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## Class of 81 30th Anniversary

The graduation class of 1981 is pleased to announce its 30th anniversary reunion to take place on Saturday September 17, 2011 in Hong Kong. Our last reunion gala that was taken place in September 2006 in Hong Kong was a huge success that saw many close friends and long lost old schoolmates come together after so many years apart.

Reunion is a special occasion for those who have grown up together but have either moved overseas or stayed behind to reunite on this day to celebrate our long lasting friendship.

To date, we have more than one hundred (100) 81ers and twenty (20) former teachers who have committed to the event. If you are one of us and have not yet signed up, please do so immediately as September is only a month away!

#### Events of the Day (Saturday, September 17, 2011)

- A. Morning school tours of La Salle Primary School and La Salle College 9:30am
- B. Football match among participants after the school tour
- C. Evening gala 7pm

Venue: Celestial Court Chinese Restaurant (天寶閣)

Sheraton Hotel, 2nd Floor, 20 Nathan Road Tsim Sha Tsui

Dress Code: White shirt (long or short sleeve), grey pants and preferably sports

shoes of the 80's style

Price: HK\$1,000 per person. You will receive a nice package of souvenirs

including a memorial mug, a DVD and T-shirt

For further information and registration about the event, please contact:

Hong Kong & the Greater China Region

Peter Cheung (張定賢) at: <u>peter@conceptcreator.com.hk</u> or 9016 – 0633

Overseas

Johnny Hui (許世麟) at: johnny.hui@sympatico.ca or 647-271-2220

#### Reminders

#### Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Sep 2, 2011 (every first Friday)

Time noon

Venue Urban China Restaurant

潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday Time noon to 2 pm

Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant

111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F,

Monterey Park

# La Salle College 80th Jubilee

La Salle College 80th Jubilee Celebrations will be kicked off with an Opening Mass set for September 9, 2011 and the climax will be the 80th Anniversary Dinner planned for May 12, 2012 at Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. For more update information, please visit <a href="http://stu.lasalle.edu.hk/80th/index.html">http://stu.lasalle.edu.hk/80th/index.html</a>.

### **About this newsletter**

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Jimmy Chang (1966)

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

Peter Lai (1967)



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## **Class of 61 Golden Anniversary**

The Class of 1961 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary 5-19 November 2011 in Hong Kong.

An organizing committee, "the LSCOB61 Committee", has been formed to plan for a programme of festive activities marking this momentous occasion for the 1961 Form 5 LSC graduates. The committee is chaired by Mr. Joe Y.K. Chiu, with Mr. James K.C. Ho as secretary, and is comprised of local and overseas members.

While the details are being worked out, the programme consists of reunion dinners, school and local visits, and sightseeing trips and cruises.

A website has been created by our classmate, Francis Siu, for this reunion: <a href="http://www.lscob61.com/">http://www.lscob61.com/</a>. In this site are the latest developments of the reunion programme, the 61ers class list, class photos, updates of 61ers after leaving LSC, and nostalgic materials such as pictures of the then LSC campuses, world and entertainment events in 1961, and bios of our esteemed teachers and Brothers.

While the committee has a list of 61ers, there are still many whose whereabouts are not known to the committee. All 61ers, and those who attended (since 1954-55 in P5) and left LSC but would have graduated in 1961, are cordially invited to participate in this Golden Anniversary event. Those 61ers not already on the mailing list are invited to join up by contacting the committee at <a href="mailto:reunion@lscob61.com">reunion@lscob61.com</a>. If you know of any LSC 61ers who may not be aware of this event, it will be appreciated if you can pass the word along to them.

The LSCOB61 Committee for the Golden Anniversary Reunion

## Class of 71 40th Anniversary

An organizing committee has been formed to organize festive activities to mark the momentous occasion for the Class of 1971. Planned activities include:

- campus tour to La Salle College and La Salle Primary School,
- a reunion dinner at the Kowloon Tong Club (九龍塘會),
- a 2-day-1-night trip with family members to Huizhou (惠州), and
- a 3 hours hiking to the Violet Hill Trail (紫羅蘭山徑) followed by a dinner in Stanley area.

