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## Congratulations to the LSCOBA New Committee!



After publication of our 2019 August Newsletter, the editorial team learned that some of the names of the new executive team and committee members of the HKOBA were incorrect. The correct HKOBA executive team is listed as follows:

<b>President</b>	Herman Bo (1989)	
<b>Vice President</b>	Eric Chow (2000)	
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Robert Lui (1995)	
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Kennex Chan (2002)	
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Roger Lee (1985)	
<b>Committee Members</b>	Stanley CK Shum (1979)	Terence Mak (1997)
	David Leung (1981)	Derek Wong (1999)
	Stanley CY Shum (1984)	Dickson Ma (2000)
	Ray Sun (1985)	Anthony Lam (2000)
	Thomas Fung (1996)	Martin So (2004)
	Ryan Lee (1996)	Claudio Chan (2008)

Congratulations to the new committee from LaSallians from North America!

Herman Bo was re-elected as President for a second term. His message and annual report for his first term of office (2018-2019) can be viewed via this [link](#).



## Remembering Peter K P Leung (52)

多倫多喇沙舊生會創會永遠名譽會長學兄梁健鵬先生 於二零一九年九月十七日星期二息勞歸主 享年八十六歲

超過五十名舊生出席喪禮 陪同遺孀 Christina 三位兒女 Audrey, Ben, Constance 及各親友送別 入土一刻高唱校歌 令人動容

余生也晚 對梁氏認識不深 倒是一手書法 一屋飛機模型珍藏 印象深刻 其逸事待兩位前會長細說

Chris Fong ('94)



[改編自葬禮上悼辭]

Jimmy 張之平('66)

第二次世界大戰結束後，香港喇沙書院復開的第一年，梁健鵬 Peter 進喇沙讀 Class 8, 1954 年完成 Upper 6。他畢業後，留在喇沙服務，直到他舉家移民到加拿大才離開學校，歷時二十餘載。



我開始接觸到 Peter 是我讀 Form 3 那年，當時他負責學校的實驗室。但那時我只是一個十三、四歲的孩子，對一位不是我老師的『大人』，當然沒興趣，Peter 就更加不會注意到我這個黃毛小子啦！所以我和 Peter 其實是好多年後才真正認識的。





1977 年，Peter 偕同太太 Christina 帶著當時尚年幼的兒女 Audrey, Ben 和 Constance 來到加拿大多倫多定居。熟識環境後，Peter 就察覺到當時多倫多嚴重地缺乏教小朋友的中文班，於是他便主動地向多倫多天主教教育局申請，不久便在他當時家附近的 St. Aidan 小學開辦了中文學校，每星期六上課，由 Peter 任校長，Christina 也投入任職老師。在 Peter 和 Christina 的精心經營和努力下，St. Aidan 中文學校在短短數年間，就從只有上午班擴至到上、下午班，學生人數達數百人，好有名聲。很多家長都遠道開車送兒女來學中文。那時我送我個兩個女兒到 St. Aidan 讀中文，於是就和 Peter 重逢了。

我和 Peter 相識後，他給我的印象是平易，隨和，誠以待人。相談之下更發現他和我一樣熱愛我們的母校喇沙，對中文教育非常熱心，並很有見地，於是我們就越來越投契了。很快我便每星期六都全日留在學校幫忙各項雜務和指揮交通。後來還組織了家長會，支持學校舉辦各種學生活動以提升小朋友學習中文的興趣，例如演講比賽、農曆新年慶祝會等，St. Aidan 中文學校就辦得更有聲有色了。後來因供不應求，就讀及申請的學生人數遠超過了 St. Aidan 小學校舍的法規人數，於是只好在距離 St. Aidan 不遠的 Holy Spirit 小學開設分校，由 Christina 任分校校長。兩校學生總人數幾達七百名！

