



La Salle College Old Boys' Association Newsletter

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LSCOPA Global Reunion Dec 6th to 9th 2007 and Jubilee Gift Campaign



On behalf of the LSCOPA Global Reunion 2007 organizing committee, I would like to invite all Lasallians to this home coming event.

During the past few years, the North American Chapters have organized the annual gathering for old boys around the globe. It started off with friendly soccer tournaments and the momentum picks up steadily with more old boys joining each year. This year, our Alma Mater is celebrating her 75th Jubilee and Hong Kong naturally plays host to the 2007 global reunion.

We might have wandered at considerable distance after leaving school but La Salle College has always been in our hearts and memories. It was there that we met our oldest and dearest friends, those that have influenced our future in one way or the other.

I would like to share with you Max Ehrmann's RETURNING HOME

We are all ships returning home laden with life's experience,

*memories of work, good times and sorrows,
each with his special cargo;
And it is our common lot
to show the marks of the voyage,
here a shattered prow, there a patched rigging,
and every hulk turned black
by the unceasing batter of the restless wave.*

*May we be thankful for fair weather and smooth seas,
and in times of storm have the courage
and patience that mark every good mariner;
And, overall, may we have the cheering hope of joyful
meetings,
as our ship at last drops anchor
in the still water of the eternal harbor.*

Let us be proud to be part of this great institution. Let our school know that the old boys will forever stand firm behind her in providing the best education for the youth in Hong Kong.

"Come Home" Lasallians and we shall sing the school song together.

	THU 2007/12/06	FRI 2007/12/07	SAT 2007/12/08	SUN 2007/12/09	MON 2007/12/10
Morning		• Reunion Golf Tournament	• Soccer Tournament Day 1 (School)	• Soccer Tournament Day 2 (School) • Senior OBs Soccer Game (School)	• Side trip
Afternoon		• School Tour (School) Homecoming Mass (School Chapel)	Grave sweeping at Happy Valley	• Lunch (School) • World Conference (School)	
Evening	• Homecoming Concert (School Hall) • Welcome Reception (School Hall)	• OBs Happy Hour	• LSC 75th Jubilee Gala Dinner (HKCEC)	• La Salle College Old Boys Global Reunion Dinner	
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I would like to share with you this message from Bro. Thomas.

"To enhance the quality of teaching and learning at La Salle and to ensure that our school continues to be among the very best in Hong Kong, we need to generate additional resources apart from the subsidy granted by the Government. Our school management has identified a number of priority areas that would benefit greatly from more resources and among these are the following:

- *Firstly, to enrich the language learning environment for students by employing more language specialists.*
- *Secondly, to provide better pastoral care service to our students so that their generic skills and personal growth can be enhanced.*

- *Thirdly, to broaden the co-curricular activities like exchange programs, cultural programs, career related programs which widen our students' exposure and experience.*

To achieve the objectives highlighted above, the school would like to take the opportunity of our 75th Anniversary celebrations this year, to initiate a fund-raising drive to be known as The Jubilee Gift Campaign."

Since Bro. Thomas' announcement of the Jubilee Gift Campaign on the 15th December 2006, there has been lots of discussion among the School Managers about the logistics of the Jubilee Gift.

In the 48th Meeting of the Board of Directors of La Salle Foundation, the directors have agreed to support the Jubilee Gift and formed a special committee under the auspices of

the Foundation to manage the fund. The "LSC Jubilee Fund Committee" will be chaired by Mr. David Mong (79) and the committee will include:

- Dr. Bernard Kong (76)
- Mr. Patrick Chan (77)
- Mr. Wong Yan Kit (Acting Principal); and
- Bro. Thomas as the advisor

The Jubilee Fund Committee will be accountable to the Board of the La Salle Foundation and shall regularly present financial statements to the College as to the funds held in the designated account.

A separate designated account "LSC Jubilee Fund Committee" will be set up to receive donation for the enhancement of education in La Salle College. We are at present going through the necessary procedures and we are working our best to have the account ready before the LSCOPA Spring Dinner and the Jubilee Fund Raising Walkathon in April.

