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Rest In Peace

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Brother Alphonsus Chee (Principal 1984-1990) Passed Away Peacefully on Saturday Morning, August 3rd 2013



Brother Alphonsus (朱永斌修士) was born in Ipoh, Malaysia, in 1928. He was the sixth child in a family of 5 boys and 5 girls. He started his studies in the prestigious St. Michael's Institution (SMI), Ipoh, run by the De La Salle Brothers. Brother Alphonsus became a teacher of SMI in 1950. In 1954 he joined the De La Salle Brothers and was transferred to Penang for further training. He taught in Penang for many years before completing studies at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

In 1968, Brother Alphonsus started teaching at La Salle College, Hong Kong. He became the Principal of De La Salle Secondary School, Fanling, in 1971-72. Brother Alphonsus returned to La Salle College in 1973 and was appointed the Vice Principal in 1978. As Vice Principal he was involved with Brother Raphael Egan and Brother Thomas Lavin in the design and construction of the new campus. In September 1984 Brother Alphonsus became the Principal of La Salle College.

In 1990 at the age of 60 Brother Alphonsus retired and has lived in retirement ever since in the Brothers Residence on the 5th Floor of La Salle College.

Let us pray for the eternal rest of Brother Alphonsus and for gratitude for his commitment to excellence which he maintained during his time at La Salle College especially during his time as Principal:

"Eternal rest grant to him Oh Lord and may your perpetual light shine down upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

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Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Sep 6, 2013 (every first Friday)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓

Summer BBQ

Date Sep 7, 2013
Time 5pm - 9pm
Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

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Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Oct 5, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)
Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm
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Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday
Time noon to 2 pm
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
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Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

Joint School Table Tennis Tournament 2013

Kevin Kwok (1988)

Joint School Table Tennis Alumni Tournament 2013 took place on 10th August at Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association. 12 teams from 9 Hong Kong secondary school alumni associations participated the tournament: La Salle College, DBS, Cheung Chuk Shan College, Tsun Tsin College, St Joseph College HK, Wah Yan College Kowloon, Ying Wah College, Musang College and Ramondi College.



Glory Moment (L-R): Kevin Kwok (88), John Chow (78), Daniel Kwong (70), Eric Yu (80), John Keung (65)

La Salle OBA sent 2 teams namely Team A and Team B to participate the tournament.

Two teams from La Salle OBA, Team A and Team B, participated in the tournament.

Team A roster: John Keung (1965, Captain), Daniel Kwong (1970), Peter Lau (1970) and Eric Yu (1980)

Team B roster: Tom Cheung (1970, Captain), Charles Yap (1971) and John Chow (1978).

Both Team A and Team B did well by winning all 3 division matches but they ended up facing each other at the quarter final when Team B was eliminated with "smile". Team A then became the hot favourite to defend our championship (LSCOPA was the overall champion of the 2012 tournament).

Lady luck seemed not on our side and we were marginally defeated in the semi final. Fortunately Team A really saved the day by overcoming Musang College at the 2nd runner up title game. Our team captain John Keung did not lose any single match through the entire tournament. What marvellous results! Well done John!

After the presentation ceremony, we attended the celebration dinner with 2 full tables from La Salle old boys.



Our Team (L-R): Tom Cheung (70), Eric Yu (80), John Chow (78), John Keung (65), Daniel Kwong (70), Charles Yap (71), Kevin Kwok (88)



This press release was sent to Mingpao and Singtao of Toronto by The Joint School Table Tennis Tournament committee.

