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LA SALLE COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear Lasallians

Praise to the Lord! We have a new leader for The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools! On Tuesday 20 May 2014, the 45th General Chapter of the De La Salle Brothers in Rome elected a new Superior General of the De La Salle Brothers: Brother Robert (Bob) Schieler FSC from the USA. He is the 27th successor of our founder - St John Baptist De La Salle. Brother Bob is no stranger to Asia, in his early years as missionary in the 80's; he spent a good 13 years in the Philippines before serving the North American regions. We must also thank Brother Alvaro Rodríguez for the excellent work of government and animation performed during the two term mandate of 14 years during which he has served as Superior General. For Pacific-Asia Regional Conference (PARC) Region, it will be led by Brother Angel Ricardo (Ricky) Laguda from the Philippines. I was lucky enough to meet young Brother Ricky a few years back while I was in the 5th UMAEL World Congress; I was particularly impressed by Brother Ricky's eloquent speech delivery and humbleness. If it happens that you bump into Brother Ricky in the future, do engage him in a conversation, you will find him a very different Brother in his own right. As I draft this newsletter, the new leadership of the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) is yet to be announced.

In the last edition of The OBSESSION, we heard the sad news of the passing of a distinguished young Old Boy who fought cancer while still managing to score flying colours in his university studies and eventually graduating with a First Class Honour in Bachelor of Pharmacy - NG Ting Fat Freddie (2008). The parents of Freddie had organized two concerts on 20 and 21 May in remembrance of Freddie and to raise fund for Ng Ting Fat Education Foundation. The Education Foundation was established by Freddie's parents and family to commemorate his fighting spirit, his perseverance and love for life. The Foundation hopes to support students in education and other fields who are facing extreme difficulties in life. Brother Steve and I went for the first concert, which was supported and attended by many Old Boys and professional musicians, including renowned violinist and also Freddie's classmate - LAM Chi Ho (2008). I learnt from the parents of Freddie, Sam and Rita, that there was a moment of despair when Freddie once thought he was a burden of the family and

could never contribute to the society; now I can tell Freddie who is in heaven that he has sealed his fighting spirit and inspiration in every Lasallian's heart. In the name of Freddie we will conquer every ill. For those who wish to learn more about Ng Ting Fat Education Foundation, please visit: <http://www.ngtingfat.com>.

For those Old Boys who studied in the 80's and 90's, you should remember Brother Mark Blake who used to make a lot of jokes, puff a little and was a big sports fan. A few years ago, Brother Mark moved back to his home country, Ireland. Earlier on, I had a chance to meet up with Brother Mark's nephew, Mr Jimmy Blake, during his visit to Brother Lawrence (brother of Brother Mark) at LSC. I was told by Jimmy that Brother Mark was in a delicate state of health and seemed to have a chest infection around the time. But he was really looking forward to hearing about everyone in Hong Kong. I subsequently sent over a copy of the latest The OBSESSION to Brother Mark and learnt that he was enjoying news from LSC and his students. As Brother Mark does not use email, it seems that the good old letter via snail mail is the best way to communicate with him directly. I encourage Old Boys to write to Brother Mark and throw him surprises. The postal address of Brother Mark is as follows:

Brother Mark Blake  
 Miguel House  
 De La Salle Community  
 Castletown  
 County Laois  
 Ireland

Perhaps you would have noticed that I mentioned a lot of Lasallian figures in this last message that I write to you as the President of LSCOPA. I believe it is God's will that pulls us together, it is the Lasallian spirit that fuels us forward, and it is YOU that make us a unique breed - La Salle Boys. It is my utmost privilege to serve you as the President of LSCOPA, thank you for your support in the last two years.

Viva La Salle!

Willie C. Wong (1984)  
 President of LSCOPA 2012-2014  
 Email: [president@lscoba.com](mailto:president@lscoba.com)  
 or [williewong1984@lscoba.com](mailto:williewong1984@lscoba.com)

Editor  
 Dr Gordon Fong (1976)



From the Principal

May 2014

Before I continue with an update on the College and some projects and initiatives planned for the next few years, I wish to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all old boys (alumni) for their loyalty and support of their alma mater, its teachers and students, through their affirming words and generous actions. As one community in one voice we strive to ensure the present cohort of students grow to be good men, men of courage, men of daring, but also men of compassion and integrity - men for others.

In this Newsletter I will provide an update in point form using the headings of the Review and Reporting tool I use for the Incorporated Management Committee Report.

