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La Salle College Founder's Week

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Founder's Week is a celebration of the founder of the Lasallian Schools, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and is celebrated around the world around May 15th. St. La Salle (1651-1719) started the first Lasallian school 333 years ago in Rheims, France. St. La Salle became a priest at the famous seminary of St. Sulpice, in Paris, but soon was patron to a boy's schools, poorly run. St. La Salle took over the school, focusing on training the teachers and redesigning the curriculum. St. La Salle invented the western school system of classes, free, and open to all. St. La Salle was Beatified in 1900 and Canonized in 1950 and is the Patron Saint of All Teachers.

This year, La Salle College Founder's Week (started May 13, 2013) consisted of Opening and Closing Ceremonies, a Six Day Poverty Programme, Founders Mass, Staff Lunch, and Staff Professional Development on lasallian philosophy and spiritualty.

Pictured are the Opening Ceremony in the garden, and survivors of the Poverty Programme.



Vancouver



Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Jun 7, 2013 (every first Friday)

Time noon

Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓

10604-101 Street

San Francisco Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Jun 1, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)

Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm

Venue ABC Seafood Restaurant

973 E Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404.

Contact <u>sf@lscoba.com</u>

Date Aug 3, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)

Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm

Venue ABC Seafood Restaurant 973 E Hillsdale Blvd,

Foster City, CA 94404.

Contact <u>sf@lscoba.com</u>

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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Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Meeting Rev. Bro. Steve Hogan in San Francisco April 2013

Ambrose Lee '98

"You reap what you sow!"

Because of his series of universities induction visits last year, Rev. Bro. Steve Hogan was invited to a 2-day conference in Davis and Berkeley in this April.

Thanks to the coordination of George Law '66, a few of us were able to meet with Bro. Steve, on 21st April, at the San Francisco International Airport before he took his flight back to Hong Kong.

During our short, 1-hour, meeting, Bro. Steve shared his trip, his plans and his vision in widening the eye-sights of the La Salle Boys.

Moreover, we also chatted about the recent development of La Salle, her victories in various sports & performances. musical The highlight of our discussion was the previous Annual Interschool Athlete Meeting at the Wan Chai Stadium. We expressed how the overseas old boys cheered and moaned in front of the computer when we watched the live broadcasting through the school's Campus TV, while Bro. Steve shared his 3-day roller-coaster feelings when he was in the field.

Lastly, before Bro. Steve got into the gate, he thanked and presented



Ambrose Lee '98; Bro. Steve Hogan; Andrew Sien '63; Franco Chan '10; Claudio Chan '08; George Lau '67

us the school's latest publication, "To be Inspired" and the La Salle Commemoration Flag. He also thanked all the greetings from the Bay Area LaSallians who were not able to come that day.

Thank you very much for visiting us again Bro. Steve! Wish to see you more often in the future!

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

The pictures will be posted on our official facebook webpage: www.facebook.com/lscobasf

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LSCOBA SF (Bay Area) Picnic April 2013

Ambrose Lee '98



Top row: George Lau '67, Marco Chan '02, Carlos Chan '10, Riowise Rusli '12, Michael Ling '12, Timothy Wan '09, Jesse Lim '85, David Tong '02; *Middle row:* Charles Au '63, Frank Lo '66, Ambrose Lee '98, Claudio Chan '08; *Bottom row:* Vasco Rosario '66, Albert Wong '63, Franco Chan '09, Andrew Sien '63, Ephrem Fung '76, Stanley Leong '66

Thank you very much for coming to our picnic! It had been an awesome event!!

On April 20th 2013, a day of perfect weather with California sunshine and serene sky, 30 LaSallians gathered at the Fremont Central Park for our chapter's picnic! We enjoyed the nicely cooked food from our chefs; we relaxed under sun, we caught up with schoolmates; we had flown the kites with the kids.... It was a splendid afternoon!



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Thank you!

Thank You Albert Wong '63 for bringing the kites!

