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Detail program can be found in the special Global Reunion section of this newsletter.

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## Reminders

### East Coast (USA)

#### Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

Date every Sunday  
Time noon  
Venue Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant  
133-30 39th Avenue, Flushing NY 11354  
Tel. 718-359-8600  
Contact [dimsum@nylscoba.org](mailto:dimsum@nylscoba.org)

### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Oct 2, 2015 (first Friday of each month)  
Time noon  
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

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#### 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

### Toronto

#### 2016 Global Reunion

Date July 28 – 31, 2016  
Time per event schedule  
Venue Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Center  
Richmond Hill, ON  
Cost T B A  
Contact [wong.philiphf@gmail.com](mailto:wong.philiphf@gmail.com)

### Vancouver

#### Badminton Night

Date Every Monday  
Time 8 pm – 10 pm (2 sessions)  
Venue Richmond Pro  
130-5800 Minoru Blvd, Richmond  
Cost \$5/session (i.e. \$10/2 hour)  
RSVP [vlfun@shaw.ca](mailto:vlfun@shaw.ca) by every Friday



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## Chapter News

### Toronto Chapter

#### Report of JS alumni Soccer Tournament

Kevin Kwok (1988)

The Joint School Alumni Soccer Tournament was held on August 23 with 4 participating Hong Kong secondary school alumni associations, including those of St Joseph College, Ramondi College, Salesian group and La Salle College. Again, our chapter managed to keep the undefeated record for another year.

Besides 6 tournament games, we arranged 1 exhibition game for the players 50+ years of age between HK Chinese University Alumni and Joint School teams. Our chapter sent an Elite Team to participate.

Our Elite Team Roster:

Dennis Chow (61)	Dennis Ho (61)	Raphael Ng (61)
Michael Ho (63)	John Lee (66)	Danny Au Yeung (67)
William Chan (69)	Thomas Lau (69)	Henry Chan (71)
Christopher Bee (73)	Paul Lee (73)	Gordon Tam (77)

Our chapter would like to sincerely thank David Sin (69) for sponsoring our team jerseys.





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## 2015 Picnic BBQ

Philip Wong (1967)

Despite the threat of dark clouds in the morning, our annual picnic BBQ at Thompson Memorial Park in Scarborough went off without a hitch; we even had sunny weather towards the end to reflect the warm friendship experienced by old boys, their families, friends and our joint school friends. We appreciate a number of old boy visiting from the New York, Rochester and Pittsburgh areas.

I have obtained permission from Paul Khoo ('71) – our Chief Picnic Tsar to quote his e-mail to us post- picnic:

*Dear all,*

*What can I say, but Thanks?*

*Thank God for giving us another great day of perfect weather.*

*Thank all the brothers for your hard work to make this BBQ such a success.*

*And thanks to all the participants for helping we break our record. Yes it's a record every year for me, now the number is 15.*

*Sounds familiar, yes, it's a cut and paste too.*

*After 15 years of coordinating the BBQ, I would say we had a near perfect event....again. I believe our food were very good...again, which was evidenced by the "locust" effect - foods were clear off the table in minutes.*

*There are so many helping hands around and I will just name a few (from my deteriorating memory):*

*Felix (Leung, '84), for the new stove, which efficiency and functionality was proven again and helped greatly with the food output. Your ribs were again tasty as before. Also for stepping up and bail me out with the corns.*

*Please extend my gratitude to Bel Baptista (from New York) who helped us - from husking the corns to moving the picnic tables, how I love to have him in Toronto. Also his wife & daughter (Stephanie) has helped big time with the fish balls.*

*Also, please extend our gratitude to Carol & Cynthia, who have helped a lot behind the scene on sweet potatoes and stuffs; and Eleanor for helping with the corns.*

*Kevin (Kwok '88), Chris (Fong, '92) for their leg work (and arm too).*

*Peter (Chan, '72), Paul (Wong, '73), Jimmy (Chang, '66) Stephen (Leung, '63), John (Yeung, '74), Michael (Chow, '89) and George (Fung, '53) for running the stove with such efficiency.*