## 1. General Achievements

- TV4 from Sweden aired a programme on Math teaching and learning which featured La Salle College as the College has been identified globally for its math achievement by both Programme for International Student Assessment and the International Mathematical Olympiad.
- Students have achieved well in Cultural Competitions in 2014: Music, Dance, Drama, and Debating. Of note is the achievement of the Symphony Orchestra, 2nd Overall in the Hong Kong Music Festival – a first for this orchestra.
- Students have achieved well in a number of Academic Competitions: Informatics, Junior Science Olympiads, Physics Olympiads, Math's Olympiads, Biology Olympiads, Junior Writers, and Lions Club Writers Awards.
- All seven nominated students were shortlisted in the SCMP Student of the Year Award and three made it through to the final. LI Yu Chim won the SCMP Linguist Award (Cantonese).
- Gifted Education Development: Mr John Mak, the Student Learning Support Services Coordinator (SLSS Gifted Ed), develops and identifies extension learning opportunities for our gifted students including various local, regional, and international training and competitions; the HKU and HKUST Gifted Programmes such as the HKUST Dual Programme with its credit bearing courses; international programmes such as the Weizmann Inst, Israel, and the JHU – Talent Search. [Please contact me if you would like to help support financially our SLSS Gifted Ed programmes]

## 2. Student Support & School Ethos: Lasallian Character

- Mass is held for all catholic boys and a full Form each month – there are just under 500 catholic boys at La Salle College out of a present role of 1,400.
- Reconciliation Service and catechumenate classes are conducted.
- Retreats for catholic boys F1-6 are held each year as are Spirituality Days for all F1-F3.
- The Lasallian Youth Ministry (LYM) and Lasallian Volunteers (LV) Christian Brother's Schools (CBS) Exchange Programmes among the five CBS Secondary Schools in Hong Kong are developing well with many activities now throughout the year.
- Form 2 have an Annual Service Programme while a large number of other service groups are holding one-off or monthly service activities. All five Uniform Groups also have service programmes in their training.
- The College has Exchange Programmes with
  - RDFZ Beijing
  - SFLS Shanghai
  - St. Joseph's Institution Singapore
  - Zhongzhan High School, Guangdong
  - Tamkong International High School, Taiwan

- St Joseph's College Ipswich
- Franc-Bourgeois (La Salle) Paris
- La Salle College Perth
- Sancta Maria College Auckland
- La Salle College Auckland

- The PTA Summer Study Programme will go to Inner Mongolia this summer.

Exchange programmes are a new initiative at La Salle College. I am often asked why? What is the purpose? I believe exchange programmes are important for the following reasons: language and culture are inter-related so to expose one to a culture helps access the nuance of the language; exchange programmes build confidence, independence, and resilience; exchange programmes provide an experience of globalization and associated skills essential for the next generation of problem solvers.

### 3. Teaching and Learning

#### Staff Professional Development (PD)

Every second Wednesday classes finish at 3:00pm so that staff can attend professional development sessions. This year the College has been focusing on 'Writing Across the Curriculum'. Every subject teacher is an English teacher in that they need to teach the writing strategies for their subject for the new HKDSE. The PD sessions provide training for teachers in the common language and terms to be used with boys in regards to writing skills and the skills and strategies required in teaching the various text-types required for academic/exam writing. Next year the College PD Plan will continue to develop these strategies and will also focus on lesson planning and the protocols, skills, and resources in developing our eLearning strategies.

### 4. Management & Organization

The whole school has been refurbished (including the aircon system) with EDB funding over the past three years except for the College entrance lobby and Office (funded from the Foundation), with only the Hall and Lecture Theatres remaining. It is hoped we can begin the refurbishment of the Hall and Theatres this year and Phase II in 2015. The Hall and Theatres and the aircon system for these rooms are considered above standard and not funded by the EDB. PLEASE HELP!

In 2013 I set up a number of committees to address development needs. These committees are constituted by staff and old boys who volunteer their services and time for which I am most grateful. These committees are helping to deliver the Colleges Strategic Plan 2011-2016 which I have addressed before and can be found on the College website or via the College App.

These committees are:

- The College Electrical and Mechanical (E&M) Committee,
- Property Development Committee,
- Hall & Lecture Theatre Refurbishment Committee,
- Sport Development Planning Committee 2020,
- eLearning Implementation Planning Committee.

In March this year the College was successful in its application as a 'Pilot' in implementing eLearning and was granted \$600,000.00. The College upgraded its infrastructure (from Tong Fai) in 2011/12. Starting September 2014 the College will develop pilot classes using BYOD (bring-your-own-device) in preparing for a full BYOD environment in September 2015. The recommendation from the committee is that students equip themselves with a laptop (support provided for those in need). The eLearning environment will not replace books, pens, or teachers but like the calculator and the data-projector it will be used as a tool to access new resources and allow collaboration and creativity that is an essential 21st century learning outcome. Like giving up the chalk and slate, eLearning is coming and will be introduced at La Salle College via a deliberate, controlled, and managed implementation plan.



## LSCOBA YEAR OF THE HORSE SPRING DINNER



The Spring Dinner has always been a popular old boys' event; and this year was no exception. The Year of the Horse Spring Dinner was held on Friday 28 February 2014 at the Grand Hall, Wan Chai (灣仔名爵). Immediately after the Athletics Meet, more than 100 old boys joined the happy hour mingling with beer and wine in hand at the restaurant. This arrangement proved to be very much welcomed and if you missed it, do join early next year!