The school authority would like the parents to be more involved in the Gift Campaign this time as we are designating the fund to their children's education rather than the facilities (bricks and mortars). They also have full confidence that the old boys will fully support this meaningful pledge from our Alma Mater.

It is envisaged that LSCPTA and LSCOPA will be the primary drivers in soliciting donations to the Jubilee Gift and Thomas Wong (77) - LSCPTA chairman and I myself have been invited by the La Salle Foundation and endorsed by SMC as the co-chairmen of the "LSC Jubilee Fund Raising Committee". We are at present forming the Fund Raising Committee and will announce more detail in the near future.

During the LSCPTA Spring Dinner on the February 4, 2007, the LSC Jubilee Fund Committee was officially announced and David Mong, being the chairman of the committee; has

kindly agreed to pledge for HKD 1 million as seed money for the fund.

Do we have a target for the fund? The fund raising committee has set a target of HK\$ 5M and I think we will work hard together to reach this initial goal. Surely, the more the merrier!

LSCOPA has pledged to donate all surplus of the Association from December 15, 2006 to December 8, 2007 in support of the Jubilee Fund and we will fully support the campaign by soliciting more old boys in giving. Currently, the Class of 1966 has raised more than HKD 170K and the Class of 1967 will do something similar as well in their coming 40th Anniversary. I hope that more classes will initiate similar drive during the 75th Jubilee celebration period.

The LSC Fund Raising Committee will last until December 8, 2007 but the Jubilee Fund will go on and anyone can donate money into the special fund even after the Gala Dinner. As for those administering the fund, namely, the LSC Jubilee Fund Committee, members will have a term of three years including the Chairman.

Shortly, you may receive personal pledge from the Fund Raising committee and we will post donation form in our website for download.

"Many old boys told me about how insignificant they are in La Salle.

But that is not how our Alma Mater feels about us.

To her we are all something more but none of us are everything.

Let us maintain a strong sense of identity.

We are sons of La Salle everyone

There may be only tiny flickers coming from anyone of us

But together we can light the whole world."

Dr. Bernard Kong '76
President
LSCOPA 2006/07

20th Anniversary of LSC Class 86'

Hi, guys.

Regrettably, I would not be able to join you in December. However, reading the various responses from our classmates calls to mind all your youthful faces and gets this old man reminiscing about our La Salle days.

Quite a few of us go way back to our "red-snapper" (紅衫魚) days in the Primary School where we all managed to scrape our knees running around on the not-so-smooth football field or jumping off those big steps on the spectators' stand. Wasn't it great when our simple minds would rejoice over finding a 飯鏟頭, devouring a Dairy Farm 脆皮, or munching a stick of fish balls? Somewhere along the way, we lost our innocence and "matured" into our adolescent selves. Remember our anxiety during the major lock-down of 1983-4 in the aftermath of the senseless assault on a female teacher? And boy, did we benefit from the academic void of our year in Form 6! Many of us did not enjoy the privilege of witnessing in person the practical jokes on a certain ML in Form 7 but news did travel around the globe on his latest escapades.

Unfortunately, our shared experience during our years in La Salle ended on a sad note with the untimely passing of a comrade. However incredible as it might have been and however inopportune the timing, this reality of the death of one of us forced us to understand the fragility of life just as we were leaving the incubating care of La Salle.

I can't believe it's been 20 years since I last saw many of your faces. Sorry to miss such a great event. Hope to see you soon!



10th Anniversary of LSC Class 96'

10th year since graduation was the cause for class of 96 reunion on December 16th last year. 98 was the total number of old boys showed up that evening. 7,000 miles away came the initiator of this event. 6 plus 5 equals 11 key organizers & volunteers. 4 major events took place – group photo session at ground floor basketball court, tour de campus new addition, old & recent photos sharing on projection screen with music backdrop, and a luscious buffet dinner at LG1 open corridor. 350 per person made it possible. 2 much good conversation and memory flash back between the MCs and attendees. 1 phenomenal night reminds us once again where our true home is.