*Philip (Wong, '67) for bringing a great helping hand, Edith. Please thank her for us.*

*John (Yeung) please thanks Eve for her help too.*

*Peter (Lau, '70) for your generous sponsor on food cost.*

*Last but not least, Francis (Yeung, '71) for preparation of salad & logistics of utensils and charcoal, and most importantly, securing the permit for us.*

*If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies.*

*I hope everyone had a great time, but in case you have any opinion for improvement, please feel free to let me know.*

Rather than thanking us, on behalf of the Toronto Chapter, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Paul Khoo for a job well done!

Look forward to see everyone at the Global Reunion 2016 that will be hosted by our Toronto Chapter. The confirmed dates are from July 28 to July 31, 2016. The main venue will be at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel on Hwy. 7 in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Please watch for more details to come.

Submitted by:

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President, Toronto Chapter





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## Special Contribution

### ©What Does La Salle's Feng Shui Hold for Us? (Part 1)

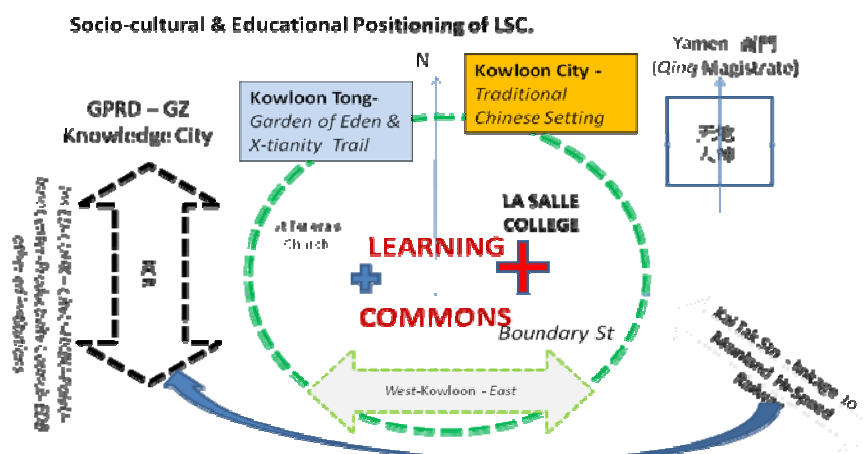
Thomas Yip (1967), Anthony Ip

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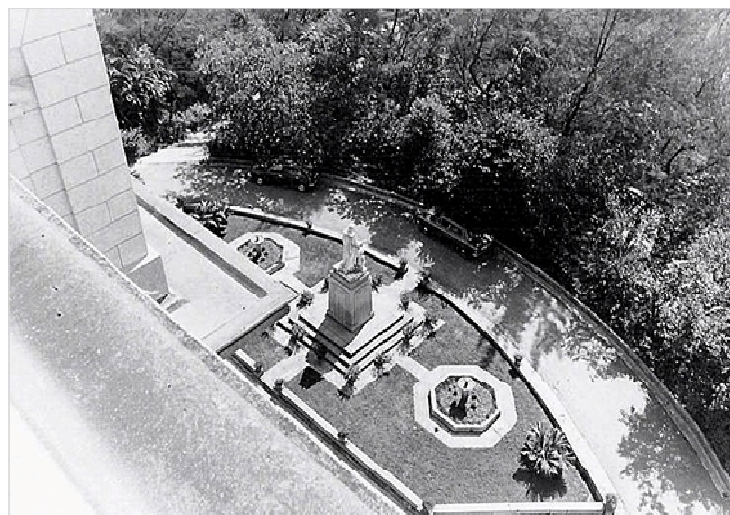
Anthony Ip is a Josephian, an Urban Planner, and a Cultural Industry Practitioner. To preserve its originality, this article has not been edited by the editorial committee but has been re-formatted for layout purposes. All opinions expressed therein are those of the authors. The editorial committee does not sanction or promote any of the ideas or concepts presented in this article.