We filled the dining hall with 48 tables. More than 550 old boys joined the dinner and enjoyed the great fun, together with past and present teachers and also students from the athletics teams and other sports teams and supporting functions (all being guests of the OBA). Some highlights of the night included the personal sharing by our La Salle athletes on stage, lucky draw, and of course the traditional beer drinking competition. We may not have served the best wine or food for the night, but the event had the greatest atmosphere in the OBA calendar.

We would also like to extend our warmest gratitude to our respected sponsors including Chun Au Knitting, MGM, Telecom Digital, CATALO, and our devoted old boy sponsors including Mr Robert Tam (1971), Mr Toby Leung (1979), Mr Sunny Cheung (1985), and Mr Calvin Chan (1995) for their continued support.

## RE-INAUGURATION OF THE LA SALLE COLLEGE ATHLETICS CLUB (LSCAC)



On 3 February 2014, a group of teachers, Old Boys athletes (represented by graduates from four different decades), Bro Patrick, Bro Thomas, and Bro Steve gathered at the school's sports ground for the re-inauguration ceremony of LSCAC. The LSCAC was founded by Bro Thomas in the 1970's. Its purpose is to promote athletics and distance running in the LSC family. In 2014, LSCAC was represented by over ten members (Teachers, Old Boys and Current Student) in the Standard Chartered Marathon and the Panasonic Pacers Charity Easter Run 2014 on 16 February and 6 April, respectively.



Ray Sun (1985)



Every year, the OBA organizes career talks for our current students and invites old boys who excel in different professions as speakers, aiming to inspire our students in their planning for future study and career path. In collaboration with the LSC Careers Team, a Careers Day was held on 22 March 2014 in the afternoon for students of F.3 to F.5.

Like in the past few years, the Legal and Investment Banking sessions attracted the largest number of audience. It is worth mentioning that for the first time, we had a High Court Judge (His Honor Judge David Lok (1982))

as one of the speakers (in addition to a solicitor, a barrister and a government lawyer from the Department of Justice) for the legal profession. For the accounting session, we had a team of partners from Deloitte to present the many different career prospects of the profession. We also included architecture and pharmacy sessions which were not covered last year. Besides veteran old boys, we also invited some undergraduates to share their experience in course selection and university study.

The event was well attended by 200 students and we would like to express our appreciation to the following 20 old boys for their great effort and time in offering valuable guidance and advice to our younger brothers at school.



## PHARMACY

Kenneth Cheung (1993)  
Dr Henry Lau (1997)  
Hung Wai Him (2004)  
Law Yuen To (2006)

## INVESTMENT BANKING

Anson Chow (2003)  
Michael Wong (2003)

## ARCHITECTURE

Dr Gordon Fong (1976)  
Albert Ng (1978)

## LEGAL

Vincent Lung (1998)  
Dominic Wai (1980)  
His Honor Judge David Lok (1982)  
Derek Wong (1999)  
Brian Wong (2009)  
Anthony Lai (2007)

## ACCOUNTING

Thomas Chung (1982)  
Freddie Chui (1987)  
Robert Lui (1995)  
Matthew Au (2008)  
Brendan Yiu (2009)

## ANNUAL PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER



The Annual Past Presidents' Dinner was held on Friday 16 May 2014 at Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central. The dinner is an annual event, where traditionally the current LSCOPA Committee will meet with all previous Past Presidents of the OBA for dinner. We had a chance to update them on the happenings of the OBA, and also to bond with our senior old boys. The Brothers were our guests. This year the dinner was a little more formal, with port and generous helping of cheese at the end of the dinner.

## OVERSEAS CHAPTERS 2013-14

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### New York

Three new members Henry Wong (1990), Kennex Chan (2002) and Ho Lok Yin (2002) were welcomed at the Chinese New Year Spring Dinner at Orchid Restaurant in Garden City. James Ng played the perfect host besides providing us with a most sumptuous meal.

### Southern California

We celebrated the founding of the De La Salle Brothers during the 4 May 2014 Sunday Mass with our affiliated St Bridget Chinese Catholic Church in Chinatown, Los Angeles. The Year of the Horse Spring Dinner was held on 22 February 2014 at Atlantic Seafood and Dim Sum Restaurant with lion dance performance, star DJs from AM1430, raffle draw, games and karaoke, etc. On 21 December 2013 we held the Entertainment Day & Christmas Mixer. On 23 November 2013 Directors Charles Tsang (1983) and Johnson Chao (1995) visited La Salle College in Hong Kong to update the school on the Global Reunion to be held in Los Angeles in August 2014. The soccer team practice occurs on every Sunday at Richard Henry Dana Middle School in Arcadia whilst the monthly yum cha takes place at noon on the first Sunday of every month at Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park.

### Toronto

The Louis Pomeroy Memorial Cup (mah-jong) was played out on 9 March 2014 before the Spring Dinner. Our Annual General Meeting and LSD Dinner was held on 15 May 2014 at the Mong Kok Chinese Restaurant 新旺角酒樓 inside 新旺角中心 in Markham.