中文學校雖然開辦了，而且學生人數越來越多，但適用的教科書卻基本上是全沒有的。於是 Peter 便開始他的第二步計劃。他策動成立了加拿大中文教育研究社，一個安省註冊的非謀利機構，集當時中文學校多名老師之力，編撰適用於加拿大的中文教科書。最後編好的整套中文教材，得教育局認可，付梓成書，通用於許多其他在大多倫多區的中文學校。Peter 和 Christina 並肩致力推進在多倫多的中文教育近二十年，直到他們退休。他們伉儷二人在這方面的貢獻，真是功不可沒。



Father Lee

80 年代，香港移民到多倫多的人數越來越多，聚居在多倫多的喇沙舊生亦隨之大增。Peter 聯絡上近百名舊生，在得到當時在任喇沙校長首肯後，於 1986 年 6 月成立了香港喇沙書院多倫多舊生會，並當選為首任會長。



攝於創會年代。認得他們嗎？排名不跟次序：Peter Leung (52), Eddy Fong (42), Dennis Ho (61), Louise Heung (68), Angelo Lee (65), Anthony Tjon (55), James La (65), Lau Yau (52), Lee Shiu Wing (45), David Sin (69), Stephen Ma (66), Michael KC Yuen (61), Louis Chan (61), Stephen Leung (63)

多倫多舊生會成立後，Peter 致力會務。除成功籌辦了許多各樣不同的會員活動外，他還說服了其他香港天主教中學在多倫多的舊生會一齊籌辦當時多倫多華人社會前所未見的大型公開活動 - 情人節餐舞會。1987 年第一屆情人節餐舞會，由八個舊生會聯辦，一千多人出席。之後每年參與的舊生會都有添增，最高出席人數升至幾及二千，盛況空前，更為後來華人社會的其他大型餐舞會開了先河。







Peter 退任後，舊生會理事會一致通過頒封 Peter 為香港喇沙書院多倫多舊生會永遠名譽會長，以表其創會及在任時對會不遺餘力之貢獻。過去二十多年，Peter 已沒有『親政』，放手將會務交下讓師弟們處理，但他仍然踴躍支持及參加舊生會的各項活動，還不時對理事會提供寶貴意見。雖然他生蛇後身體飽受痛楚經年，行動不太方便，但他對舊生會的熱情及支持仍不減當年。Peter 真不愧為我們在多倫多的喇沙舊生最受尊敬的師兄。

Peter，你離開了，我們舊生會就失去了我們的精神領袖。但你可以放心上天國，陪同我們的師祖爺永享上主家中的光榮，和平及喜悅。我們仍留在世上的一群師弟一定會秉承你一生彰顯的喇沙精神，使我們的舊生會繼續鼎盛下去。



## 悼多倫多喇沙舊生會創會永遠名譽會長學兄梁健鵬先生

九月多城葉未秋	September in Toronto, fall colours in arrears.
卻來噩耗淚襟流	Outpours a sad news, showering mournful tears.
傾心創會張良策	With zealous passion, he spearheaded our OBA fraternity, a Zhang Liang hit.
盡瘁喇沙諸葛謀	His selfless sacrifice, to uphold La Salle spirit, executed in Zhuge wit.
天國路遙君往矣	On a long heavenly vista, with steadfast faith, he now embarks.
安湖煙景獨離愁	Adieu Ontario, with a heavy heart, a lonely soul departs.
一坏黃土今辭別	Farewell we bid, a dome of pristine earth, we behold.
松栢青青萬古留	Green green evergreen, thousands of years, honour bestowed.

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## La Salle Brothers Resting Place

John Jean (76)

I knew the La Salle brothers were buried in St. Michael's Cemetery in Happy Valley, but never knew where the cemetery was.

During my trip to Hong Kong in February 2019, I was taking a tram from North Point to Shang Wan. Somehow the driver took a wrong turn into Happy Valley instead of going straight. Since I was not in a hurry, I decided to stay on the tram and take a free tour of Happy Valley.

On the way out from Happy Valley, I spotted St. Michael's and noted its location. I mentioned the incident to my classmates, and one of them was nice enough to offer to take me there, as it was tricky to navigate to.