Our Founder Brother Aimar Pierre Saurant could not have found a site with better Feng Shui (or geomancy) for La Salle College (LSC). More than merely a *"Most Majestic School Building in the Far East"*, he may have envisioned a base for farming out La Sallian Education to the whole of China. He may even have intended the La Salle Primary School building to house at least 30 novitiates to supply more manpower for those Brothers already operating in North East China (the so-called *"Manchuko"* that flopped in 1945).

Locally, LSC was in the midst of two tectonic plates of the East meeting and colliding with the West. Imperial China was at its weakest at a time when Britain at its mightiest. Surprisingly, colonialism brought about some blissful changes - Christianity and modernity that not only Hong Kong but China also sorely needed. And LS Education was an exemplar. However, working environments for the missionary were often outside a comfort zone, but they were often bold and entrepreneurial - Brother Aimar was one such person.



Feng Shui Map 1: - A symbolic representation of LSC in K-Tong & K-City Complex - by Thomas Yip & Anthony Ip.



**Feng Shu Map 3 -** *Boundary St that divided the perpetual secession of South Kowloon and the leased territories north of it was history itself. Kai Tak Airport was to the L. The upcoming Kai Tak HK Rail Station would signify HK's further reunification with the Motherland.*

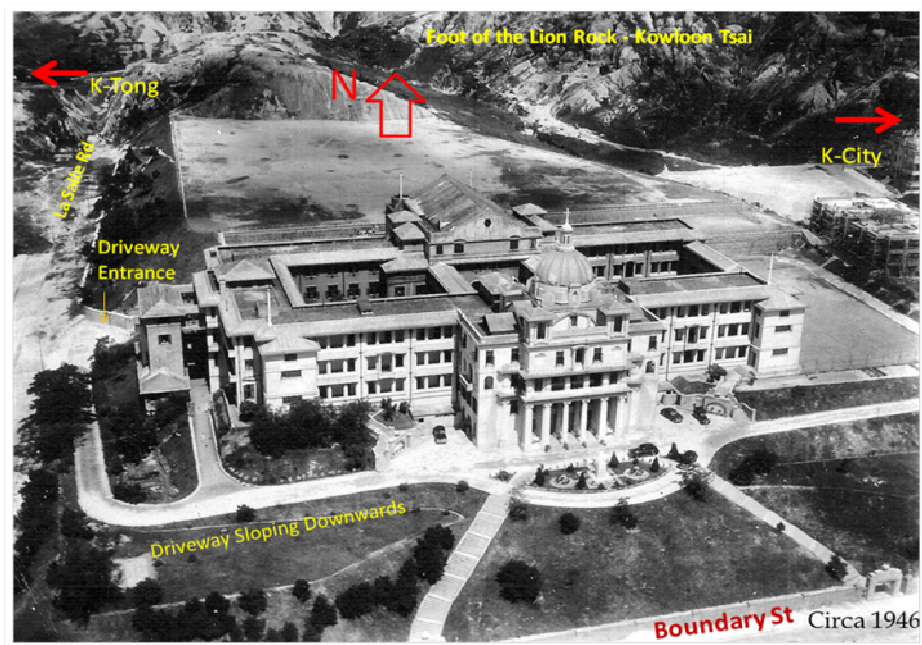
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**Feng Shui Map 2 -** *The new look of the edifice, immature plantations on the slopes and the absence of a sentry guard house (demolished only in the 60's) built by the Japanese occupation forces at the driveway entrance on L is absent all point to the vintage, ie 30's. Pls also note that La Salle Road and Nga Tsin Wai Road (on R) are not thoroughfares. The latter is higher. Lion Rock is the backdrop on the North with the Corinthian main entrance facing South (the direction of the Harbor). Perching on a knoll, it commanded a panoramic of almost the entire south Kowloon peninsula. All the requisites of good Feng Shui are present - a mere coincidence or a master had been consulted? Photo courtesy Class 74*