香港中學舊生會（安省區）聯校 2013 乒乓球賽圓滿結束

香港中學舊生會（安省區）聯校舉辦 2013 乒乓球賽 已於八月十日（星期六）圓滿結束。該活動乃由九間香港中學舊生會聯會主辦，參與的舊生會包括，喇沙書院舊生會、九龍華仁書院安省舊生會、英華書院舊生會（多倫多分會）、拔萃男書院舊生會（多倫多分會）、張祝珊英文中學校友、崇真書院校友、民生書院舊生會、聖若瑟書院舊生會（多倫多分會）、高主教書院校友。此次乒乓球賽假於萬錦市加拿大華人乒乓球協會進行，參加團隊共十二隊，球員多過四十位。賽制採用國際乒乓球隊制進行。是日十時開始，各位球員個其所能，經過數輪緊張競技，到下午六時結束。賽果為，冠軍隊：九龍華仁書院安省舊生會；亞軍隊：張祝珊英文中學校友；季軍隊：喇沙書院舊生會。

主辦舊生會一致認為此次乒乓球賽氣氛十分和諧，進程相當順利，成績令人滿意，各參賽舊生會都希望明年能夠繼續進行，並歡迎更多舊生會參與。



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<http://news.singtao.ca/toronto/2013-08-27/community1377593453d4667412.html>



Life Update

Dr. Wilson H. Tang Inducted into the ASCE OTC Hall of Fame 2013

The Class of 1961 is proud to announce the induction of one of the 61ers, Dr. Wilson Tang Hon Chung (鄧漢忠), into the ASCE OTC (American Society of Civil Engineers Offshore Technology Conference) Hall of Fame on May 7, 2013 during the Gala Dinner held at the Petroleum Club in Houston, Texas, USA.

Unfortunately, Wilson passed away January 2012. His wife, Bernadette, accompanied by Selina Lo (Wilson's sister), Clement Lo (Wilson's brother-in-law), Prof. Robert B. Gilbert (Wilson's former student) and 61er David C. Chan, accepted the award on Wilson's behalf.

The 61ers would like to share this memorable event with the La Salle Old Boys. Excerpts from the Gala program and a report on the Gala Dinner by David C. Chan, are posted below.

Class of 1961

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

May 7, 2013

As Chair of the ASCE Program Committee of the Offshore Technology Conference, I'm proud to welcome you to the 8th Annual ASCE OTC Hall of Fame Gala. Thank you all for coming this evening to honor these six exceptional papers whose authors have had a lasting impact on the profession.

As we honor the work of many great individuals at tonight's gala, may we always remember those who have dedicated their lives to the profession.

We especially remember our deceased honoree Wilson H. Tang. Though no longer with us, he remains an important part of this profession.

Best Regards,
David L Barton, P.E., M.ASCE

ASCE OTC HALL OF FAME



PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY OF OFFSHORE PILES.

OTC Paper 6379 (1990)



WILSON H. TANG

Dr. Wilson H. Tang was an eminent teacher and researcher in the field of civil engineering. An international leader in the field of engineering uncertainties and reliability analysis, he is best known worldwide for his accomplishments in the development and application of probabilistic and reliability-based approaches to geotechnical engineering system and to other areas of civil infrastructures and management. Much of his work is innovative and pioneering, and has impacted the practice of geotechnical engineering through more systematic analysis of uncertainties and their effects on safety, risk mitigation and design. His works are published in over 200 manuscripts. He has coauthored a well-known text book on probability concepts in engineering planning and design which has been widely adopted by top universities worldwide and have been translated into five languages. The probability methods which he championed very early on in his career are now accepted as a versatile tool in civil engineering for code development, risk assessment, design optimization and decision making.

Dr. Tang obtained his Bachelor's (1966) and Master's (1967) from MIT and his PhD from Stanford University (1969), all in Civil Engineering. He had a distinguished academic career, having taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 27 years before joining HKUST as Chair Professor and Head of Department of Civil Engineering in 1996. Under his leadership, the Department evolved as one of the best in Asia. He retired in 2009 but remained active in both academic research and public service. Professor Tang's outstanding achievements have been internationally recognized through numerous awards and honors including the State of the Art award, Fellow and Distinguished Member from the American Society of Civil Engineering, T.K. Hsieh Award from the Institution of Civil Engineers UK, US Offshore Energy Center's Hall of Fame, Guggenheim Fellow, Harza Best Paper Award, Natural Science Award from the Ministry of Education, China, and Honorary Professorship at several major universities. To honor his seminal contributions in geotechnical reliability and risk, a prestigious keynote lecture, the Wilson Tang Lecture, of the serial conferences of the International Symposium on Geotechnical Safety & Risk was inaugurated in 2009.