So we went there to pay our respect to the La Salle brothers. A lot of them taught me and molded me into who I am.

I found the grave of Br. Alphonsus, but not those of the other brothers, though I found an altar with a face plate listing all the brothers' names. So I asked Mark Huang who is an expert on La Salle College heritage and history. He explained - the graves are not permanent, the remains are exhumed after 7 years, and re-buried under the altar with the other brothers.

I also paid respects to the late Bishop Yeung, who is a personal friend of mine, and a few priests that I knew of, including Fr. Steven Tam, who was the spiritual director of our Legion of Mary, Queen of China, at my time.





Altar dedicated to the brothers



Listing of Brothers Buried in HK

# In the Footsteps of Charles Darwin

William Lai (61)

## Preamble

We (or at least I) first learnt about Charles Darwin, the Galapagos Islands, and the theory of evolution from our classes in geography and biology in La Salle. In my then boyhood mind, the Galapagos and creatures such as the big tortoises and iguanas were vague and remote concepts far removed from reality and quite beyond reach.

What you learn from La Salle, of course, never leaves you. More than half a century later, the latent interest, embedded while at LSC, in the Galapagos came to the fore as time and resources permit in retirement. My wife and I took a seven-day Galapagos cruise in January 2018. Chalk this excursion up as another of my trips traceable back to a La Salle education.

## Touring the Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands belong to Ecuador and are situated some 1000 km from the mainland. There are 127 islands, islets and rocks in the archipelago. Tourism is usually limited to about 20. Cruises normally visit only a handful of the islands that highlight the renowned features of the Galapagos legends.

There are several ways of touring the Galapagos. One can have a choice from a myriad of cruise offerings with various levels of service and comfort. Many cruises are operated by local operators in small ships. The more popularly known cruise lines that ply these waters are Celebrity and National Geographic. One can conceivably island-hop without going on a cruise, but that is not very practical and limits the sites one can visit. Practically the entire Galapagos is a national park. But unlike the national parks in North America, you cannot just go there and roam about on your own. You have to have a certified guide with you at all times when sight-seeing. There are strict controls governing entry to the Galapagos. Though you come to the islands from the same country, Ecuador, upon landing you have the feeling that you are entering a different country. Your passport with name matching that on a pre-purchased permit is required. No outside perishable foods or pets are allowed and they search your bags before you are allowed to leave the airport.

After some research, we chose the National Geographic Expedition cruise on board the Endeavour II. The ship's capacity is ninety-some passengers. The cruise is called an "expedition", not a cushy one. It suggests vigour and adventure, which for the most part was true.

One reason we chose this particular tour was that it started from the southern coastal city of Guayaquil. Other tours usually start from Quito, the capital of Ecuador, further north. The caution is that Quito is at an elevation of some 9300 feet or almost 3000 meters. At that height, some people may be susceptible to altitude illness, which can develop into a serious problem, ruining the trip. There are prophylactic medications one can take to ward off the altitude sickness. But some people may not find it useful or suffer undesirable side-effects. There is not much to see in Guayaquil, while Quito is noted for some Andes scenery and the equator monument. If you go, you need to weigh these factors and decide where you



want to start your tour.



### Itinerary

The cost of the cruise includes return flights to the Galapagos Islands from Guayaquil. We landed at San Cristobal, where we embarked the Endeavour II. Over the next seven days, the cruise would visit the islands of Espanola, Floreana, Santa Cruz, Guy Fawkes Islets, Bartolome, Genovesa, and Baltra whence we flew back to Guayaquil.

### The ship

The National Geographic Endeavour II is designed to cruise in shallow and tight waters amongst the Galapagos Islands. The passenger capacity is only 96. The accommodation facilities are fairly comparable to other larger cruise ships, with understandably a more limited range of luxury than the ocean-going cruises. But the cabin we had was comfortable and reasonably spacious, with a safe. There was, however, no door lock, the philosophy being everybody on the cruise was there for special interests in nature and would have no devious intent. I think the more practical reason was that the programme was so vigorous that a room key or keycard would be a most inconvenient appendage which more than likely would be lost in the frequent need to change clothing and transiting to and from zodiacs often in precarious conditions.