It is not hard to imagine we would all sing our school song after ten years, yet the brilliant idea of 'homecoming' made it exceptionally superb. Along with LSC 75th Anniversary and grand opening of SIP, our enormous consideration goes into capturing that spirit with a major goal to bring each and every 96'ers back to where our crossed path truly begins.

Throughout these years we witnessed our changes in life –taking our initial career step whether fantasizing our dreams or struggling in the labor market, while some have become husbands and dads, gradually or constantly adding a few pounds to our weight, and the most obvious being our hair starts to give up on some of us. Still, the passion for both organizing and participating in any school functions, in whichever scale, perpetuates when the idea of a unique celebration came from a few of us about half a year ago. As soon as we gathered ourselves a group of ten, we started to go through all our previous and current contacts with the initiation of a webpage to let the good news spread out. A bank account was also quickly setup to simplify the process of any financial transactions.

We expressed our wish to have food catering brought in and served in a possible location somewhere on campus. Our thoughts were extremely encouraged and immediately supported by many school staffs. Special thanks to office, I.T., other technical staffs, as well as OBA for which our communications and coordination went smoothly.

Besides, participation and contribution from attendees

is much appreciated. Although we might not be able to include everyone this year, the large number of turnouts is surprisingly unexpected. We honestly believe the huge effort of promoting this event goes to a majority of them, who would be willing to pick up and make their own calls among closer buddies, also to make their reservations promptly, not to mention all their active, enlightening, and humorous responses to the MCs at dinner that makes it a more enjoyable evening.

Lastly, we keep our faith and promise for making better effort in the future and continue to unite us all with strong spirit. Credits should be given to the following organizers and volunteers whose dedication for this event is highly admirable.

Philip Au Ying Man, Christopher Chan Che Chun, Chan Sheung Hey, Hans Ho Lap Kei, Edgar Hung Yik Kai, Laurence Lau Tsz Kit, Larry Lee Chi Hang, Thomas Lee Long See, Lee Yat Hong, Matthew Leung Pak Hei, Andrew Leung To Fung, Michael Mui Sau Fung, Felix Ng Ka Ho, Clement Tang Tsz Ming, Andrew Yam Tze Jim.

Carter Leung (96) & Tony Wat (96)



History of La Salle College ~ Abridged

Mark Huang (85)

Heritage Sub-Committee Chairman

As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of La Salle College, it is worth taking a moment to remember the history of the De La Salle Brothers in HK, and specifically in La Salle College and La Salle Primary School. The following is meant as a selection and is by no means a complete list of all the school's key events over the years.

- 1843:** The HK Catholic Church begins to ask, inter alia, the Superior-General of the de La Salle Brothers to support Catholic education in HK
- 1864:** Father Ramondi (later Bishop) establishes St Saviour's College on Pottinger Street, Central for English and Portuguese boys. Still no success in getting a Catholic order to run boys schools in HK. Eventually, the Holy See gets involved.
- 1875:** Finally, six de La Salle Brothers arrive in Hong Kong. They are asked to run St Saviour's College, school renamed St Joseph's College.
- 1917:** To accommodate the growing population in Kowloon, St Joseph's Branch School, a small two-storey structure, is established by Bro Aimar on Chatham Road for young boys of Classes 8 and 7 (today's P.5 and 6).
- 1928:** On 12th March, Bro. Aimar is the only contender in an auction for 10 acres of land north of Boundary Street (in New Kowloon), between Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City for HK\$120,000.
- 1930:** Governor Sir William Peel laid the foundation stone for school building on 5th November.
- 1931:** School soft-opening on 3rd December
- 1932:** Formal opening of LSC on 6th January. 540 pupils join the school, of which 175 were of Portuguese descent. Some 160 boys originated from St Joseph's Branch School, Chatham Road, some others were Kowloon residents who were studying in St Joseph's College on HK Island.
- 1935:** The street names: La Salle Road and College Road, inter alia, were gazetted by the government on 1st March. La Salle Road heading north was still a dead-end road. The area of today's Lancashire Road and further north were still terraced farmland up till the late 1940s.
- 1937:** The 17th Kowloon (La Salle) Scout Group was established in the summer.
- 1939:** 21st July, the inauguration meeting of La Salle Old Boys' Association (LSOBA). Brother Aimar, provided a club room for the association.
- 1939:** 3rd September: La Salle College taken over to become German civilian internment camp by British Army, as Britain and France declared war on Hitler run Germany. School continued in a.m. and p.m. sessions in the LSC (Annex) across the road from LSC, which was to become the first building of La Salle Primary.
- 1940:** Brothers regained use of LSC building in September and classes returned to the proper campus
- 1941:** 8th December: Boys return to school for mid-year exams, but are told to go home. Japanese began attacks of Kowloon from mainland China. La Salle turned into military hospital by British. School suspended.
- 1941:** 25th December, Hong Kong's Black Christmas, as it surrendered to the invading Japanese. At least one Brother, six Lasallian teachers, and over a dozen old boys perished during the attacks many while bravely defending the colony, or died during subsequent Japanese atrocities.



