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## Message from the Supervisor

7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Old Boys,

As you may be aware, our Principal, Brother Steve Hogan, came to us in 2010 after due process and open selection. We are very grateful to the Brothers of his District, which includes Australia and New Zealand, for their generosity in releasing Brother Steve.

Brother Steve's District wishes him to return at the end of this academic year so that he can take up a new Lasallian ministry there. Brother Steve will therefore cease to be Principal of La Salle College as of the 31st August 2016.

We are sorry indeed to be losing the services of Brother Steve who has brought La Salle College to new heights of excellence. There will be occasion to thank him more formally and informally as time goes on.

At a meeting on the 6th October the IMC started the process for selecting a new Principal for La Salle College who will take over the reins on the 1st September 2016. We are grateful to all of you for your support and understanding during the process.

Yours in La Salle

Brother Patrick

Supervisor

## About 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 Nov 6, 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)

#### Grey Cup Party

Date Nov 29, 2015  
Time 3:30pm – 8:00pm  
Venue Finnagan's Bistro Bar & Billiards  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

### 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

### 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

### Vancouver Chapter

#### New Chapter Website

Nick Domingo (1963)

The Vancouver chapter now has a new website. You can visit us at <http://www.lscobavan.org/>.

Much credit has to be given to Calvin Chan for his infinite patience, candid advice and superb programming during this project.

Also, a big THANK YOU to Lucy Wong, the graphic designer of this website for accommodating us with the many changes we requested from the inception, through testing and finally implementation.

Please visit us at this new website.

### San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

#### LSCOBASF SF Chapter BBQ 2015

Photo & written by Ambrose Lee (1998)



[Participants: Lawrence Chow '80, Andrew Sien '63; Charles Au '63; Chris Ngai '78; Homer Yau '85; Ephrem Fung '76; Kelvin Hui '2015; Kelvin Chan '94; David & Sandy Tong '01 ; Ambrose Lee '98 ; Fulcan Fong '82; Patrick Wong '69; Gerald Chan '90]

***"It was sprinkling in the morning, but we were blessed with great Californian sunshine when our BBQ started!"***

On Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 15 LaSallians & family gathered together to share a pleasurable afternoon barbecue at Fremont Central Park.

It was sprinkling in the morning, but we were blessed with great Californian sunshine when our barbecue started. With gorgeous weather and great company, thank you all for coming and making this an enjoyable afternoon!!

*The Chapter would like to welcome Kelvin Hui 2015 in joining the LaSallian brotherhood in the Bay Area and wish him every success in his academic studies!*

Yours in La Salle,

**LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter**

Our official facebook webpage: [www.facebook.com/lscobasf](http://www.facebook.com/lscobasf)



## Special Contribution

### ©What Does La Salle's Feng Shui Hold for Us? (Part 2)

Thomas Yip (1967), Anthony Ip

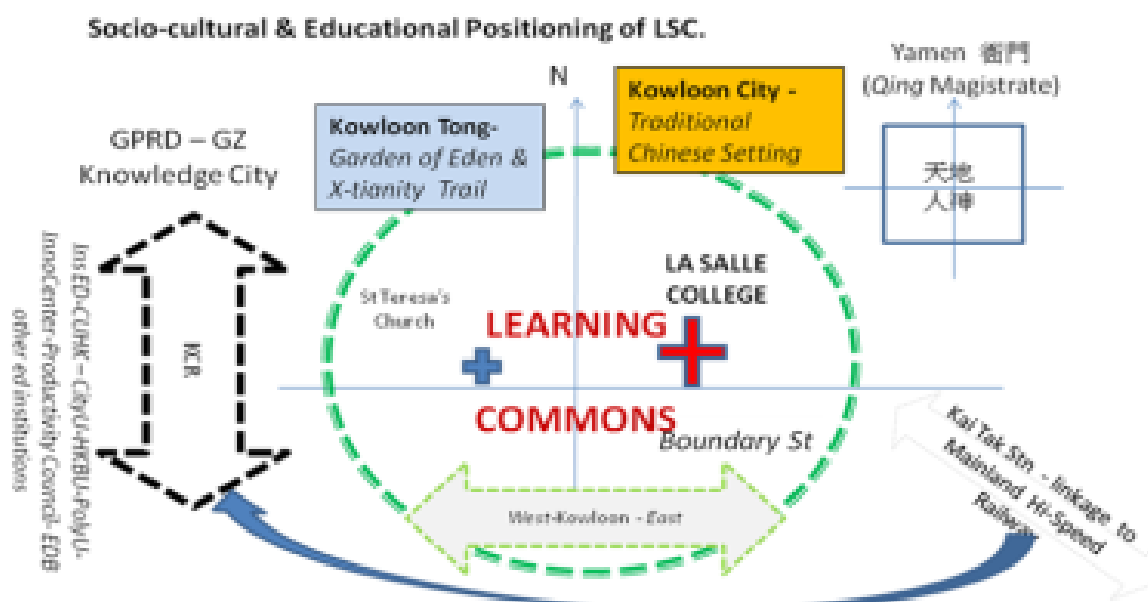
Photos: Internet downloads unless otherwise stated.