### Vancouver

The Prime Rib & Piano Night with special guest Michael Remedios on 12 April 2014 was a sold out event. Our Annual General Meeting was held on 15 May 2014 at the Rainflower Restaurant 粵之醉海鮮酒家 in Richmond. The annual barbecue will be held as usual in July.

### San Francisco

Our golf outing took place on 17 August 2013 whilst we welcomed our newcomers with an oyster barbecue on 20 October 2013. Our 7 December 2013 luncheon took place at the ABC Restaurant in Foster City. The Year of the Horse Spring Dinner was held at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Milpitas on 22 February 2014.

## CLASS OF 1975 REUNION TRIP - 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP 五十年同窗



For those of us who entered La Salle Primary 1 in 1964, this year 2014, is the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our friendship that started half a century ago. A reunion gathering was held in Taiwan from 3-6 April, including a coach tour that took us from Taipei to Taichung, taking in sightseeing in surrounding areas, with lunch and dinner stops at fabulous restaurants. Whilst the main group set out from Hong Kong, five classmates flew in from North America, one from Shanghai, and two from Singapore. All in all, the total of thirty 75ers (26 of whom were in LSPS in 1964) who managed to join the reunion trip had a wonderful time together, with two flying in only for the gala dinner on the last evening (and dashing back to Hong Kong before breakfast the next morning). We enjoyed terrific food and great fun, but most important of all, a chance to re-experience camaraderie and relive our youth. Needless to say, we shared many of the golden memories in and outside of the classrooms of our good old days in La Salle. A commemorative plaque was presented as a souvenir to all the attendees, and a special T-shirt was made for the event, designed by William Lim, the renowned architect among us. We all put on the special tee during our sightseeing outings for 2 days, attracting a lot of stares from other passers-by, including locals and fellow tourists around us. As a grand finale, we pooled our resources (with the support of a few classmates who could not make the trip) to make a class gift of a respectable sum of HK\$226,162 to our alma mater, La Salle College, as a most fitting tribute to the school and a legacy of this unique and unforgettable reunion.

Peter Kwok (1975) & Roger Wong (1975)

## LA SALLE COLLEGE STUDENTS WIN SAMSUNG “SOLVE FOR TOMORROW” COMPETITION



On 4 April 2014, CHOW Chun Hin (F. 4G) and WONG Chun Hei Gabriel (F. 4G) were announced winners of the Samsung “Solve for Tomorrow” Competition. The competition required students to generate ideas using technology to solve an environmental issue in order to create a greener Hong Kong. There were over 1,000 entries. The winning students received \$100,000.00 in cash and products. La Salle College won \$250,000 for IT resources having garnered 13,511 votes. She was one of the top five entries to go through to the final judging round and was finally selected as the winner.

**Onto Hong Kong** - Maxi's parents were Toishan folks who had left China during her difficult days. Once established in Panama where they had landed, the Chengs were eager to provide their son with a decent Chinese education. Young Maxi was sent to La Salle in Hong Kong. Time flew, and the young man graduated in mid-1941, just months before the Battle of Hong Kong unfolded. Under the influence of two teachers<sup>2,3</sup>, who had joined the Hong Kong Volunteer Group earlier on, Maxi also enrolled as a Gunner.



Graduating class photo summer of 1941 - Maximo Cheng in dark polo - 6th fr R, standing row 2. Michael Chan (a professional accountant and also another loyal OB He's retired overseas.) - 2nd from L, 1st sitting row. Both remained good friends despite their very different personalities as shown on their faces. Teacher: - Mr Francis Loo. Photo source: "Sons of La Salle Everyone" of LSCOA.



**The War** - When the bugle sounded in December 1941, Maxi was posted at the Pak Sha Wan battery. Waves after waves of enemy troops stormed the harbour and landed at Shaukiwan, despite heavy resistance. Devoid of infantry protection, the Gunners had to surrender, and all survivors were interned at the Shamshuipo Camp.

After a year, Maxi was released but his woes continued - he and his girlfriend Loretta were both under surveillance. He decided to make a run for China where he joined the BAAG<sup>4</sup> at Guilin. There came Brigadier Michael Calvert<sup>5</sup>. He lined up the former Volunteers on the parade ground and blared out a challenge: "Those who want to join me in the regular army in India: take one step forward." Scores stepped forward, including Maxi. Soon they were flown to India for rigorous training before being sent back to Burma. What followed was guerilla warfare - both fighting tough enemy soldiers while facing the hostile jungles. His hardships ended when he was ordered to return to India for training in China intelligence. While there, the Japanese surrendered and he was returned to Hong Kong to assist in the trials of war criminals.

**Nice to be back** - Needless to say, Maxi was happy to be back - not just about rejoining Loretta but also returning to his Alma Mater. Brother Cassian Brigant had just returned from Vietnam with other Brothers to get the School up and running again. They could not believe their eyes when Maxi, now a young Army Captain in full regalia, walked up to them with another Macanese officer of the Special Constabulary. That must have been a sweet and bitter reunion under the Dome.