### The programme

The ship made stops at one island per day. Each day had two excursions, one in each half day. In some days, there were limited options as to the exact sites to be visited for that half-day's excursion. On other days, there was no choice, except electing not to go out.

Everyday, specialists on board would make presentations of the sites to be visited the next day. These naturalists were very qualified and knowledgeable and would serve as the guides for the excursions of the next day. Each naturalist was assigned to a designated group of passengers each day and that naturalist would serve as the guide of the group for that particular trip of the day, or half-day.

Daily excursions were by means of zodiacs which were boarded at the stern of the ship. Disembarking from

the zodiac could be either dry or wet. Dry means the zodiac could dock at some pier and passengers would simply walk off the boat onto a hard surface. Wet landing meant the zodiac would approach close to a beach and passengers would jump off the boat into the water and walk up the beach to start the walking tour.

Walking tours could vary in difficulty. Normal walking or running shoes would suffice for some, while other treks required a pair of good hiking boots.

Swimming and snorkeling to observe and intermingle with marine life were frequent activities, interspersed with land walking tours. The ship provided diving suits and equipment. For us, we also took our own water shoes, dive skins and snorkeling equipment. Water shoes were not provided by the ship, though fins were. Though diving suits were provided, we wore our own diving skins under the diving suits for more warmth. Though the Galapagos is near the equator, the sea water temperature there was surprisingly low, sometimes very cold in fact. The reason is that the Islands are at the confluence of several ocean currents which bring colder water from various parts of the Pacific. We used our own snorkeling equipment because we thought it was more hygienic that way. So, keep these points in mind if you are planning to visit the Galapagos.

### **Charles Darwin**

Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos only once, in September 1835, and he was there for only five weeks. Darwin started out as a geologist, and his initial interest in the Galapagos Islands was in the geological history and formation of the islands. Some wild life on the islands did manage to capture his interest at some point during his exploration of the islands. His observation of the differences in finches in the different islands sparked his curiosity about how the finches ended up in the way they were. He then also collected specimens of other wild life, to be studied later. Darwin actually did not conceive of his theory of evolution while he was in the Galapagos Islands. He developed the theory and wrote *The Origins of Species* some time afterwards, after further examination of the specimens he collected in the Galapagos. The classic was published in 1859.

A curious personal fact about Darwin is that Darwin married his cousin, and produced 10 children, some with some form of handicap, and three died before age 10 years. With his knowledge of biological transmission, one wonders what he might have felt about how genetics had affected his personal life.

The Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island is dedicated to the breeding and preservation of the endangered giant tortoises.

The City of Darwin in Western Australia was named after Charles Darwin, for no particular reason. It happened that the ship in which Charles Darwin sailed to the Galapagos Islands, the HMS Beagle, was moored in the harbor on a later exploration trip, without Charles Darwin on board. But somebody in the ship who was with Darwin at Galapagos remembered him and quite arbitrarily named the harbor and the adjoining land Darwin. Darwin never visited Darwin.

### **The wild life**

Animals on the Galapagos Islands are actually not that wild. For the most part, land and sea creatures there



are not aggressive towards humans. We were told that because there are no predators in those islands, animals there are neither afraid of nor hostile towards humans. That is also the reason why visitors to these islands are cautioned not to interact with these animals to preserve their natural state.

There are of course many species one would encounter on these islands. They include many species of iguanas, birds or boobies with different coloured feet, sea lions, various ocean dwellers such as hammer sharks, etc etc. It would be hard pressed for me to explain the wild life that we saw on this voyage. Instead, with the notion that a picture is worth a thousand words, I would like to share my experiences in the Galapagos Islands with our readers through a collage of photos we took on the trip, and a documentary video of the tour prepared by the tour company.