**Professor Wilson Tang Hon Chung
Inducted into Hall of Fame
at
2013 ASCE OTC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner**

David C. Chan (1961)

Preface

Via Bernadette's March 15, 2013 email, most of us first learned of the good news that the world renowned Dr. Wilson H. Tang, (Professor Wilson Tang Hon Chung), our late La Salle classmate was to be honored at the 2013 ASCE OTC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner on May 7, 2013, in Houston, Texas, USA. It was also the first time I became aware of the synergism by the sponsoring organizations: American Society of Civil Engineers and Offshore Technology Conference (OTC). The former is a professional association while the latter is an oil and gas trade association, with its technology hub where energy professionals meet to explore ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources and environmental matters.

Introduction

Since 1969 the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) has become an annual trade show whose agenda includes conference and exhibition, with an emphasis on the development of offshore energy resources, primarily oil and natural gas. Held annually during the first week of May in Houston, Texas, USA, it is considered the largest oil and gas trade show in the world. Culminating this event is the Hall of Fame Gala Dinner at which time ASCE will honor the authors of extraordinary papers with ASCE OTC Hall of Fame. Though presented in the earlier years of OTC, those papers now form the core of current practice worldwide. They have provided the industry with innovation, direction and lasting impact on the design, construction or installation of the offshore infrastructure. Dr. Wilson H. Tang and fellow co-author Dr. John H. Pelletier presented their OTC Paper 6379 in 1990: Performance Reliability of Offshore Piles was so selected under this criterion.

Representing her late husband Dr. Wilson H. Tang, Bernadette would attend the function and accept Wilson's award. Her guests at the Gala would include Wilson's sister Selina Lo, her husband Clement Lo and Prof. Robert B. Gilbert of the University of Texas (Wilson's former student). Because I live in the suburb between Dallas and Fort Worth area, in relatively close proximity from Houston, the venue of the Gala Dinner, and because of my background in engineering albeit in a different industry (aerospace) I was persuaded by fellow classmates to join Bernadette and her guests. My task was to attend the event, observe and provide firsthand account of the special event, reduce that to writing for dissemination in the La Salle Class of 1961 Website for the benefit of our own class of '61, as well as for the La Salle College, students and alumni alike.

**OTC Paper 6379
Performance Reliability of Offshore Piles**

(a) In a Capsule

This paper was a major contribution to the development of the foundation section of API RP2A LRFD by providing a comprehensive statistical analysis of pile load test results in clay and sand for both axial and lateral loading. It also identified and quantified the many effects that influence pile response and testing results such as consolidation, cyclic loading, rate effects, and random variability of sampling test data due to disturbance. The paper provided a systematic study of all aspects of pile design needed to formulate pile design practice for RP2A LRFD. In the long term the study facilitated the development of pile design procedures that maintain a consistent level of safety for different site conditions, alternative pile configurations, and structural and foundation subsystems.

(b) The Text

Due to the complex and highly technical nature of the Paper, for those interested please see separate copy of the subject Paper for details. (http://www.realsantaclara.com/travel/?page_id=2244)



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The Gala Dinner

May 07, 2013
Petroleum Club
The Exxon Building, 800 Bell Street
Houston, Texas, USA

Cocktails: 6:30 PM,
Dinner: 7:30 PM



Honoree's Party: (L to R) Clement Lo, Selina Lo, Bernadette Tang, Prof. Robert B Gilbert and David C Chan