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.

In Part 1 of this article, Feng Shui Map 1 was not inserted in a suitable resolution due to a technical error thus hiding a lot of details. The insertion together with the first two paragraphs is now reproduced here below for clarification. At the same time, the editorial committee would like to express their apology to the authors and the readers for any inconveniences thus caused.

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.

Part 2 of this article starts on next page.



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## "Nga Tsin Wai Road - The Stage of a Lasallian Drama."

Hudson Store, a 60 year old landmark on Nga Tsin Wai Road at the rear of LSC closed. With only a fair education before migrating to HK, its owner Uncle Wong started this humble convenience store here. There he befriended many of the *Kaifongs*, especially the students in this school belt with his heart of gold. At the grand finale, many of the folks flocked to his store to bid Uncle Wong farewell, who offered them free drinks and foods. He even shared a bottle of champagne with some OBs already in college who returned in their school uniforms to bid him farewell him.<sup>1</sup> When asked: "Why such a joyous occasion?" Uncle Wong's reply was both inspirational and educational: "賣仔莫摸頭，摸親眼淚流."<sup>2</sup> This saga illustrates one often forgotten maxim: "Value Education is not confined to classroom teaching but can be more effective in social interactions." Our young lads must have learned a very lively lesson. The saga, well publicized in the press was a holistic lesson for Higher Values for true heroism and leadership rather than rhetoric - all condensed in the Chinese poem.



衙前合成六十載，學子齊集唱離歌。  
鳳凰樹前顯情義，今日道別他朝逢。  
花開花落浮世繪，黌宮自古出才子。  
跟紅頂白大三元，高尚情操真英雄。



*Top: Nga Tsin Wai Rd (c 60's). The bridge across was for transporting landfills from Kowloon Tsai to Kai Tak that was undergoing another extension as HK walked into the jet age. Further development of HK necessitated its removal to a new international airport in 1997.*

*Lower: Hudson Store (合成士多) should be on the R. The entire neighborhood was/is adorned with Flame of the Forest and a number of educational institutions.*

<sup>1</sup> [http://orientaldaily.on.cc/cnt/news/20150321/00176\\_080.html](http://orientaldaily.on.cc/cnt/news/20150321/00176_080.html)

<sup>2</sup> Loose translation: "Good things must go sometime. Why be sad? Literally: "When you sell your son, don't rub his head. Would only make you burst into tears." Some sentiments that would prepare young men for the facts of life.





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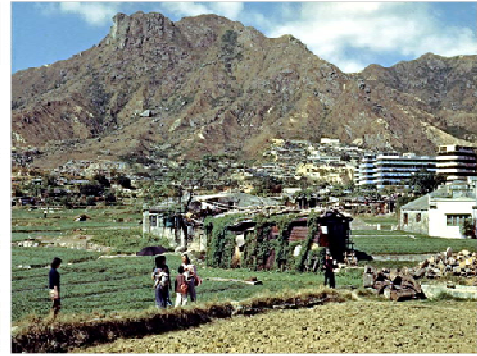
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**"Transformations at East Kowloon "From Learning Commons to Knowledge Commons & Beyond?"**

**"天上浮雲如白衣，斯須改變如蒼狗。"<sup>3</sup>**



*Early 1900's - rickshaws for hire outside the Walled City.  
Location: Near Grampian Road.*