### Photo albums and videos

Click on this link to view photos of our Galapagos cruise:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5999E4MuAMT6i8Yr5>

Video documentary of our tour:

<https://youtu.be/o9AEjKsv6SE>

<https://youtu.be/8ZKw9hFYJVQ>

Information about National Geographical Expeditions:

<https://youtu.be/OoIM1EBTZWs>

I would like to thank fellow OB classmate Francis Siu for helping me in managing the video presentations.

## Vancouver Chapter Annual BBQ

Victor Leung (77)



As part of a traditional event, the annual BBQ of Vancouver Chapter was held in August 3, 2019 at the Deas Island Regional Park, Delta BC. The gathering was very successful and a total of about 60 members and guests had attended this annual event. As seen in the photos below, participants of the BBQ event all had a wonderful time surrounding by good food, good company, and, most important of all, good company.

Planning an outdoor event relied on a combination of luck, good planning and contributions from the volunteers. We were very fortunate to have weather cooperation where we were welcomed with a sunny

and not overly hot weather that day. With a one-team approach, various members of the executive teams had volunteered to take up various tasks leading to the successful delivery of an enjoyable event to our members and guests.



Special thanks for this BBQ should be given to Alberta and Theresa Manson, our President and his beloved wife, who helped prepared their home-made BBQ pork - Char Siu (叉烧) and roast crispy pork belly (脆皮烧肉) for this BBQ event. To ensure the BBQ pork would be made in time for the noon BBQ, Teresa had stayed up till 2 am the morning before to finish the food preparation. The final food product was absolutely professional and very delicious. No one would have guessed a Scottish-origin 鬼佬 would be able to prepare such high quality Chinese food to the members. We later learned that Albert actually had years of experiences in the hospitality business including managing a Chinese restaurant in the past.







In addition to Albert the executive team would also like to say thanks to Patrick and Sally Li who helped purchased all of the BBQ food, beverages, and supplies to the party. A Chinese BBQ would not be a Chinese BBQ without chicken wings. Thanks to help from Tony Fung who helped prepared the very delicious chicken wings with his usual secret recipes. On behalf of the members attended the BBQ, a BIG thank you to the food preparation team!!!

## Toronto Chapter Annual BBQ

Chris Fong (94)

On August 25th, 2019, over 300 participants including 103 old boys joined the Chapter's annual BBQ at Adams Park. It was a fun-filled event. Attendees enjoyed delicious BBQ food prepared by our Chapter. After a relaxing lunch, everyone burned off some energy by singing our school song.



We want to sincerely thank Danny Au Yeung (67) and Peter Lau (70) for the continuous sponsorship and all the other volunteers for taking precious time out of their super busy schedules to help make this BBQ a blast!

Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event a success. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming chapter events. Keep visiting our chapter website to stay up to date on future events.









## Toronto Soccer Fun Days



Two soccer fun days were co-organized by the Chinese University of HK, Salesian Group, St Joseph College HK and Wah Yan Kowloon/Wah Yan HK joint team, and us.



Welcome back Joseph Wong (96), our ex director, with Pia and two sons, Colin and Brendan, currently attending LSPS



Willie Woo (85) and family



## Special Event Announcements

### ***Toronto Chapter: New Years' Eve Dinner at new venue***

Date and Time: December 31, 2019 (6:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

Venue: Markham Event Centre

Address: 95 Duffield Dr, Markham ON L6G 0A8

Ticket price: \$115.00

We are delighted to host this event at this venue for the first time, with an elegant dining hall, extended dancing floor, and exceptionally good service.

As usual, we will feature live band performance by Synergy, a renowned music group led by members of the alumni. Ticket price includes a full course meal in Chinese style, live band performance, exceptional dance floor, and lucky draw, and countdown.

Please do not miss the opportunity of fun and entertainment here at Markham Event Centre. For ticket reservations, please contact the president Kevin Kwok (88) at 647 928 5880 or any Chapter directors/advisors. Looking forward to seeing you!



About this newsletter	Upcoming events
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