"左高右低背龜山,南面朱雀水環抱,明堂開廣腳踏鳳凰案。"<sup>1</sup>



代表左方的青龍方要比代表右方的白虎方地勢要高。也就是說如果家宅的左右方有山頭，必須要左方的山勢比右方高。一般來說，中國人講究「長幼有序」。北玄武方一定是主屋，是大家長跟祖先牌位的所在，屋後的大玄武龜山。就代表長子家業雄厚，後背有靠玄武方的祖先牌位，代表祖傳的家業，具有不動泰山的宗族延續的力量。現代風水則強調「左青龍右白虎」，認為左高右低是好風水的吉兆。可以家族興旺，庇蔭三代。也代表家族。「族長」地位亦立不搖，力主家業。住在山坡地上，最好面對家門口，左手邊的是往山上的方向，右手邊是往山下的方向為佳。

要如何確定家中哪邊是左，哪邊是右呢？人在室內面朝門的方向看，左手邊就是青龍方，右手邊就是白虎方。



**"吉屋形狀"** 正方形- 近方的長方形在風水理論上屬金，五行當中的金的代表形狀即為方形。中國人喜歡方方正正的房屋，除了在視覺上給人穩重跟地基穩固的感覺，最為便利且易於格局規劃。

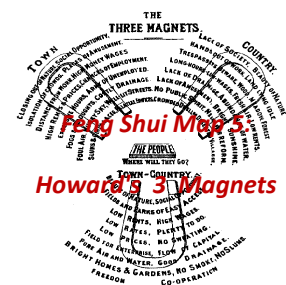
**"天財屋形"** 所謂天財屋顧名思義就是天生的財寶倒進家中，天財屋前圓後方，可以讓財源滾滾來，只要屋內設計隔間方正，就可以財富源源不盡的滾動進到屋裡來。

**"階梯形"** 樓房在形狀上從前大門 往後如樓梯般往上爬的「上樓形」大樓，可形成所謂「步步高升」局把三角形或者多邊形的房宅或隔間建造成四方形，就可避煞。多出來的空間，種種花草，美化環境，也帶給左右鄰舍和諧的氣氛。

<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from [http://www.books.com.tw/web/sys\\_serialtext/?item=0010568042](http://www.books.com.tw/web/sys_serialtext/?item=0010568042)

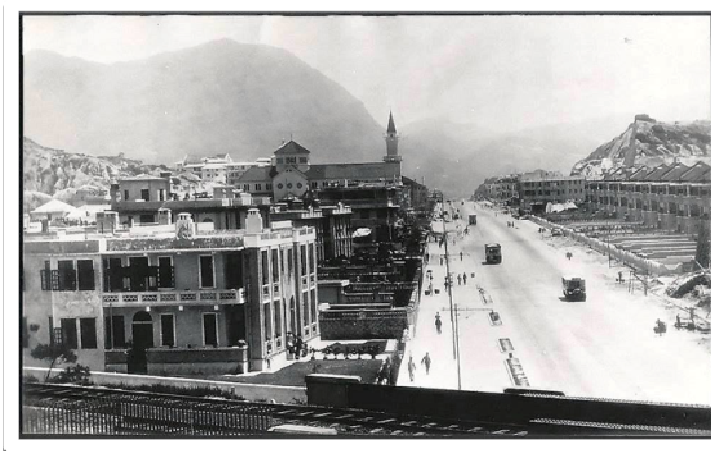


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Kowloon Tong (K-Tong) was founded as a Garden City<sup>2</sup> in 1920's on Ebenezer Howard's concepts of the Garden of Eden.<sup>3 4</sup> As a planner and a social reformist he espoused a close and harmonious relationship between Man and Nature in order to achieve an utopian state, (quite a parallel to Taoism), and a house should be gardened and with trees. As well, the community should be self-sustaining and complete with supporting amenities and facilities.