The committee is headed by Dr. Robert Yuen Kar-ngai, and contacting email for this event is <a href="mailto:71">71</a>lasallians@gmail.com</a>. All '71
Lasallians - those 1971 LSC F.5 graduates / logical LSC 1971 F.5 graduates (for example 1960 LSPC P.1, left LSPC/LSC for studying aboard before completing F.5 in 1971, 1973 LSC F.7 graduates etc.), are cordially invited to participate the above activities with their family members.

'71 Lasallians on the mailing list have been notified and invited to join up via circular email. If you know of any '71 Lasallians who may not be aware of this event, it would be appreciated if you can pass this message to them.

#### **Class Reunion Notice**

All are welcome to post class reunion notices in this newsletter. Each notice will be posted until the reunion event is over. Please send your notice and subsequent changes, if any, to <a href="mailto:editors@lscobaedm.org">editors@lscobaedm.org</a>. The Editorial Board of this Newsletter reserves the right to edit submissions to ensure quality and the right to make final decisions whether to publish any notice or not to protect the integrity of this Newsletter.

**Editors** 



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## **Chapter News**

**Toronto** 

#### Joint Schools Alumni Soccer Tournament 2011

Kevin Kwok (88)



**Championship Team: LSCOBA** L-R Kevin Kwok (88), Philip Wong (67), Robin Siu (2000)

The 2011 Joint School Alumni Soccer Tournament was held in Berczy Park, Markham. Over 200 soccer players and families attended the event. This year, Toronto Chapter was proud to be the host of this meaningful event and captured the championship. We could say this soccer tournament would not have been possible without the hard work of our organizing committee and would like to take this opportunity to express our special thanks to them. Our volunteer groups played an important role in this well-attended event. Special thanks should be given to Paul Lee (73), Vincent Ho (88), Chung Wai Ho (88), Chris Fong (94), Jason Leung (98), Robin Siu (2000) and Patrick Li (07) for preparing snack and drinks, arranging the logistic, setting and wrapping up the venue. The volunteer groups spent an hour after the tournament to examine the venue and made sure no garbage left on and off the field.



1st runner up: St Joseph College HK



2nd runner up: Joint Salesian School Above all, we would like to thank our directors and advisors Peter Chan, Paul Wong, Philip Wong, Peter Lau, David Sin and Raphael



3rd runner up: Ramondi College

Ng coming to support us and we were proud to have our chapter V.P, Philip Wong (67) and our soccer team honourary manager, Peter Lau (70) as the guests of honour for prize presentation. Again! The watermelon donated by Peter Lau really saved our day to beat the wave of red hot sun. All participating alumni teamed up to consume 8 giant size watermelons.

We managed to recruit a number of new members and the tournament was their first debut for our soccer team as well. They include Ken Hon (73), Simon Lo (81), Clifford Choi (87), Louis Wong (91), Ken Lo (96), Wai Hon Man (98).

Besides 6 tournament games, we arranged 1 exhibition game for the players 50+ years of age between HK Chinese University Alumni vs Joint School teams and it ended up as (CUHK Alumni+ LSCOBA) vs (Salesian + Ramondi) and more than 30 players participated in this 40 minutes game.

Back to our team, all our players had assigned sufficient playing time and credit should be given to our talented players Paulus Choi (79), Simon Lo (81), John Lam (98) Joe Lam (99), Robin Siu (00) and Donald Siu (04) who controlled the rhythm of the game and widened the gap by 4-0 in the first 20 minutes of the 1st game. That's the reason we could rotate all 30+ players in the first game with ease.



**Best Sportsmanship Award:** Ramondi College



JSS

1:0

1:3

3:1

**JSS** 

**LSC** 

RC

SJCHK

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Ramondi College

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Last but not the least, I would like to report the final ranking of the tournament:

La Salle College (LSC) Champion: St Joseph College, HK (SJCHK) 1st runners up: 2nd runner up: Joint Salesian Schools (JSS) 3rd runner up: Ramondi College (RC)

**SJCHK** 

1:3

6:0

2:3

Best Sportsmanship award:

RC

3:1

4:0

3:2

Game Results:

LSC

0:1

0:4

0:6

#### **Exhibition Game**

Exhibition Game	
Joint LSCOBA and CUHK Alumni	Joint Salesian and Ramondi
2	1



Vincent Ho (88)! Where're the other 7 watermelons?