Boarders 1947

- 1942:** Brothers expelled from LSC on 20th Jan, and from 1st March, many Brothers left HK for Indo China. Hong Kong under Japanese rule for 3 years and 8 months, during which La Salle College classes were suspended.
- 1945:** Japanese surrendered on 14th August after two American atomic bombs fall on Japan, Hong Kong liberated.
- 1946:** Between March–May, Brothers return to HK from Indo-China. However, Bro Aimar did not live to return to La Salle, as he died earlier in 5th November 1945 due to his much weakened health
- 1946:** Brothers finally regained possession of LSC building on 7th August after some struggle with the British Army, as Indian Troops were occupying the building
- 1946:** Repairs and reconstruction of the school building incomplete, but on 9th September, school nevertheless recommenced with the Brothers and some returning teachers
- 1947:** On 15th February, the first post war LSOBA meeting was held at the HK Hotel, Central.
- 1949:** LSC again requisitioned by British Army “for 18 months” as a temporary Military hospital - 33rd General Hospital, possibly in fear of the Mao’s red army attacking HK to regain possession of the colony. School moved to “temporary” premises on Perth Street.
- 1949-1959:** An “18 months” occupation turned out to be 11 years on Perth Street
- 1951:** Bruce Lee (60) entered Class 8 of LSC (equivalent to Primary 5) at the age of 11. He will study in LSC’s Perth Street campus for 5 years.
- 1951:** Classes were renamed into Primary 5 and 6, and Secondary classes Forms 1 to Lower 6 (Matriculation)
- 1957:** La Salle Primary School is formed and classes begin in LSPS (former “La Salle College Annex”). Only Primary 4-6 offered then. First Headmaster was Bro Henry Pang. The College spends its Silver Jubilee on Perth Street
- 1959:** The Brothers regained possession of LSC Campus in August after 11 years on Perth Street, and classes recommenced in September

- 1961:** Extension of LSPS (west of the first building) completed, building blessed by Bishop Bianchi, and opened by Lady Black, wife of Governor Robert Black. School accepts students from P1-6.
- 1963:** In LSC, the number of classes from F1-5 expand to 6 classes
- 1964:** La Salle Evening Secondary School commenced. This school will in 1969 become Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) College
- 1975:** The Student Association is established, replacing the Prefects Board
- 1979:** In June, before the commencement of the summer holidays, some classes moved to the new school building. On 2nd July, the last classes were conducted on the old campus, before the building was closed for demolition.
- 1979:** All classes commence in the new school building at the start of the new school year in September.
- 1981:** In November, the school’s Track and Field were officially opened
- 1982:** Golden Jubilee of LSC. The new College building is blessed by Bishop Wu in January, and is officially declared open on 19th February by HK Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose
- 1992:** Diamond Jubilee of LSC, and in the same year the La Salle Foundation Limited was formed
- 2002:** 70th Anniversary of LSC
- 2005:** School Improvement Program completed, and new extension of College around the swimming pool is blessed by Fr. Ferdinand Lok.
- 2007:** LSC celebrates its 75th Anniversary, while LSPS commemorate its 50th.



staff photo 1946-47

Professional Network visiting Guangdong



In January 2007, Dr Jimmy Wong, the convener of the LSCOBA China Affairs Task Force led a team of 30 Hong Kong professionals to visit Guangzhou. The team was made up of professionals including medical doctors, accountants and lawyers. He also invited members of the OBA Professional Network Development (PND) to join the convoy. Dr Choi Kin (65) - Chairman of the Medical Association, Mr. Charles Chan (77), Mr. Raymond Ho (69) – Deputy Secretary of the Law Society and I were among them.