**Happy Days Are Here Again** - Hong Kong recovered quickly from the ravages of war. Maxi wasted no time in walking to the altar with Loretta, the girl who had gone through thick and thin with him throughout the years. Neither had his loyalty for his Alma Mater diminished either. It's in the 60's when Br Felix Sheehan the Director invited him to give an educational talk as a veteran. Like many of the students in the School Hall, I was just not mature enough to understand his war pursuits. With his fist wavering high while on stage, his concluding remark was still a battle cry: "... and to fight the Japanese!" All laughed heartily, including Br Felix Sheehan who was usually a stern and serious man. Years later I got to know him better, and his "Courage, Daring, Manliness & Will ... With a Heart to Conquer Every Ill..." still lived on. Not the least was his loyalty.

**War vs Peace** - War has its virtues - it can bring out the best of a man. In Maxi's saga, he took that one step forward and the rest of what he did was beyond the call of duty. Peace has its vices - after 70 years we see growing complacency, fragility and utilitarianism among our young. As a Lasallian education institute with an awesome OBs' community, should we re-learn the virtues of our founding years?

Dr Thomas Yip (1967)



- OB Veterans: (2nd fr L) Maximo Cheng, Arthur Gomez & Raymond Mok. Other OBs had fought under different banners. L is Murray Doull son of a Royal Canadian Rifles who fought in the Battle of Hong Kong.  
- Courtesy: HKVCA

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/80020175> Accessed 4 Feb 2014

<sup>2</sup> One founding teacher, also a Volunteer, was Charles Dragon. His fabulous math skills enabled him to become an artillery score marker. Mr Dragon survived and resumed teaching until he retired in the late 60's. The other teachers may include M/S Francis Lim Seang Tak and Chung Men Yew, both believed to have been killed in action at Wongneichong Gap (sic).

<sup>3</sup> The exact number of Volunteers is hard to ascertain. Arthur Gomez another OB comrade-in-arms guesstimated there could have been 250-300 Volunteers from the two Lasallian schools - LSC & SJC.

<sup>4</sup> The British Army Aid Group (BAAG) was a paramilitary group founded by Colonel Lindsay Ride formerly Commander of the Volunteers while in Hong Kong.

<sup>5</sup> General James Michael Calvert had stationed in Hong Kong before. He was instrumental in leading the famous Chindit guerilla warfare in Burma.

<sup>6</sup> 250-300 Volunteers from the two Lasallian schools - LSC & SJC.

<sup>7</sup> King Feisal @ <http://www.imdb.com/character/ch0005772/quotes> accessed 10 Mar 2014.

## PAUL CHI-LUNG KWOK (1996) 郭智龍 1979-2014

Mere words failed to express our profound sadness as we bid farewell to Paul, who passed away on 2 March 2014. Those of us who knew him well, remember him in his prime. Paul was a true Lasallian. Graduating from La Salle College in Form 7, he was one of our best – strong in body and proud in spirit. Paul threw shot put and discus for our school's athletics team events for which he displayed a natural talent. For three consecutive years, he won the gold medal for shot put at the annual Hong Kong Inter-school Athletics Competition. Paul's most memorable hour on the athletics field was when he was competing for the last time in secondary school in Form 7. Because of the time required in studying for university entrance examination and the lack of training, on the day of the competition he started off in shot put trailing competitors from rival schools. Despite this and the watchful eyes of the entire inter-school athletics division one, Paul drew on his inner strength and used his final throw to surge ahead of his rivals, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. It was an event which many who were present still recall fondly to this day. Apart from athletics, he was well-rounded – strong academically in addition to his physical prowess. He often spoke of how he was proud to be a Lasallian, but it was not necessary because it was something emanating from him.

At the University of Hong Kong, he was a member of Swire Hall. He held the duo office of athletics team captain for both the University and his Hall. He first studied Architecture, then switched to, and graduated from computer science and information systems. Paul had gone on exchange to Tsinghua University. After graduating, he worked in the information technology field, including a stint at the investment bank Nomura in Hong Kong. He was optimistic, straight-forward, friendly and always with a plain smile. He was quick with encouraging words when his fellow classmates were feeling down. He had an easy, sometimes self-deprecating, sense of humour, which served him especially well in handling the stress of Hong Kong's matriculation exams. He was an example to, and a source of strength for, those around him. He had this slightly peculiar habit of calling others by their full Chinese names, almost in a careful and polite manner, when in fact it was because he treated everyone with equal respect. He was not the most flamboyant of us, in fact, he had this air of understated honesty and steadfastness. You just know you could trust him.

All this made his fall especially tragic. For if the best of us could be downed so easily, what chance would the rest of us have? Despite the difficulties he faced, Paul's love for his family and people around him never wavered. It was his nature to fight for and win the hearts of others. Paul will be sadly missed by his family, friends, classmates, hallmates, as well as former colleagues. He is survived by his mother and father, and brother Neville Kwok (1990). We mourn his passing and celebrate his exceptional life.