*A primitive village under the Lion Rock with Lo Fu Ngam (Lok Fu) behind, c 60's. Many of our cohorts hailed from there, and quite some must have achieved successes in various communities - typical stories of "With Hearts to Conquer Every Ill."*



*The famous one-stroke Chinese calligraphy "Goose" (一筆鵝) inside the Hau King Temple (侯王廟) at Junction Road said to be dedicated to a loyal Sung Dynasty official who took great risk to help the last emperor by sheltering him somewhere nearby. Another landmark was the Sung Emperor Terrace at the original site at old Kai Tak.*



*The Walled City was a symbol of a declined Imperial China. The esthetics of a restored Walled City Park signifies the emergence of a modern China, but should more humanistic approach be employed aside from landscaped architecture? The role of HK must evolve in tandem with the times. The symbol of power restored (the Yamen) and philanthropy (Lung Jung Free Education) are enough to enable our young men and women to live up with future challenges?*

<sup>3</sup> 《可嘆》唐·杜甫 <http://www.twwiki.com/wiki/%E7%99%BD%E9%9B%B2%E8%92%BC%E7%8B%97> "Loosely translated as : "Changes are forever and everywhere. Adapted from a famous Tang dynasty poet Dao Fu."



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**"Education for Those Who Need It - Especially the Poor. What else?"**



The Chinese philanthropic Lok Sin Tong and Lung Jung Free School (龍津義學) have been quite representative of non-sectarian charity education provided by the local philanthropists in K-City. Their past and present have been well depicted by scholars.<sup>4</sup> The former for example has not only survived the hardships of the earlier years and the ravages of War, but like some other similar organizations it has steadily prospered. As well, Confucian, Buddhist and Taoist education institutions have also set their feet firmly on the ground in K-City and elsewhere. With some other schools at the higher echelons in K-Tong, this cluster of secondary schools cutting across the many sectors is quite representative of the feeder system for local tertiary education.



*The Confucian Tai Shing Secondary School with a motto: "Education Without Distinction, and According to Aptitude." We've similarities - how about differences?*

**"Walking Into Our Future - In a Regional Economy of Pearl River Delta, do we play solo or chorus? Need to knock down the classroom walls?"**

On the old Kai Tak site will soon rise the Kai Tak Station of the HKRail that connects the local mass transit system to the High Speed Rail in the Mainland. Some decision-makers as early as in '90's had been wise to see the K-Tong/ K-Tong complex as the *"Technology Corridor"*<sup>5 6 7</sup> of the Pearl River Delta. "Technology" *per se* cannot be a standalone determinant but needs a much wider comprehensive strategic plan. Should we seamlessly fuse "Technology" with a "New Education & Learning Tunnel" to enhance our "Competitive Advantage" in this age of Globalization? Could LSC take a leading role in secondary education? Some favorable

<sup>4</sup> Hui Wai Ki (2013) "A Study of Lok Sin Tong Free School (1925-1941)" MA Thesis <http://hdl.handle.net/10722/196521>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.investhk.gov.hk/zh-hk/files/2014/05/InvestHK\\_GPRD-Book\\_Eng\\_Apr2014.pdf](http://www.investhk.gov.hk/zh-hk/files/2014/05/InvestHK_GPRD-Book_Eng_Apr2014.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <http://hong-kong-economy-research.hktdc.com/business-news/article/Hong-Kong-Industry-Profiles/Technology-Industry-in-Hong-Kong/hkip/en/1/1X000000/1X09U6YK.htm>

<sup>7</sup> Conveniently borrowed from a success story - "Silicon Valley" but no due consideration to the many other critical success factors eg cultures of the communities, education systems of California and the West Coast, cross-border issues; notably, insufficient innovations in local education curriculum and public policies.