Thank you Ephrem Fung'76 and Andrew Sien '63 for preparing the salmon and drumsticks!

Thank you Derek Choy '93, Carlos Chan '10, Riowise Rusli '12, Michael Ling '12, Franco Chan '10 and Claudio Chan '08 for setting up the place, the BBQ fire and cooked the delicious food for us!!!

Most importantly, thank you all for coming, the picnic was definitely more fun with your participation!

Yours in La Salle,

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Life Update

William Lai (1961) has been a long term contributor to this newsletter, bringing many news and history from around the world to our readers. The editorial board greatly appreciates his generous support which is crucial to the newsletter in maintaining its monthly publication.

This month, William brought us to the British Isles. He and Vivien had been to the Isles many times, the latest one being around the Olympics 2012. This article appears in this newsletter as a three part series so that we can have more spaces for the photographs allowing our readers a better appreciation of the content.

The Editors

A British Isles Mini-Odyssey (part 1)

William Lai (1961)

Post-Olympics

After attending the 2012 London Olympics Games, we took the opportunity to take a cruise around the British Isles. Though we have been to England several times, we had never been to other parts of the UK and Ireland. This cruise circumnavigates the British Isles visiting the major point of interest in a very convenient way. The cruise line was Princess.

Following the Titanic, but not to its demise

Southampton

The cruise started from Southampton which has heaps of maritime history. Both the Mayflower and the Titanic began their voyages from this port. Jane Austen, of *Pride and Prejudice* fame, also lived in Southampton for a time.

We visited the very site where the pilgrims embarked on their boat. There's also a monument marking the historical event. It's commonly believed that the pilgrims first landed in America at the Plymouth Rock location in Massachusetts. In fact, the Mayflower first stopped over and anchored at what is now Provincetown, Cape Cod, before proceeding on to Plymouth. We had been to both locations some years ago. So for Vivien and me, we had also completed the Mayflower pilgrimage journey, though in the reverse order.



Monument to the Pilgrims



Exact spot at Cape Cod where the Mayflower stopped over



The actual Plymouth rock



Plaque documenting Jane Austen's visit here

According to legend, the Mayflower pilgrims initiated the custom of Thanksgiving after a plentiful harvest, thus starting the tradition of annual traffic logjams for Americans in late November. Whether the pilgrims foresaw the chaos and frenzy of Black Friday is questionable. (For non-North American readers unfamiliar with the tradition, the American Thanksgiving is the busiest travel period, even busier than Christmas, comparable to the travel madness of the Chinese during the CNY period. Black Friday is the post-Thanksgiving bargain shopping day that has people trample over one another and stampede into retail shops for allegedly cheap goods).

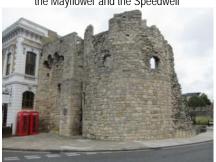


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Another legacy of the Mayflower sailors is less consistent with their beliefs and values. A female descendant of one of the Mayflower crew became a modern-day purveyor of the oldest profession, managing a number of high-priced escorts with high-profile clients in New York. Known as the "Mayflower Madam", this lady is actually quite well-educated and is a fairly enterprising business person just like her ancestors who, Puritans as they were, might well be turning over in their graves for the notoriety that she engendered. Lest readers are tempted to use her services, note that her escort operation has ceased to exist after being busted.



Plaque commemorating the Mayflower and the Speedwell



Jane Austen house in Southampton



Building marking Pilgrims' landing site in Plymouth, Massachusetts



Memorial dedicated to the Titanic's engineers in Southampton



Replica of the Mayflower in background



Cruise ship leaving same dockyard as Titanic did a century ago

We visited the new Sea City Museum in Southampton which attempts to document the role of the port in Titanic's history. Perhaps because it is very new, the museum was rather disappointing in showing very few actual artifacts or relics related to the fateful ship.