Raymond Ma (1996)

Leslie was born in Hong Kong in 1917 and grew up in a Christian family. As a devout Christian he was active in the youth group of Hop Yat Church in Hong Kong under the leadership of Rev Zook-Ling Cheung (張祝齡). In 1935, he was elected the chairman of the youth group (少年德育會) and spoke in the World Youth Worship Service (普世青年崇拜). In addition, he conducted the choir of Mongkok Church (望覺堂), particularly the 100-member choir in the church building fund-raising concert. Due to the financial problems of his family, Leslie attended school intermittently despite his being a smart and diligent student. His secondary school was Wah Yan College. Father Thomas F. Ryan, the principal of the College, graciously provided financial aid to Leslie, so that Leslie could complete his secondary school education in 1936.

After graduation, Leslie went on to the Matriculation Course for the University of Hong Kong, which unfortunately was much too high for Leslie. Therefore he completed the teacher training program at the Hong Kong Technical Institute (羅富國師範學院 Northcote College of Teachers) in 1939. Leslie taught at Wah Yan College, Kowloon from 1939 to 1941. In 1941 just before the Japanese invasion in December 1941, he moved to La Salle College (喇沙中學), where he was the main teacher for Class 6 (ie, the first year of secondary school) from September to December 1941. He then joined the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and defended Hong Kong as a Gunner at Lei Yue Mun Fort where he was severely wounded in action. Eventually in 1945, after his wedding, he went to Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, USA, where he completed his university education, with a major in economics.



### CLASS OF 1993 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI FORUM

On Monday 12 May 2014 all Form 3 to Form 5 students of La Salle College gathered in the School Hall to attend the Class of 1993 Distinguished Alumni Forum with the topic of “Seven Things I Wish I Had Known When I Was Seventeen”. The five speakers are:



#### **Bernard Pak-Li CHAN (PhD Biomedical Eng Duke)**

- Political Assistant to Secretary for Commerce & Economic Development, HKSAR Government
- scientist turned politician, most recently an elected district councillor
- Formerly a biotech entrepreneur, co-founded a drug company (CDE Pharma, winner of the 2007 Hong Kong Awards for Industries - Technological Achievement Award) and a nanotech company

## Vincent Tun-Hon CHU (BSc Civil Eng HKU)

- Named “Asia No. 1 Civil Engineer” by World Federation of Engineering Organizations
- HKIE Young Engineer of the Year (2008)
- Author of six books on civil engineering, recommended by 20 national engineering societies worldwide

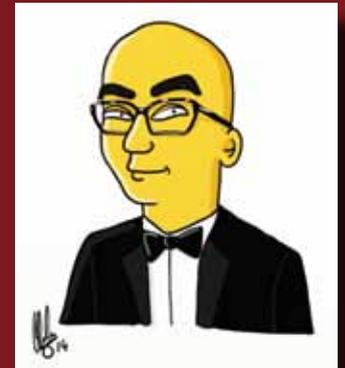


## Philip Hok-Ming TSANG (LLB & LLM HKU)

- One of the most sought after wedding photographers in Hong Kong, with celebrity clients including Guo Jingjing (郭晶晶) and Irene Wang (汪圆圆)
- HK Tatler: “Best 5 Wedding Photographers in Hong Kong”
- Signature Weddings: “Asia Top 30 Wedding Photographers”
- Formerly an intellectual property lawyer

## Denis Tik-Yang TSE (MBA INSEAD)

- “2014 Chief Investment Officer 40 Under 40” (Asset International)
- “25 Most Influential People in Asia Private Equity” (Asian Investors)
- First Kauffman Fellow from an Asian venture capital firm
- Formerly a tech entrepreneur, co-founded Acasia Technologies at age 25



## Anthony Shun-Fu WONG (AB & MBA Harvard)

- Asia-Pacific President - Global Brand Management, Ogilvy & Mather (#1 advertising agency in Asia)
- Named a ‘Person of the Year’ in Greater China by Campaign Magazine
- Formerly with BMG’s Arista Records, promoting artists such as Avril Lavigne, Pink, Usher and OutKast
- Started career as an investment banker, then worked for online music startups

They took turns to talk about their study paths, their own careers, and inspired the audience with the “Seven Things” namely :

- 1 To keep dreaming
- 2 To try
- 3 To synthesize
- 4 To persevere
- 5 To be true to yourself
- 6 To distinguish
- 7 And don’t forget to love.





## LSC MUSIC TEAMS AT THE 66TH HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014

Event	LSC	DBS
School Orchestra	2nd (92 marks)	1st (95 marks)
Wind Orchestra	1st (91 marks)	2nd (90 marks)
Chinese Orchestra	2nd (88 marks)	1st (89 marks)
Treble Choir	participated	1st

Remarks: result of senior choir is not shown as the competition classes joined were different.

La Salle music continued to thrive in the 66th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival held in March this year. Our musicians demonstrated their best talents and performed beautiful music to their schoolmates, friends and the public.