During the two days visit, the group had official meetings with Mr. Ou Guang Yuan – Deputy Secretary of the



CPC Guangdong Committee and Dr. Liao Xinbo - Deputy Director General of the Health Department of Guangdong Province. The team of professionals expressed their concerns over the influx of pregnant mothers from the mainland and also the lack, or rather the loose implementation of, safety regulations for foods imported from the mainland into Hong Kong.

There were a number of doctors from the Hong Kong Medical Association including Choi Kin who expressed disappointment that there are only a handful of medical professionals recognized by the mainland health authority as compared to more than one thousand mainland doctors who are able to practice in Hong Kong. Raymond Ho also expressed the difficulties of expanding legal business in China as there are restrictions on employing mainland legal professionals by Hong Kong firms.

The two days visit had raised awareness of the Guangdong authorities on the barriers facing Hong Kong professionals intended to work in the mainland. Now that Hong Kong has become part of China for nearly 10 years and Guangdong being the closest province to Hong Kong, Dr Jimmy Wong and the group wish that there will be more opportunities for closer ties and development in the near future. He hopes that more members of the OBA professional network development could join similar visits in the coming years.

Dr Bernard Kong (76)

LSC CAREERS WEEK (9-16 October 2006)

This 5-day program was held in the campus during lunch hours, aiming to help the upper form students in planning their future studies and careers. In coordination with the School's Careers Team, we invited 16 old boy speakers from various professions to share their career experience and advices with the students. Over 500 students attended the program with keen interest and we like to thank the following speakers for their time and great effort spent in guiding our student brothers.

- Academics/Research - Dr Joseph Lee (87)
- HK Police Force - Mr Matthew Lau (81)
- Human Resources - Dr Frankie Lam (78)
- Accounting - Mr Thomas Wong (77) and Mr Alan Lui (79)
- Statistician/Actuary - Mr Peter Ip (79)
- Banking - Mr Tony Wang (78); Mr Marquis Lui (88); Mr James Leung (94)
- Civil Servant - Mr Andrew Tsang (93)
- Medicine - Dr Jacobus Ng (81); Dr Henry Kwok (85)
- Biotechnology - Mr Timothy Tam (94)
- Journalism - Mr Edgar So (85)
- Legal - Lester Huang (77) and Vincent Lung (98)



HONG KONG SCIENCE PARK - LSCOBA

Professional Network Visit on Saturday 16 December 2006

About 25 old boys attended the visit to the Hong Kong Science Park on Saturday 16 December 2006 organized by the LSCOBA Professional Network Committee. The chilly weather was overcome by the warm welcome organized by old boy Mr Pau Shiu Hung, Vice President, Projects & Facilities Division of the Park, and the nine old boys who have established themselves in the the Science Park as tenants or incubatees. Following the presentation of the official introduction the delegation was taken to the roof of the Core Building for a bird's eye view of the Phase I and Phase 2 (under construction) development of the Park. Various facilities and laboratories were also shown to the group. Some 14 old boys had a congenial yum cha lunch in the Chinese Restaurant after the visit.



