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Jan 2013



*Peace
Health
Prosperity*

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Jan 4, 2013 (every first Friday)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

Super Bowl Party

Date Feb 3, 2012
Time 3:30pm – 8:00pm
Venue Finnagan's Bistro Bar & Billiards
Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

San Francisco and Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Jan 5, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)
Time 12:30 pm- 2:30pm
Venue Joy Luck Palace (醉香居)
10911 North Wolfe Road, Cupertino,
CA 95014.
Contact sf@lscoba.com

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

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Special Contribution

Ground Zeroes

William Lai (1961)

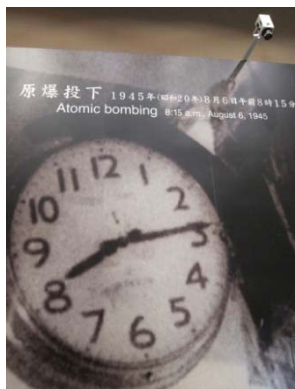
Introduction

Vivien and I travelled quite a bit in 2012 for various reasons. By a stroke of coincidence, we visited the sites of the three most horrific events the world has ever known, all within about a month's time. We were at Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and New York.

Hiroshima

The atomic bomb, nicknamed "The Little Man", fell on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945, at 0815 hours. The bomb actually missed the intended target, the Aioi Bridge, and instead exploded directly above the Shima Surgical Clinic a few blocks away.

Some 70,000 people were instantly killed by the immediate explosion, with a similar number suffering various degrees of dreadful radiation injuries. The horrors of the devastation in human and property terms were indescribable. Hundreds of thousands would continue to suffer from the consequences of the blast for years to come.



Actual watch stopped at the time of the bombing
- one of several on display in the museum



The Genbaku Dome after the bombing



The Dome now



The hypocentre - Ground Zero of Hiroshima, exact spot above which the atomic bomb exploded



Monument in the Memorial Park



The missed target bridge



The Ground Zero street looks calm and non-descript now

We visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. The displays in the museum meticulously document the blow-by-blow account of the incident. The relics, artifacts and pictorial exhibitions paint a gut-wrenching picture of immense suffering. The Path To Peace Hall in the museum advocates the abolishment of all nuclear weapons.

The most iconic image of the destruction wrecked by the atomic bomb is the Genbaku Dome, designed by the Czech architect Jan Letzel, which housed the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. The partially destroyed dome and the building were purposely left the way it was after the bombing as a symbol of the tragedy. That location and the immediate area are now part of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. There are many statues and memorials commemorating various victims of the bombing.

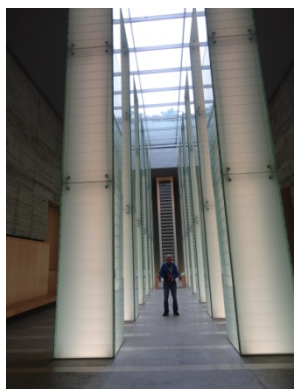
Nagasaki

The atomic bomb, Fat Man, fell on Nagasaki on 9 August 1945, at 1101 hours. Immediate fatalities were estimated to be about 40,000, with some 25,000 injuries. Many many more were to die later or suffer the terrible consequences of radiation for year to come.



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Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims



A closer look at Ground Zero



Remnants of the Urakami Cathedral



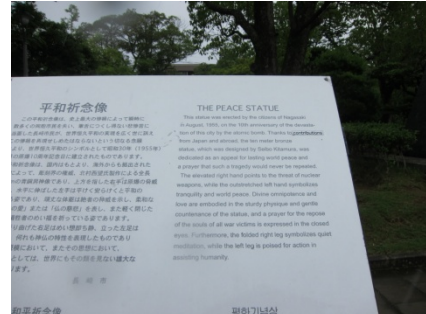
The rebuilt Urakami Cathedral



Ground Zero - the very spot under the Nagasaki bomb explosion



The Peace Statue at the Nagasaki Peace Park



Plaque explaining the symbolism of the Peace Statue



A clock artifact records the time of the bombing

We visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and the nearby Peace Park. As in Hiroshima, this museum also shows the horrors of the bombing in detail by showing artifacts, relics, photos and documents from that incident. There are many monuments in the Park commemorating various groups of victims. In fact, there were quite a number of unintended victims of different nationalities who happened to be in both Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the time of the bombings. Those include American POWs and workers from other countries posted to these cities.

In Nagasaki, there is no dramatic remnant like the dome in Hiroshima. But there is a remaining wall from the Urakami Cathedral which was transplanted in the Hypocentre Park as a reminder of the ruin brought on by the bombing. The most prominent symbol at the Nagasaki Peace Park is the Peace Statue embodying a warning of nuclear threat, hope for peace, sorrow for victims, and readiness to assist those in need.

New York World Trade Center

Nine-eleven, as the catastrophe is generally known, needs no further introduction. We all know where we were and what we were doing when it occurred, or when we were told of the collapse of the twin towers.



The Survivor Tree

We had visited the New York World Trade Centre many years ago with our then teenage sons. It was one of the highlights of our tour of the Eastern States that year. I remember going up the observation deck and taking many pictures of the twin towers and environs. There was a certain sense of connection with the WTC after this visit and then a profound feeling of loss and sorrow when word came that the WTC was completely destroyed.

Twenty-four Canadians perished in 9/11.

In recent years, we have frequently revisited New York City as one of our sons and his family now reside there. We have even seen the WTC site several times when it was under excavation after the collapse. The site has gradually been turned into a memorial park which is still unfinished but the completed portion is open to the public. We went to see the park in July while visiting our son.