This year, our music teams once again shined on the stage and brought back numerous awards and prizes to our Alma Mater. The Wind Orchestra solidified its leading position among all secondary schools in Hong Kong by capturing the championship for the fourth time in the past five years. Our Symphony Orchestra, on the other hand, made new history for La Salle as our boys captured the first-runners up in the senior class of the competition. This is the first time our Symphony Orchestra captured top three in this class since 2011, and the highest position the team has ever achieved.

Martin So (2004) & Sam Luk (2009), Music Board 2013-14

Let's hear from the team captains of our music teams this year:

The La Salle College Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra have achieved remarkable results this year. Both orchestras captured gold prizes in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows, completing the second grand slam in a row. Also, we feel honoured that we made new history in La Salle music this year. We conquered the very difficult Prokofiev Classical Symphony and captured the second place for the first time in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival - School Orchestra competition (Senior Class). Nevertheless, our aim is not solely winning competitions, but to treasure every moment on the stage, engage in our music, and present the best La Salle music to the audience. Our success this year is the result of the tremendous effort put in by La Salle musicians and the invaluable support from our students and old boys. We are very delighted to experience the strong bonding between La Salle brothers and the undying La Salle spirit this year. The Symphony Orchestra would like to express our sincere thanks to our new conductor this year, Mr Kelvin Ngai, and the teacher advisors for their support.

Jeremy Chan (F. 5F), Captain of Symphony Orchestra 2013-14

La Salle College Symphony Orchestra made history by capturing 2nd place in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival this year. The orchestra was rather immature at the beginning of September as a result of the graduation of many talented players. Members were mostly young, so the challenges this year were not small at all, especially when our rivals became stronger and more competitive. However,

everything started to change when all of us were motivated by the deepest love and the enthusiasm towards our unique La Salle music. We enjoyed every note in Tchaikovsky and accepted the challenge of Prokofiev with pleasure. The moment when we held our breath together and immersed in the music led our orchestra to a higher level.

Leo Fung (F. 5G), Concertmaster of Symphony Orchestra 2013-14



With the delightful effort from the talented musicians of the Wind Orchestra, we are proud to announce the achievement this year, including the Gold Prize and the Overall Champion in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows and Champion in the Symphonic Band (Senior Class) in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, thereby achieving the Grand Slam this year again. Besides these achievements, the enormous improvement of our Wind Orchestra should also be appreciated. Heartfelt thanks must be

offered to our Alma Mater, our conductor and our old boys, without their teaching and support, it is sure that our Wind Orchestra will not have such a fruitful year.

Tommy Siu-Kau Lau (F. 5F), Captain of Wind Orchestra 2013-14

喇沙書院中樂團本年度成績標彪。樂團於去年十二月參加香港青年音樂匯演，憑着《抒情變奏曲》奪得金獎，創造「六連金」佳績；其後亦於第六十六屆校際音樂節中演奏《漢樓》，獲得中樂團高級組亞軍。喇沙中樂團一直以「LSCCO, more than a CO」為座右銘，意指喇沙書院中樂團不止於「一個樂團」，更講求喇沙中樂薪火相傳之精神。透過師兄與師弟間的交流，延展我們對音樂的熱誠，把這份喇沙精神承傳，如生命般延續下去。最後感謝各位團員、舊生、指揮、老師以及家長對喇沙書院中樂團的支持。透過多方通力合作，樂團才能進步。喇沙書院中樂團誓必在來年再創高峰！



2013-14 年中樂團團長 胡君裕 (F. 5F)



This academic year has been an extremely fruitful one for the La Salle College Treble Choir and Senior Choir. In addition to performing at the Annual Speech Day and Family Fun Day, we were blessed with an opportunity to perform at the Hong Kong International Airport during Christmas. Furthermore, for the first time, we held a training camp at Sai Kung so as to prepare our young choristers for the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. Engaging in a variety of performances and activities, our young passionate vocalists gained valuable experience and vocal skills.

This year, both choirs participated in their respective groups in the Music Festival. Most notably, the Senior Choir participated in the competition together with the Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section) Choir. The outcome for both choirs might not have been the most favourable. Nevertheless, the journey was worthwhile; the lack of prizes did not matter as we have gained valuable experience. We successfully touched the audience with our music. Both choirs would like to give their gratitude to our conductor, Mr Ronald Lam, for his invaluable teaching and guidance. We hope to enjoy, embrace and appreciate euphonious vocal music with each other and the audience. Our flame will continue to ignite with passion in singing and our voices will be in unison.