The Princess cruise ship set sail from the same dockyard as that of the Titanic. Good thing we are not superstitious people. There is a monument to the Titanic on the grounds of the dockyard. But unfortunately, it was closed to the public when we visited, which makes one wonder about the point of erecting the monument at all. We were able to see the monument commemorating the engineering officers of the Titanic in a nearby park.

Guernsey

The first stop of the cruise was St Peter Port, Guernsey which is part of the Channel Islands. I remember learning about the Channel Islands in La Salle. These islands are officially not part of the UK but are personal belongings of the British Crown. There is a very long and winding history of these islands into which I will not go. But suffice it to say that my namesake, William the Conqueror, played a significant role in securing the islands for the Royal Family.

Guernsey does have a Canadian connection. General Sir Isaac Brock, after whom Brock University and the City of Brockville, both in Ontario, was named, was from St Peter Port. He was credited with leading a major force during the 1812 war against the Americans capturing Detroit, which boosted the confidence and morale of the British troops. Unfortunately, he was killed in action in the Battle of Queenston Heights. In his birthplace, Brock is commemorated by a plague on the outside wall of the St Peter Port Town Church.

The itinerant Victor Hugo once lived in St Peter Port where he wrote Les Miserable.



Town church in Guernsey marking Sir Issac Brock's connection to the island



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Plaque on church showing Brock's origins and Canadian ventures



Guernsey's famous little church built entirely of shattered pottery



Closer look at the broken pottery construction of an alter

Holyhead, northern Wales

Next, the cruise stopped overnight at Holyhead, or Holy Island, Wales, the third busiest passenger port in the UK with sea links to Ireland other British ports. There is much history in this area dating back to Roman times. The conquering Romans were quite afraid of the Welsh archers. The so-called "English" longbow actually originated in Wales.



Conwy Castle, Wales



Supposedly scenic view from Conwy Castle



Beaumaris Castle

But for modern sight-seeing purposes, the history in the 13th century produced more scenic venues. After winning control of Wales, King Edward I constructed a series of castles in Wales to solidify his control of the region. The most famous is Caernarfon Castle where the investiture of the Prince of Wales occurs, a tradition started by King Edward I who gave that title to his son as another gesture of control over Wales.

The most picturesque castle, however, is Conwy Castle which we visited on a land tour. Built on an outcrop in the estuary of the River Conwy, the castle is unique in its rectangular shape rather than in the form of concentric circles and it sits on prime real estate with a commanding view of the surrounding waterways and countryside. A World Heritage Site, the castle is recognised as an exemplary specimen of fine medieval military architecture. We also visited Beaumaris castle which has a contrasting concentric plan.

On the way to these castles, we passed through a town in southeast Anglesey with the longest name in Europe. That town usually is known as LLanfairrwillgwyngyll. But believe or not, that is the short form of the name. Its train station bears the full name of the place, a behemoth of a name with 58 characters. Please see the accompanying photographs for an appreciation of the name.

(Editor: The full name of the town is LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLLLLANTYSILIOGOGOGOCH)

<u>Dublin</u>

The closest we came to a Titanic experience was seeing the stormy Irish Sea while approaching Holyhead. We could feel the raging torrents of the waters and flashes of the Titanic saga appeared in our imaginings, but luckily no icebergs were in sight. The only setback was a delayed departure from Holyhead to Dublin.

We took a city tour of Dublin. The most significant sites seemed to be St Patrick's Cathedral and Unity College.



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Built on the very site where Ireland's patron saint once baptised converts, the Cathedral did not look very spectacular as one would expect in view of its historical significance. It does contain a statue of St Patrick and a chair allegedly used by King William III when he came to the cathedral to thank God for his victory over rival King James in 1690. Somewhat inconsistent with the theme of the Cathedral, another notable Irish character was venerated by a statute on the Cathedral's grounds, that of Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, a descendant of the founder of the Guinness brew.