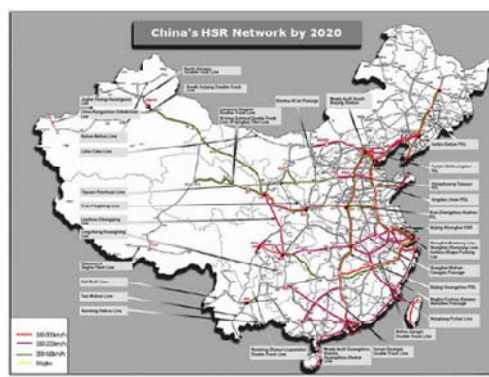




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environmental forces under the present Education Reform are already in play. Feng Shui in the modern parlance and without the superstitious part, is actually strategic urban planning for some designated use(s) and fusion with other knowledge disciplines. The K-Tong/K-City complex has already come a long way from the original concept of a Garden City, so has HK from a colony to a metropolis back to Chinese sovereignty. This complex is rightly a precursor of a "New Knowledge City" *pari passu* with the one at Guangzhou,<sup>8</sup> albeit HK still has a strong potential to fill in some of the gaps. The key to maintain an edge is a visionary and encompassing education and manpower training, and Lasallian Education could well be part of the feeder system.



*Festival Walk is a mega mall now sitting on the K-Tong Railway Station. A huge array of educational institutions, from kindergartens to universities, seminaries, statutory & public bodies are now found here. It's the center of a knowledge cluster and a nexus of modern transportation. What could be the transformed Garden City's future role be—a nexus of an Education Hub? Or a Smart City? The excellent Feng Shui of La Salle College would enable it and its alums to lead in further transformation?*

The educational community here is a good mix of schools of diverse backgrounds (eg. sectarian and non-sectarian, subsidized and DSS, local and international, boys, girls and co-ed etc.) and quite representative of a complete value chain or feeder system to tertiary education. In the vicinity are: the CityU, HKBU, IVE Lee Wai Lee (*ad hoc*), quasi-government agencies like the HK Productivity Center/InnoCenter, Education Bureau; slightly further away are the CUHK, PolyU, HKBU, IEd, Science Park and more that are likewise well connected by the mass transit system. Travels to and around the PRD would also be made easier in the near future. Some of the notable driving forces prevailing:

- A rich legacy of heritage that is in fact, history and culture accumulated over the years of the community including LSC. While competition is a reality of life, but surely we could develop our Competitive Advantage<sup>9</sup> through fusions of knowledge(s), leadership training and sharing with others what we have? That in itself is "Learning" and actualizing "Faith, Zeal & Community."
- "Learning Commons"<sup>10 11 12</sup> has been around for decades and HK is beginning to pick up, albeit still picking with an uncomfortable pace.<sup>13</sup> Fusing and sharing of knowledge(s) per se is already innovation, such as "edutainment" tools that young people are already using or inventing. Further development would greatly enrich that "Technology Corridor" concept.

An easier kick-off would be linking the existing five Lasallian secondary schools to form their own loop. St Joseph's College (SJC) at Kennedy and Garden Roads is right on the first "Christian Historical Trail in HK" mentioned. It illustrates the layout of the city design and planning in the very early days of the colony:

- The Administration: Government Hill and the former Governor's House;
- The Military: Victoria Barrack, Tamar and the Central Police Station;
- The Judicial: the former High Court;
- The Legislature: the Johnston House, Battery Path, later acquired by the Paris Foreign Missions Society;
- Religious: the Catholic and Anglican Cathedrals;
- The banking sector: at Queen's Road Central;

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.ssgkc.com/>

<sup>9</sup> Michael Porter [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Competitive\\_advantage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Competitive_advantage)

<sup>10</sup> <http://timgauntley.blogspot.hk/2011/08/learning-commons-exciting-time.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.slideshare.net/BCTLA/learning-commons-in-bc-c-koechlin-for-slide-share-14655458>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Learning-Commons-Transform-Library/dp/1598845179>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.hkedcity.net/>



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- The exclusive Westerners' social circles: Helena May House, Club Lusitano, Club Germania (now SJC) the masonic Zetland Hall;
- Education-Lasallian Education as represented by SJC; and other Catholic schools included Sacred Heart Canossian School and others. Horizontal extensions may be made along to the West Point Reformatory before founding SJC, and the Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley;
- Interestingly, SJC on Hong Kong Island, and LSC and de La Salle Secondary School (NT) both along the said British Gun Club-Osborn-Sek Kong Barracks line of land defense stretching from Kowloon to the border. Not by design but still a symbol of the Lasallian Mission being inextricably blended into the local history.