LSCOBA 2006 WINTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Yinli Foreign Investors Golf Club on 1 December 2006

We had a new record number of 45 old boys showed up at the golf club for this event, with as many as 10 new faces including the San Francisco Chapter President George Law (66), Alex Cheung (70), Albert Li (75), Joseph Leung (78), Monte Chan (82), Edward Ma (89), Robert Yan (91), Alvin Choi (97), Raymond Chung (97) and Terrence Mak (97). We gave a warm welcome to all the new comers on the coach, and everyone was excited to note that Alvin Choi (97) played off a handicap of 7, being the lowest handicapper and among the youngest participants in our history. The golfers were surprised to receive a very nice golf umbrella as souvenir, thanks to the generosity of Alex Cheung (70), and all put on the LSCOBA cap before taking the group photo. Everyone enjoyed the day out with some good golf, the perfect weather, the camaraderie, the laugh and the beer.

The winners were as follows:-

Champion	:	Alex Cheung (70)
Second	:	Tony Cheung (77)
Third	:	Daniel Ho (75)
Best Score	:	Alvin Choi (97)
Best Front 9	:	Warren Wong (78)
Best Back 9	:	Alvin Choi (97)
Longest Drive	:	Leonard Chu (83)
Nearest Pin	:	Henry Lam (84), Andrew Chan (78), Monte Chan (82), Warren Wong (78)

According to the La Salle Golfers "local" rules, Alex Cheung (70) has kindly donated HK\$4,000 to be shared between LSCOBA

and the golfers' fund, and Tony Cheung (77) and Daniel Ho (75) each also donated HK\$2,250 towards the golfers' fund. As always, I am indebted to Thomas Tung (77) and Dale Chan (75) for assisting me in organizing this event. Last but not least, I have to thank all the participants for their support in making the biggest turnout.

The golfers have already started discussions on how to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our Alma Mater next year, and any suggestions are welcome.

**Roger Wong (75)
December 2006**



Souvenir

The official La Salle College 75th anniversary products are now available for your ordering.

- Jubilee badge - A special edition of the Jubilee badge (\$40/unit)
- 75th Anniversary Polo Shir & T-shirt - (\$300/set)
- 75th Anniversary Mug - (\$40/unit)
- 75th Anniversary Water bottle - (\$40/unit)
- 75th Anniversary Cap - Black/Blue (\$60/each)
- 75th Anniversary watches - (a) 75th Anniversary, (b) Brother Aimar's signature, (c) Brother Thomas' signature - (\$100/unit; \$180/set of 2; \$250/set of 3)
- 75th Anniversary pen - (\$80/set of 2)
- 75th Anniversary Post Card/Stamp Set - (\$280/set)
- Towel - \$20 (small); \$50 (large); \$60 per set

Cheers,

Raymond Chung (97)

**Convenor, Souvenirs Sub-committee, LSCOPA 06/07
La Salle College 75th Anniversary Souvenirs Sub-committee**

LSCOPA Foggy Silver Cufflinks

The LSCOPA would like to present you our new souvenir, the cufflinks.

We are grateful to an old boy who has kindly connected us with a renowned calligrapher offered to write the wordings for us free of charge. We thank both of them.

These limited version accessories are selling at HK\$120/pair. For details and ordering methods, kindly visit <http://www.lscoba.com/lscoba/souvenirs.html>



Athletics

Dear all,

It is now February, and next month is the Wan Chai Inter-school Athletics Meet". We all know that, support from old boys is vital.

I would like to sincerely invite our dear old boys; Hong Kong based or from the overseas chapters; ex-athletes, sportsmen or who belongs to the Lasallian families, post a message here

(<http://www.lscoba.com/discuss/read.php?11,36335,36335#msg-36335>) to show the strong back-ups and support from us.

Eddie Yip (80), coach of the School's Athletics team, will help printing out the relevant postings every Friday, and post it outside the PE Office.

To facilitate, kindly reply to THIS message. Thank you.

Please mark it down to your dairy that the Days 1, 2 and 3 of the Inter-school Athletics Meet would be 7th (Wednesday), 13th (Tuesday) and 16th (Friday) of March 2007.

HKSSF information can be downloaded via - <http://www.hkssf-nt.org.hk/hk/sec/events/ath.htm>

L - A - S - A - L - L - E,

Alma matar LSC,

We will we will breakthrough,

Give La Salle our very best,

Win or lose we love you still, we love you still...

Cheers,

Raymond Chung (97)



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