**LSCOBA Team Photo** 



**LSCOBA Team Photo** 



**Joint Soccer Team** LSCOBA + Chinese University HK Almuni



Ben Choy, SJCHK Soccer Team Captain, Peter Lau (70), LSCOBA Soccer Team Honourary manager



Philip Wong (67), VP of LSOBA Toronto Chapter, Philip Chan, VP of Chinese University HK alumni



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# Elected Officers for 2011 - 2013 Term (This article reappears to correct misprint in last issue)

Jimmy Chang (1966)

The following officers were elected at a directors meeting held on May 30, 2011 for the 2011 - 2013 term:

Jimmy Chang (66) President Danny Au Yeung (67) Vice President Vice President Philip Wong (67) Secretary Chris Fong (94) Treasurer Francis Yeung (71) **Newsletter Editor** Felix Leung (85) **Sports Captain** Kevin Kwok (88) Webmaster Philip Wong (67) Kevin Kwok (88)

The other directors for the 2011 - 2013 term remain as:

Peter Chan (72) Albert Ho (54) Peter Lau (70) Angelo Lee (64) Tony Pomeroy (73) Paul Wong (73) John Yeung (73) Michael Yuen (74)



Back Row (L-R): Kevin Kwok (88), Angelo Lee (64), John Yeung (73), Tony Pomeroy (73), Felix Leung (85), Treasurer Francis Yeung (71)

Middle Row (L-R): Chris Fong (94), 2nd V.P. Philip Wong (67), 1st V.P. Danny Au Yeung (67), Peter Chan (2), Paul Wong (73), Michael Yuen (74) Albert Ho (53)

Front Row (L-R): President Jimmy Chang (66), Honorary President Peter K.P. Leung (52)

In addition, Peter K.P. Leung (52) remains as Honorary President and K. B. Ng (76) remains as Honorary Legal Advisor

#### Edmonton





#### Summer BBQ











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#### Hong Kong

#### **Result of LSCOBA Committee 2011-2012 Election**

The election of the new LSCOBA committee was held successfully at the AGM on 15 July 2011. The following office-bearers and committee members were elected for the term of 2011-12 until the next AGM:

President: Huang Robin Mark Garvey (85) Committee Members:

Vice President:Wong Chak Yin, Willie (84)Dr. Fong Kwok Tung, Gordon (76)Lui Chi Hung (79)Hon. Secretary:Ho Jing Kan, Patrick (87)Shum Chi Kwong, Stanley (79)Lai Chi Kai (81)Hon. Treasurer:Chung Wing Chung (97)Shum Chi Yuen, Stanley (84)Bo Ho Man (89)

Lee Shiu Fung, Roger (85)

Lee Pui Tong, Paul (89)

Immediate Past President(ex-officio):

Chan Kit Ying, Charles (77)

Mak Kwok Kwan, Terence (97)

Chow Chun Yin, Ricky(03)

Chan Ye Ko Ricco (04)

William Yan Returning Officer AGM 2011

#### **School News**

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

#### 2011-08-20

#### La Salle College UK Summer School Programmes

Over the summer La Salle College had students at two different summer school programmes in the UK. The programmes are organized by the Excel Academy. Our senior students attended a Boarding School Programme at Epsom College, boarding in a typical UK boarding school, attending summer classes and excursions. Our junior students attended a Home-Stay Programme with daily classes held at Sidcup Grammar School. Thanks and appreciation goes to Mr. Peter Leung and Mr. Gary Chan who gave up three weeks of their summer holiday to look after our La Salle lads, and to Mr. Eaton Chan from St. Joseph's College who looked after our senior lads.