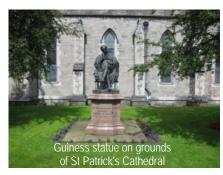
Statue of St Patrick inside cathedral



Inside St Patrick's Cathedral



Actual chair used by King William III



The other site we visited was the relatively well-known Trinity College, Ireland's answer to Oxford and Cambridge. Trinity College is also noted for housing the Book of Kells, the artful rendition of the four Gospels of the New Testament. There was a huge queue to enter the library to see the Book. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to partake.

Belfast

Sailing into Belfast evoked images of the "Troubles", euphemistically named for the violent and murderous conflicts in Northern Ireland. But when we toured the city, we

saw nothing of the sort. It appeared peaceful enough, though there were reports of some disturbance after our visit.

These days, Belfast seems to be more interested in cashing in on the world's insatiable fascination with the Titanic tale. The Titanic was built in Belfast which now boasts to have the newest and largest Titanic museum in the world. The museum was opened in April 2012 to coincide with the centennial anniversary of the sinking of the ship in April of 1912. The museum was extremely popular and bookings needed to be made well in advance in order to gain entry to the exhibits. Unfortunately, we



did not have enough time to do so. We were, however, able to wander through the grounds of the museum and the very spots where various parts of the Titanic were drafted and built.



Belfast Titanic Museum - part of Titanic was built on foreground where I'm standing



Yellow cranes with the renowned Harland and Wolff initials that held the Titanic during construction



The famed Queen's University of Belfast

(to be continued ...)



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School News

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

2013-05-01

La Salle College Performs with the Academy of Performing Arts

La Salle College Wind Orchestra was invited to perform in a joint public Concert with the Academy Concert Band from the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts on Wednesday May 1st. The La Salle College students received extended acclamation for their performances conducted by Mr. NGAI Kelvin, La Salle College conductor, and Prof Joe KIRTLEY from HKAPA.

2013-05-12

Hong Kong Primary & Secondary Schools Putonghua Speech Competition

On Saturday 11th May was the 15th Hong Kong Primary & Secondary Schools Putonghua Speech Competition at the Kowloon Bay Convention and Exhibition Centre. With over 300 schools competing La Salle College again had outstanding results. Congratulations to the students and thank you to the teachers, parents and supporters. Five students entered from La Salle College and two students, MA Yat Kit (1B) and LAM Cheung Chung (3C), made it through to the 3rd and Final Round as finalists.

La Salle College won 1 of 10 'Distinguished Schools' Prizes for its overall score.

Junior Golden Prize

LAM Cheung Chung (3C)

Most Creative Prize

MA Yat Kit (1B)







2013-05-12

Drama Competition Results

La Salle College recently competed in two drama competitions in which boys have achieved significant results and some firsts for the College.

Hong Kong School Drama Festival 2013 (Cantonese)

The College was allocated the Cantonese section only in the Hong Kong School Drama Festival 2013. Students wrote and directed their own play and four boys won awards for their performance.

Award for Outstanding Performer

MAK Alex (5G), CHAN See Yeung (4F), MA Mo Tung (4A), NG Hon Chung (1A)

Hong Kong EMI School English Drama Festival 2013 (Shakespearean Drama)

This year the EMI School's included a Shakespearian section in the EMI Drama Festival. La Salle College entered and was the only boys school among the competing schools – Heep Yunn, St. Stephen's Girls, and St. Mary's.

Award for Outstanding Performer

WONG Wai Yin, Alexander (4E) - who plays Lady Macbeth (pictured).

Team Award for Outstanding Creativity

La Salle College

Thank you to teachers Mr Sin and Ms Mackey.







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2013-05-12

Indoor Rowing Competition

Congratulations to the La Salle College Indoor Rowing Team who have had their best results ever and came 2nd Overall in the Hong Kong School Sports Federation competition on Saturday 11th May.