Now it is crystal clear that if we could only form "commons" to delineate our historical contributions to the development and transformation of an "Entrepôt" to a "Metropolis" that Hong Kong has been, we would achieve two extremely meaningful projects:

- A holistic evaluation of our previous works in accordance with the dictum "Whole Person Education" and values of a "La Sallian Education;"
- Vastly enrich our contributions to the ongoing Education Reform, and enable better Value Education of our students as well as others;
- Elsewhere, some retired Vowed Brothers are already working on similar projects, and locally, Josephians have also started already. Now all we need is a strategic plan to usher ourselves to a new high.

Call me a dreamer if you wish. But our Patron St JB de La Salle also had his dream - he forsook his affluent family's expectation to become a lawyer and even left priesthood to pursue his dream. Br Aimar was also a visionary leader and as well a risk-taker. Shall we go out of the "Comfort Zone" and relive his founding spirit?

## **CASE in BRIEF: St. Joseph's College's : Personal, Social & Humanities Education (PSHE) cum Brother Thomas Favier Award. (by event adjudicator Anthony Ip, *ibid* ref 1-)**

Based on the document "PSHE: Key Learning Curriculum Guide (2002)" (*ibid* ref 14) the new structures would put students closer to real life learning environment and several rounds of projects were conducted. In 2009, one subject area was on geography, economics and related development, with more specific topics on land resources, reclamation, environmental impact, population change, housing, job creation and planning for the future. S3 students would have to cut across many realms and articulate under teachers' guidance, in small teams of 4-5 each working for over a year. Comparison of notes and performance made. A final report of some 100 pages was produced, followed by a presentation for all the S3 students and teachers, all open door for others. SJC and its OBA worked closely to identify some experienced alumni as adjudicators to evaluate the work, which were found to be of excellent quality. It was made even more meaningful as the young students could meet their predecessors for a dialogue and to explore a role model. The Award, prizes and souvenirs were given in appreciation to the students and teachers, with support from all the participants. By and large, it's a 3-D'y managed project.

## **GLOBAL REUNION TORONTO 2016**

The Toronto Chapter extends a warm invitation to our old boys and their families to attend GR Toronto 2016. The last time Toronto hosted the event was 2004 and we are excited to once again be the host of this event.

The Principal of our alma mater, Brother Steve, has graciously accepted to be our Guest of Honour at the reunion and he will dialogue with us old boys on the activities and recent developments at La Salle College.

I wish to share with you the important dates, venues and the program for the four days:

Dates: July 28 – 31 (Thursday to Sunday)

Venue: Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Centre – Hwy. 7 & Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Link for on-line room reservation: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1506180169&key=1E20449F>





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There is also a Best Western hotel attached to Sheraton. It is not possible to book on-line to Best Western to obtain the group rate of \$99.00/ night.

Anyone wishing to book Best Western has to call toll-free at 1-800-668-0101 and mention "LSOBA - Global Reunion" to receive the group rate of \$99.00 per night at the Best Western.

Should they wish to visit the Best Western Parkway web-site, it is: [www.bestwesternparkway.com](http://www.bestwesternparkway.com)

Program:

July 28 (Thursday)

Welcome Registration and Presentation by Bro. Steve (Pizza party format)

July 29 (Friday)

Old Boys' World Conference, Overseas Network Group (ONG) meeting, Karaoke party, optional Toronto One Day City Tour

July 30 (Saturday)

Alumni Soccer Tournament, Golf Tournament, Individual class reunions, optional – Niagara Falls One Day Tour

July 31 (Sunday)

Sunday Mass, Global Reunion Gala Dinner at Premier Ballroom & Conference Centre

The following are links to pre- and post-Reunion bus tours:

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July 25 – 27: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001492/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001492/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

Aug 1 – 3: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001496/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001496/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

加東經典 5 天遊

July 22 – 26: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001491/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001491/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

Please mark your calendar for these four days. The Global Reunion brings old boys and their families from all over the world together to celebrate the spirit of La Salle and the friendship that we share as La Salle boys.

Details for on-line registration for GR Toronto 2016 will be available in the coming months.

Please contact the Organizing Committee via e-mails for inquiries:

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Philip Wong (1967)

President (LSOBA – Toronto Chapter)

**P.S. Brother Steve has confirmed that he is still planning to be our Guest of Honour in Toronto at GR 2016.**