Ocean Star Museum



Plaques on Display

Earlier in the day, Bernadette, Selina and Clement took a side trip to Galveston, a town about 51 miles southwest of Houston. They toured the Ocean Star Museum on the waterfront. The museum is housed in an offshore drilling rig much like those operating in the open sea around the world. Among the many attractions, there is the Hall of Fame, with a wing dedicated to Technology Pioneers comprising a handful of world renowned achievers in the underlying technology. There is a plaque installed in 2002 honoring fifteen pioneers, and the name of Wilson H. Tang is inscribed among this short list. Alongside there is also a description: "Reliability-based Design of Marine Structures". In a nutshell it highlights the many contributions of this elite group of individuals to this field of technology. Reading this plaque juxtaposed with Wilson's name makes us proud to be La Salle Alumni, and in my opinion Wilson is inspiration for all those striving for excellence, particularly for next generations of La Salle Boys everywhere.



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“Reliability-based Design of Marine Structures” & the 15 Pioneers Honored

Our group of five met up at 6:30 PM as planned. After exchanging pleasantries we talked and socialized with one another. With the help of Bernadette and Robert, we also met some of the former colleagues of Wilson, from academia and industry, including Wilson's co-author of the award paper, Dr. John Pelletier, formerly with Shell Oil Company, and Dr. Jen-hwa Chan of Chevron Energy Technology Company (a corporate sponsor of the Gala), as well as many other technologists and scientists. I must confess I had never encountered so many PhDs since I left graduate school, decades ago. We also met a young lady from China named Hsu, who recently graduated from the University of Texas. She is on her first job assignment at BP Company in Houston. Ms. Hsu coincidentally is a former student of Robert who is a professor of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering at the University. At this single occasion I was privileged to meet both Wilson's protégé and the next generation thereof.



2013 ASCE OTC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner



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The guests were seated at 20+ tables and we were all treated to a delicious dinner and fine wine. After dinner the main event was kicked off with Words of Recognition to the honorees collectively by Mr. Gregory E. Diloreto, President of American Society of Civil Engineers. Individual awards were then presented by Mr. Gregory E. Diloreto and Mr. David Wisch, Offshore Technology Technical Program Committee Member. After an individual introduction and special word of appreciation for Dr. Wilson H. Tang's work, a crystal plaque was presented to Bernadette on Wilson's behalf. Bernadette in turn delivered a well-received acceptance speech partly based on Wilson's own "Thank You Message" he delivered in 2002 when he was inducted into the US Energy Center's Hall of Fame. The Message: "It is a great honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame..... to join such illustrious experts in reliability engineering. It has been most rewarding to have been involved in the development of improved design practices that will have a long lasting and positive impact on the industry." These few lines truly exemplify Wilson's profound contribution to the field of technology he loved and humility he maintained even at the pinnacle.

Acknowledgement

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Last but not the least, I am thankful for Bernadette Tang's invaluable comments and suggestions to enhance both substance and form of this article. Moreover, I also thank Clement Lo, Wilson's brother-in-law for his review and comments, and for providing me with the necessary photographs and reference materials, none of which would be possible and forthcoming without the very capable assistance from Selina, Wilson's sister.

In closing, I must express my sincere thanks to Francis Siu for providing meticulous editing and superb IT expertise, to make publication of this article and other relevant materials on the La Salle Alumni and 61ers Websites a reality.



ASCE OTC Hall of Fame Award



Presentation of Award



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Bernadette's Acceptance Speech



The Honorees

Front Row (L to R) Dr. Demir I. Karsan, Bernadette Tang (accepting on behalf of Dr. Wilson H. Tang), Dr. Suzanne Lacasse (accepting her own award, also accepting on behalf of Dr. Svein Fjeld), and Dr. Jim R. Lloyd

Back Row (L to R) Dr. Fred Moses, Dr. Bernhard (Bernie) Stahl, Patt Dunn (accepting on behalf of Dr. Richard Larrabee), Dr. John H. Pelletier, and Dr. Alain M. Goulois