A Grade

| WONG Chun Yiu (5B) | 1000m | 1st |
|--------------------|-------|----------|
| WONG Chun Lok (5F) | 1000m | 4th |
| FAN Kwan Ho (5C) | 2000m | 3rd |
| CHENG Chi Yan (5E) | 2000m | 4th |
| 4x500m Relay | | 2nd |
| A Grade Overall | | Champion |

B Grade

| LIU Kwan Ho (3B) | 1000m | 9th |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| PANG Kit Ching (3D) | 2000m | 10th |
| 4x500m Relay | | 4th |
| B Grade Overall | | Third (with DBS) |

B Grade Overall

C Grade

| CHAN Cheuk Lam (2B) | 500m | 3rd |
|---------------------|------|-----|
| LAM Ho Yin (2B) | 500m | 8th |

NG Hon Lam (2E) 1000m 1st (New Record)

CHU Man Hei (2F) 1000m 9th

4x500m Relay 1st (New Record)
C Grade Overall Champion

Overall: 2nd

A Grade: LSC 166 DBS 155 YCKMC 130 CMASS 115

B Grade: YCKMC 168.5 HKTAYY3 116.5 DBS & LSC 103

C Grade: LSC 118 HKTAYY3 101 DBS 99.5 YCKMC 96
Overall: YCKMC 394.5 LSC 387 DBS 357.5 CMASS 223







2013-05-13

Hong Kong Young Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest

The La Salle College Math Team were awarded 2nd Place Overall in the Hong Kong Young Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest organized by Po Leung Kuk. All team members were awarded a First Class Honours in the Individual Section of the competition. Congratulations to Ms Luk and teachers of the Math Team. The team and individual winners were:

YU Hoi Wai Harry (2F) - also selected to attend the International Competition in Bulgaria in the summer LEE Kwan Yuen Isaac (3G)
CHEUNG Ka Long Matthew (3E)

LAU Kwun Tak Tekky (3D)

WONG Chun Hei Gabriel (3B)

Pictured is the Math Team and Math Team teachers at the afternoon tea celebration to conclude the year.









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2013-05-22

La Salle College Bridge Champions 2013

La Salle College Bridge Team competed in the 2012/2013 Inter-School Bridge Competition and won the Overall Championship with many individual and team 'First Place' as well. The results were:

IMP Pairs1stNG Ka Ching & NG Ka Sing (27/10)Match Point Pairs2ndNG Ka Ching & NG Ka Sing (24/11)Match Point Pairs1stNG Ka Ching & NG Ka Sing (27/4)

Individual Result 1st NG Ka Ching Individual Result 1st NG Ka Sing

Swiss Team 2nd NG Ka Ching, NG Ka Sing, TANG Justin Wang Lap, WONG Chak Ho (23/2)

School Result 1st La Salle College



La Salle College HKSSF Archery Champions

La Salle College won the HKSSF Inter-school Archery Competition, Friday 24th May. The results were:

A Grade 2nd
B Grade Champion
C Grade Champion
Overall Champion

Individual Competition

A Grade YIP Ching Wa (5F) Champion

B Grade SO Chun Ngai (3E) Champion (New HK Youth Record)

LEUNG Tsz Lok (3G) 6th LEUNG Anson (3D) 7th

C Grade LEE Chak Kiu (2F) Champion

YU Yat Chun (2C) 2nd LIN Curtis (2D) 4th

2013-05-25

Maths Competition Results

(1) National Hua Luo-geng Cup Mathematics Competition 2013

The National Hua Luo-geng Cup Mathematics Competition was held on Saturday the 18th May. The results were:

Individual

Form 1 MAI Kok Chi Curtis (1G) 3rd

XU Junheng Marcus (1D) 1st Class Honours CHIU Long Hin Vincent (1E) 3rd Class Honours

Form 2 YU Hoi Wai Harry (2E) Champion

LAM Wai Chung (2G) 2nd Class Honours

Group

La Salle College Champion MAI Kok Chi (1G),

XU Junheng Marcus (1D), CHIU Long Hin Vincent (1E)