#### 2011-08-10

#### La Salle College Archery Team Summer Competitions

La Salle College Archery Team have won several medals in summer competitions. The results are as follow: Hong Kong Junior Indoor Archery Open

Chan Jor Shing A Grade Recurve Champion
Ho Kin Lok B Grade Compound Champion

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th C Grade

Congratulations to the boys and coaches.

#### 2011-08-10

#### La Salle College Win Helping Hands Award

La Salle College has won the Helping Hands Award for the 10th consecutive year and was presented the Award by Mrs Jessica Ogilvy-Stuart last week at the College. This award is for the the most significant contribution to Helping Hands through various activities by the students of La Salle College including fund raising for Helping Hands. This year a team of boys will start their own Service Team to commit to a regular fortnightly service programme in a retirement village, not as a one-off contribution or an OLE activity but as a commitment to serve those in need. This is commendable.





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### **Special Contribution**

In the July 2011 issue of this newsletter, William Lai (1961) had a short write-up about reconnecting with his old pal Peter Lam who is now residing in Toronto.

Since the brief get-together, William has encouraged Peter to write about his life after he left La Salle. Peter has responded and he gave permission to this Newsletter to publish his writing. Many thanks to both Peter and William for such a generous act.

Our readers are also encouraged to express their views here in the Newsletter any time. Please send your contributions to <a href="mailto:editors@lscobaedm.org">editors@lscobaedm.org</a>. The Editorial Board of this Newsletter reserves the right to edit submissions to ensure quality and the right to make final decisions whether to publish any article or not to protect the integrity of this Newsletter.

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#### This Great Humanitarian Venture Called La Salle

Peter Lam Tat Mun (1961)

My family are "Hong Kong Refugees", people who left China in the 1950s because of political reasons. If not for La Salle College, my brother, Lam Tat Chung (Form 5, 1964), and I would have been deprived of the chance for education and would have lived and died in poverty.

Chinese nationals used to be able to enter Hong Kong freely from Guangdong Province. After the People's Republic of China was founded, the British Government wanted to close the border. But the then Governor of Hong Kong, Alexander Grantham, purposely delayed the border closure for a year. His action allowed some one million people to enter Hong Kong. Seven hundred thousand, including children, did so because of political reasons. Internationally, these immigrants were known as "Hong Kong Refugees". But The Government of Hong Kong would not do anything to help us for fear of offending China. One senior government official said: "We owe these people nothing!". The United Nations would not help us either because Taiwan claimed to be our protector. As such, we did not fit the United Nations definition of "refugee". Most of us lived in abject poverty.

My brother and I could not attend government schools because we were not born in Hong Kong. We could go to schools that were run like businesses. But we could not afford the fees. Fortunately, we were able to write competitive examinations and were accepted into La Salle College. Our school has always had high standards and the facility to meet these standards. We had (and still have) great teachers. My brother and I were thus able to master the English language. Once we did so, all kinds of opportunity became open to us.

After senior matriculation, I taught at St. Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School for one year. Through the help of Madam Aw Sien, Chairman of Sing Tao Newspapers, I came to Canada. Like most Chinese students in those days, I worked as a waiter in golf clubs, Chinese restaurants, and the Canadian National Railway. I graduated from the University of Manitoba and became a community college teacher. Eventually, I obtained a foundation scholarship to study for an M.A. at the Johns Hopkins University. I also studied at the Sorbonne College of the University of Paris for some time. I became Training Officer at the Department of Immigration and Training Consultant at the Public Service Commission of Canada. Twenty-two years ago, I left the government to set up my practice as an immigration consultant. My brother studied at the University of London and became Head of Psychiatry at the United Christian Hospital of Hong Kong.

My family overcame poverty because my brother and I were able to have a good education, thanks to La Salle College. When a child has a good education and has learned English, he possesses the tool to acquire any knowledge that will enable him to overcome poverty. The war on poverty begins in the classroom. Let us give our love and labour to this great humanitarian venture called La Salle. When a boy from a poor family enters La Salle, he becomes a "La Salle boy" like any other enrolled in this great institution, and his life is transformed. When I think of the hundreds and thousands of times this transformation has happened, I stand in awe!