peter at work in uniform



### 2010 Winter Olympics

Victor Leung (77)

With the 2010 Winter Olympics Games officially ended in February 28, 2010, I trust most people who have attended the Game would agree with me that the Game was a major success. As a Canadian, I am proud of how this international event had unfolded and well received by our guest visitors. As a Vancouverite, I felt very fortunate that the Game had taken place in my home city. As many LaSallian were unable to experience the Winter Olympics in their own home city, I thought I should share with fellow LaSallian some of my personal Olympics experience as well as some of the side stories about the Game.

Despite its final success the Game did start off on some very shaky ground. Hosting a mega event in the midst or arguably the tailend of a major recession was no easy task. Faced with series of negative publicity, game ticket sales were very slow in the beginning. Fearing the province (BC) might have to take up a hefty deficient, public support to the Game had dipped drastically just prior to the game opening.

With only a couple of weeks from D-day, people including myself were skeptical on the Game's success. Meeting with an uncooperative Mother Nature, Vancouver was greeted with one of the warmest winter weather of the century. With an extraordinary temperature reaching the mid-teens (Celsius), there was little or no cumulative snow in the local mountain for the scheduled "winter" competition events. To overcome this challenge, the Game organizer had to truck and/or helicopter in snow from nearby mountains on a daily basis.

The worst blow to the Game came in the eve prior to the opening ceremony with the tragic fatal crash of the Georgian luger. With heavy pouring rain and the unusually warm weather, the city was overshadowed with sadness and a great deal of uncertainty. When coupled with an unacceptably violent anti-Olympics protest, there were serious concerns on whether Vancouver had sufficiently prepared for the negative heading and potential violent protests. However, the negatives were quickly wiped away with the overwhelming successful and spectacular game opening ceremony.

Operated under a relatively small budget, nobody had expected the Winter Game Opening Ceremony could ever be compared to the big success of the 2008 Beijing Olympics Games Opening Ceremony. Yet to everyone's surprise, not only had this small budget Game ceremony impressed the world, it had served as seed catalyst for the return of the positive momentum. The world suddenly had renewed expectation of the Game.

Those who followed the Game must remember the small glitch at opening ceremony that only three of the four designed cauldrons were erected. One of our (Vancouver chapter) members who had served as volunteer at the Game was told by the inside staff that this glitch might have been purposely staged. He was told by the person claiming to be the IT programmer for the cauldron's event that he was given a last minute order to erect only three instead of all four cauldrons (to sync in with the plan at the closing ceremony). However, it would be forever impossible to validate the merit of this story for most of the event planning for the Game was kept under very tight secret.

Keeping the events as secret in aim to generate pleasant surprises had almost backfired at the beginning of the Game. The locals were given the impression that the Game was designed exclusively for the rich. While Game tickets were expensive and hard to obtain by the locals, local traffic had become a nightmare a week prior to the official Game opening with many streets closures. Local residents were ready for one of the worst traffic experience during the Game operation where a normal 5 minutes commute had turned into an hour long journey.

In order not to release any Game information, the opening ceremony dance practices were conducted inside tents where all the music used in the Game were broadcasted with remote ear buds for they were not meant to be leaked to the public.

Nevertheless, the secret plans had worked out really well thanks to the hard work from the event organizers. Not only was the Game opening big pleasant surprise to the world, locals and guest visitors were delighted to discover the many free events all throughout the Greater Vancouver region. The locals were not told of the different celebration events at the Richmond Ozone, Surrey, Live City at Yale Town and at Robson Square prior to the Game. With the free events and nightly fireworks started to unfold, the Game had suddenly become one big all inclusive party where everyone was welcomed at no charge.

Of my over 30 years living in Canada, I had never seen Canadian expressing their patriotism the way they did at the Game. With the first gold metal win at the freestyle mogul event, Canadian like myself had completely melted into the Olympics. With each medal winning, Canadian felt that we actually owned part of the medals.



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The climax of the Game came at the gold medal hockey game on the last day of the Game. After the very close victory my wife and I had joined the over 150,000 people who marched into downtown to share the historic celebration. I must admit that I was somewhat concern about a possible out of control (and could be half drunk crowd) when my wife arm-twisted me to join in with the historic celebration. Soon after stepping into the Canada Line, my wife and I were quickly fused with the crowd who were singing the National Anthem all along the train ride. People were exchanging "hi-5" all through downtown. It was a strange but very pleasant feeling when I exchanged the multiple "hi-5" with approaching strangers at the streets. When our hands touched, I felt I had connected with one of my fellow brothers/sisters even though this was the first (and likely last time) we met. I was particularly impressed by the very well behaved crowd. People who joined in with the downtown celebration had only wanted to share the historic celebration instead of looking for trouble. It was very impressive that the over 150,000 people gathering at downtown did not leave with any sign of vandalism nor left-over garbage.