(2) Chong Gene Hang College Interschool Mathematics Quiz

La Salle College 3rd LI Christopher (4F),

LAU Lat Yin (4G), TANG Wai Fung (4G)









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Hong Kong Budding Scientists Competition

On Saturday La Salle College was one of 6 schools to reach the final of the Education Bureau and Federation of Youth Groups Budding Scientists Competition. This is the first time the College has reached the final round of this competition and was placed 4th Overall. The competition consisted of three rounds; an exam, an interview presentation, and a research project. Three of the five La Salle College boys received First Class Honours, the highest individual Award. The Overall Champion was Chinese Foundation Secondary School. Well done to La Salle College boys and Ms Yau.

LSC Team WONG Gabriel Chun (3B)

LAM Ching Long (3D) CHUNG Benton Pok Hei (4F)

WONG Tsz Him (3F) CHEUNG Matthew (3E) First Class Honours First Class Honours First Class Honours

2013-05-29

Table Tennis, Chinese, & Music Awards Table-Tennis

La Salle College students TE Kwan Wai (2D) and KWONG Kai Hin (5A) have been successful in the 4th Hong Kong Games (Table Tennis). TE Kwan Wai and KWONG Kai Hin won the Championship in the Men's Team event. KWONG Kai Hin also won 2nd Overall in the Men's Doubles. Pictured are TE Kwan Wai and Kwong Kai Hin with Mr Kwong.

Chinese Writing Competition

XU Marcus (1D) won 2nd Place in the junior section and CHAN Hoi Ho (4F) won 2nd Place in the senior section of the Singtao Newspaper (Metro Junior) Open Novel Writing Competition. There were over 600 entries across Hong Kong. Pictured is Marcus and Hoi Ho with their Chinese Language teachers Ms Sy, Ms Tai, and Mr Lau.

Music Competition

CHAN Ching Hei (1A) won 1st Place in the Music Festival (Clarinet Solo Secondary School Junior). Pictured is Ching Hei with Mr Wan.







2013-05-29

La Salle College HKSSF Tenpin Bowling Champions

La Salle College has won the Hong Kong School Sports Federation Inter-School Tenpin Bowling Championship and therefore the Championship of the HKSSF Rising Star Award. Congratulations to the team for their hard work these past twelve months, their mental toughness, and their La Salle spirit, and Mr Ma (Team Manager).

The Tenpin Bowling Team – LI Tsz Lok Carlos CHAN Louis Luk Yun LEUNG Hei Ching Jeremy LAI Chi Kin Richard CHOW Aswin





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2013-05-29

49th Hong Kong Schools Dance Festival

Congratulations to the La sale College Dance Team for achieving three Awards at the Hong Kong Secondary School Dance Competitions. The judges commended our boys for their choice of music and their theme and how effectively they used music and dance to communicate a wonderful theme. Thank you to Coach, Mr. Bon Kwong, and to Teachers, Ms. Poon, Mr. Mak and Ms. Zhang.

Jazz Dance (Solo) Commended Award (3rd Place)

CHAU Frankie Chun Yin (5E)

Jazz Dance (Trio) Highly Commended Award (2nd Place) & Choreography Prize

YUEN Jun Wei Ethan (1G) ARCILIA Jose Antonio Delfin (2A) NAIR Ashwin Rafeev (2A)

Jazz Dance (Group) Highly Commended Award (2nd Place)

CHEUNG Fung Chit (1G)
ARCILIA Jose Antonio Delfin (2A)
CHEUNG Derek Tsz Yin (3B)
LAM Chak Long (3E)

FUNG Sheung Wai (1G) NAIR Ashwin Rafeev (2A) LUK Chun Kay Andrew (3C) SHAM Edward (5B) YUEN Jun Wei Ethan (1G) YEUNG Ka Yiu Billy (2C) TANG Tsz Chung (3D) CHAU Frankie Chun Yin (5E)