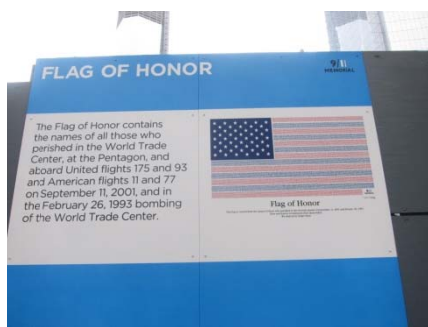


New WTC under construction



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Flag of Honor at the WTC Memorial Park



In front of North Pool, July 2012



South Pool looking north



Stephen, Jonathan and Vivien
in front of the North Tower, Aug 1989



Jonathan in front of South Tower, Aug 1989



South Pool with unfinished museum in background

Where the original towers were are now replaced by two corresponding pools with the largest artificial waterfalls in the US. The pools are meant to symbolise the loss of life and the emptiness caused by the destruction of civil life. The names of the nearly 3,000 victims are inscribed on bronze ledges around the pools. From the pools area, one can see the construction in progress of the two new World Trade Center buildings. The first, to be named "1 World Trade Center" will be the tallest building in the US. The second, "4 World Trade Center", will be 72 floors and 977 feet high when completed. The Museum Pavilion was not yet finished at the time of our visit. A remarkable tree which survived the attack, the "survivor tree", is replanted between the two pools.

There were crowds of visitors to the park, many from outside of the USA. The atmosphere was one of calm reverence and sangunity.

School News

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

2012-12-03

The 9th Asia Pacific Lasallian Youth Congress 2012 (APLYC9)

From the 3rd to the 6th December 2012 about 150 young lasallians from the lasallians schools across Asia and the Pacific will meet at La Salle College, Bangna, Bangkok. Pictured are the Hong Kong representatives from La Salle College, De La Salle Secondary School, Chan Siu Ki (La Salle), and Ghong Gene Hang College. Along with the 11 students are 3 Lasallian volunteers and Mr. Peter Leung (from LSC). APLYC9 goals are to promote a sense of social responsibility and leadership amongst young Lasallians in order to bring about more sustainable development. www.lasallethailand.org



2012-12-10

La Salle College F1 Math Team Win Maths Competition

On Saturday the 8th December the Form 1 Math Team coached by Mr. WONG Chi Shing won the Championship title in the 4th STFA Seaward Woo College Super 24 Invitational Competition. La Salle Primary School won the Primary section of this competition. Congratulations to the students and their teachers.



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| Group Event | Individual Event | |
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| Champions : La Salle College | 1st Overall | WAH Hon Ting (1B) |
| WAH Hon Ting (1B), WONG Tsz Hang (1B), XU Junheng Marcus (1D), CHONG Wing Heung (1G), LI Tsz Kit (1G), MAI Kok Chi Curtis (1G) | 2nd Overall | WONG Tsz Hang (1B) |
| | 1st Class Award | LI Tsz Kit (1G) |
| | 2nd Class Award | MAI Kok Chi Curtis (1G) |
| | 3rd Class Award | CHONG Wing Heung (1G) |

2012-12-12

La Salle College Wind Orchestra Wins Gold

Wednesday night, December 12th, the La Salle College Wind Orchestra joined the Symphony Orchestra and the Chinese Orchestra in winning the Gold Prize at the 2012 Hong Kong Music Inter-flows. The Wind Orchestra was conducted by Mr. Ngai. They played the Golden Festival Overture by Barnes and Orpheus by a Japanese composer. A superb performance. Congratulations and well done to all our musicians, orchestras, conductors, Mr. Wan, Mr. Lam and old boy supporters for brilliant music, the result of hard work and team effort.



2012-12-13

La Salle College Students win Scholarships to John Hopkins University Summer Programme for Elite Students

Five Form 2 students, HO Chun Hin (2A), SO Hin On (2A), MOK Chiu Hang (2E), NG Man Kit (2F) and CHAN Pak Hei (2G) passed the Talent Search Test (English, Mathematics, and a Spatial Test) and will receive a full scholarship to attend a three week CTY Summer Programme 2013 by John Hopkins University. There are two programmes, the Academic Exploration Programme is for the top 1% internationally, and the Intensive Studies Programme is for the top 3% internationally. These summer programmes provide an opportunity for eligible students from all over the world to engage in challenging academic work in the company of peers who share their exceptional abilities and love of learning. After the mid-year exams the College will invite some Form 1 boys to take the assessment. Thank you to John Hopkins University who are funding our students at their considerable expense. Thank you to Mr. Mak from our Learning Support Services – Gifted Education department for negotiating this with JHU. <http://www.jhu.edu>



2012-12-16

La Salle College and HKUST Joint Service Project

On Saturday 15th December the La Salle College Outreach Service Team, La Salle College Learning Support Services department and the Dual Programme students of HKUST organized with the support of the Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association a Christmas gathering for 20 elderly suffering from Alzheimer's disease. This service project encouraged students to develop a sense of responsibility for the wellbeing of others and to learn that they can make a difference in another person's life, even those with Alzheimer's with whom it is difficult to communicate. The project involved the students playing games with the elderly, afternoon tea, and a group photo. Thank you to the Outreach Service Team for yet another project getting LSC boys to help the least in society. Thank you to Mr. SIN and Mr. MAK the teachers who coordinated this programme.



La Salle College Wind Orchestra Wins Grand Championship

On Saturday afternoon the 15th December the La Salle College Wind Orchestra competed in the Grand Final of the 2012 Hong Kong Music Inter-flows and won the Overall Championship. The Wind Orchestra conducted by Mr Ngai played the Golden Festival Overture by Barnes. A superb performance yet again as this was the piece they played in the Wind Orchestra Section of the Music Inter-flows competition. Congratulations and well done to the students, Mr. Ng, Mr. Wan, Mr. Lam and all the old boy supporters.