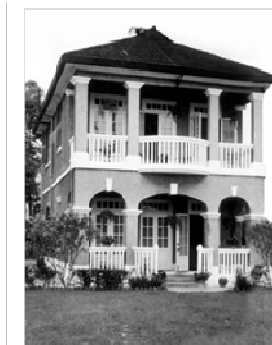
after WW2. To-day one could call K-Tong the **second " Historical Trail of Christianity in HK" in addition to the first along Garden Road.**



**Feng Shui Map 6: "In Dignified Company." St Teresa's Church at Prince Edward Rd. c mid-'30's. The railway crossing of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is at the foreground. Our long time neighbor & friend Diocesan Boys' School should be at the lower R, but not in the picture.**

***"Ironies, Dilemmas and Paradoxes In The Garden of Eden."***

The apple was probably the origin of it all. Even Ebenezer Howard, an idealist could not fully realize his dream here at K-Tong, that was juxtaposed with K-City. Nevertheless, it bore witness to many of the historical changes since Kowloon was annexed as part of the colony. But somehow, LSC mitigated those conflicts through education: Value and Didactic Education brought about more than *"Heroes by the Score"* and many turned out to be agents of socio-economic transformation.



*Poetic and serene setting similar to that of a small English town belied the social divides prevailing. Street named after English counties. An expression of class consciousness or just a relief of the inhabitants' homesickness? Vintage: early to mid-30's.*

<sup>2</sup> <http://ebook.lib.hku.hk/CADAL/B38631246.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebenezer\\_Howard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebenezer_Howard)

<sup>4</sup> <http://gallery.nen.gov.uk/asset658822-.html>





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*Maryknoll Convent School (early to mid-50's). The campus has always been as exuberant and immaculate as the occupants . More than just an old friend and a good neighbor but with many crossovers.*



*The China Light & Power office (1952 QE2 Coronation Year) at Boundary across Waterloo Road facing Maryknoll Convent School. Its majestic architecture graced the entire community all the way to head office and even a high class residential area named after the tycoon Kadoorie.*



*The Anglican Christchurch and Diocesan Primary & Preparatory Schools, North Kowloon. Here we see the inception of city planning of Kowloon Tong, an agglomerate of residential, religious, education, community, transportation and even military uses all along the main artery Waterloo Road.*



*Sunderland Court at Osborne Barrack - quarters in 70's. Later developed into high rises but now used by PLA personnel after 1997. Gun Club-Osborne-Sek Kong Barracks formed a vertical axis of the British line of defense on land.*



*Mo Fan Village (translated with sarcastic humor as Model Village 模範村) - along the same Renfrew Road and La Salle Road was a slum once used by the Japanese during WW2 to house laborers working for the extension of Kai Tak Airport. Until its redevelopment in 70's it was an enclave of cottage industries, a duck pond, shacks for lower classes and even vice dens .*

*(to be continued ...)*



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Program:

July 28 (Thursday)

Afternoon - Welcome Registration at hotel desk.

Evening – Presentation by Bro. Steve (Pizza party format).

July 29 (Friday)

Morning – Old Boys' World Conference (with short presentation by Brother Steve)

Afternoon – Meeting of Overseas Network Group (ONG) – represented by Chapter directors

Evening – Free; Karaoke party

Optional – Toronto One Day City Tour – covering local landmarks such as Casa Loma, City Hall, visit CN Tower or Ripley's Aquarium, Centre Island and Toronto Distillery District.

July 30 (Saturday)

Morning – Alumni Soccer Tournament

Afternoon – Golf Tournament at Clublink's Station Creek Golf Club

Evening- Free; Individual class reunions

Optional – Niagara Falls One Day Tour – visit Welland Canal, wine- tasting at Peller Estates & Trius Winery with lunch, visits Niagara-on-the-Lake and the world famous Niagara Falls.

July 31 (Sunday)

Morning – Mass

Afternoon – Free

Evening – Global Reunion Gala Dinner at Premier Ballroom & Conference Centre (within walking distance of conference hotel)

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