One of the pleasant surprises to this Game was that it had helped united the country together, both during and after the Game. While talking to Canadian outside BC after the Game, I realized the Game had left a very positive impression to fellow Canadian outside the Greater Vancouver region. People whom I spoke to had spoken very highly of the Game and vowed to return to Vancouver/Richmond in future.

Now that all the dust has settled, we now can truly conclude that the Game was successful. There were three goals for this 2010 Winter Olympics – (1) owing the podium, (2) reduce green house emission by 30% and (3) operating the Game with a balance budget. Canada had truly owning the podium by winning the most number of gold medals ever won by a nation. During the Game, commuting on the streets was surprisingly smooth when most of the general public had chosen to use public transit. Over 1.5 million had been reported to use the public transit on a daily basis considering there were only about 2.5 millions living in the Greater Vancouver region. Finally, the latest preliminary calculation (as of March 22, 2010) suggested that this Game might actually come in with a slight surplus.

As a local resident of Greater Vancouver, I was very fortunate to be able to experience a Winter Olympics Game at my home town. With careful planning and great determination, I was impressed with how the Game had unfolded. As Canadian, I was also very proud of how fellow Canadian had behaved in such an orderly fashion during the Game. The 2010 Game was certainly a moment of joy and a moment that all Canadian should be proud of and forever treasured.

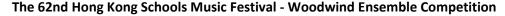
## **School News**

Excerpts from http://www.lasalle.edu.hk

#### 2010-03-24

#### The 62nd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival - School Band (Senior)

Our Wind Band has captured the First place in the 62nd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival - School Band (Senior) Competition. This is the first time in La Salle history. The Band members would like to thank their conductor, Mr Kelvin Ngai, and the teacher advisors, Mr Christian Wan, Mr Jim Sin and Ms Sina Lo for their invaluable guidance and support.







Our Wind Ensembles have captured the **First and Second places in the 62nd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival - Woodwind Ensemble Competition**. The members would like to express their gratitude **Mr Christian Wan** for his invaluable advice. The members are:

First place:

Lun Keith Wai Kei (1B), Leung Chun Yin Marco (4A), Ng Yuey Zhun (4A), Tsang Ho Yeung Alex (6B) and Chung Shun Wai (6C)

Second Place:

Chu Ngai Lam Jeffrey (1B), Yeung Yan Yin Andrew (2A), Lee Kin Lok (2E) and Tse Ka Yin Lawrence (3B)



#### 2010-03-23

#### **Mathematics Achievements - Pui Ching Mathematics Invitational Competition**

Math Team is very glad to announce that the team has just captured the **Group Champion in the Pui Ching Mathematics Invitational Competition**. We received 3 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 3 bronze medals. The recipients are:

#### **Gold medals**

Hui Pak Nam (2G), Yam Yuen Sum (3E), Lee Ting Cheung (6B)

#### Silver medals

Tung Kam Chuen (1E), Wong Hing Shing (2E), Tse Shun Chung (2D), Chan Tse To (3E), Wong Poon Chor (4A), Lai Yu Hin (4A), Wo Bar Wai Barry (5C), Lo Jing Hoi (5C)

#### **Bronze medals**

Li Christopher (1D), Wong Ka Yung (3G), Leung Brian Yu Hong (4B)

Congratulations to boys for their excellent performance!

We thank the teacher trainers, **Miss Luk Mee Lin, Mr Law Pui Keung, Mr Keith Kwan, Mr Wong Chi Shing and Mr Lai Cheong** for their invaluable guidance and support.

#### 2010-03-19

#### **Hong Kong Indoor Youth Archery Competition Results**

#### **Recurve Individual**

A Grade	B Grade	C Grade
Tseng Tik Bun (4A) Champion	Cheung Cheuk Sing (4F) 2nd runners-up	Yip Ching Wa (2B) 1st runners-up
		Kwok Wai Hon (2D) 2nd runners-up

Compound IndividualElimination Round (Individual)Elimination Round (Group)Chan Ming Heng (6A) 2nd runners-upChan Jor Shing (4B) ChampionTseng Tik Bun (4A)Cheung Cheuk Sing (4F) Champion

The Archery Team would like to thank their coach, Mr. Yeung On Kin and their teacher advisor, Mr. Gary Chan, for their invaluable guidance and support.

#### **Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition**

Congratulations go to Griffith Cheng, who among stiff competition, won the champion of the Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition. He has won a full scholarship to attend a Lions Club camp this summer.



Newsletter Committee comprises of the following members:

Vancouver Victor Leung (1977), Southern California Eddie Shek (1985)

José Antonio Yeung-Cardoso (1968)

Toronto Felix Leung (1985), San Francisco Bay Area Ephrem Fung (1976)

Jimmy Chang (1966)

East Coast (USA) Christopher Tse (1965), Edmonton Calvin Chan (1971)

Peter Lai (1967)