Ray Nathanael Tse (F. 5F), Captain of Treble and Senior Choirs 2013-14



La Salle College Old Boys' Annual Concert 2014  
Sunday 31 August 2014 8:00pm | Tsuen Wan Town Hall Auditorium

Dear Old Boys and friends

Following the tremendous success of the LSC Old Boys' Premiere Concert last year, it is our greatest pleasure to inform you that the second concert organized and performed by La Salle College Old Boys will be held on Sunday 31 August this year in Tsuen Wan Town Hall Auditorium. We sincerely invite you to come and witness the magic of La Salle music being made again in the concert hall. This year, the theme of the concert is "Folk Song". Over 150 old boys and current students of La Salle College will be performing famous melodies that originated from different cultures across countries and continents. You will definitely be able to recall many familiar tunes, be it Eastern or Western, during the evening of enchanting music. The concert is going to be a memorable event that unites the hearts of generations of La Salle Old Boys together. This year, we are offering tickets to the public at \$200 and \$120 (details can be found in the Ordering Form attached). They are available on a first-come-first-served basis. The continuous support from you and your firm is also vital to the success of La Salle's music development. We welcome your generous support and kind patronage to the event by placing an advertisement or a complimentary note in the Concert Programme. Please refer to the attached Advertisement/Sponsorship Form for more details.

We sincerely welcome all La Salle musicians to be part of us and create wonderful music together. If you are interested in performing in the concert, please do not hesitate to provide us your name, graduation year and details of your instrumental music experience via email: [musicboard@lscoba.com](mailto:musicboard@lscoba.com). Alternatively, you can leave a message at our official Facebook page: Music Board, La Salle College Old Boys' Association ([www.facebook.com/musicLSCOPA](http://www.facebook.com/musicLSCOPA)). For enquiries, please contact Marco Leung (2012) at +852 59751898 or Victor Wong (2012) at +852 61006812. See you in August!

Victor Wong (2012)  
Convenor, Music Board 2013-14

# LA SALLE COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ANNUAL CONCERT 2014 - TICKET ORDERING FORM

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name / company name), \_\_\_\_\_ (LSCOBA membership number, if applicable), would like to purchase the following tickets of the La Salle College Old Boys Annual Concert 2014 :

Adult Ticket @HK\$200	No. of tickets:	Total HK\$
Adult Ticket @HK\$120	No. of tickets:	Total HK\$
Concessionary Ticket* @HK\$100	No. of tickets:	Total HK\$
Concessionary Ticket* @HK\$60	No. of tickets:	Total HK\$

\* Full-time students, citizens aged 60 or above, people with disability and CSSA recipients are eligible for 50% discount concessionary tickets.

Please direct debit my LSCOBA Visa/Master Card (Name on Card): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I enclose a cheque (Cheque number: \_\_\_\_\_) totalling HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for full payment of the tickets.

For reconfirmation, my contact details are as follows:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

- All cheques should be made payable to “La Salle College Old Boys’ Association Limited”.
- Please send the booking form and cheques to “LSC Old Boys Annual Concert 2014 Booking Desk, LSCOBA, c/o La Salle College, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong”.
- Please contact Marco Leung (2012) at 59751898 or Victor Wong (2012) at 61006812 for ticketing enquiries.

# LA SALLE COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ANNUAL CONCERT 2014 - ADVERTISEMENT/SPONSORSHIP FORM

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name / company name), \_\_\_\_\_ (LSCOBA membership number, if applicable), would like to place the following advertisement/complimentary note on the programme book of the La Salle College Old Boys Annual Concert 2014. Please note that the selected space is subject to availability.

Size/Position	Advertising Fee
Centre Spread (colour)	HK\$10,000
Back Cover (colour)	HK \$8,000
Inside Front Cover (colour)	HK \$6,000
Inside Back Cover (colour)	HK \$6,000
Full Page (colour)	HK \$3,000
Half Page (colour)	HK \$2,000
Category	Sponsorship Fee
Platinum	≥\$2,000
Gold	\$1,500 - \$1,999
Silver	\$1,000 - \$1,499
Bronze	\$500 - \$999

Enclosed is a cheque ( Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cheque No: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 totalling: HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for full payment of the advertising fee/sponsorship.  
 Charge to my LSCOBA Visa / Master Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as appeared on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy) Total charge amount : HK\$:

(authorised signature) \_\_\_\_\_

My contact details:  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Tel) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Email) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

- For advertisement, centre spread, back cover, inside front and back cover are available on a first come first served basis. All cheques should be made payable to “La Salle College Old Boys’ Association Limited”.
- Please send the booking form and cheques to “LSC Old Boys Annual Concert 2014 Advertisement Desk, LSCOBA, c/o La Salle College, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong” on or before 1 August 2014.
- Please contact Marco Leung (2012) at 59751898 or Victor Wong (2012) at 61006812 for technical specifications of the advertisement.

## 1995

A few enthusiastic old boys put together a simple list with names and email addresses of those who have expressed interest for such a mode of correspondence. The list, called the LSCOBEN (LSC Old Boys Electronic Network), soon grew and a basic website was established on the Internet.

## 1999

The official website of the LSCOBA was first launched on 5 December after many iterations and carrying www.lscoba.com as its worldwide domain.

## 2001

Several significant features were added to the website including the Professional Network Database on 27 October, which replaced the simple email list with personal and professional profiles of over a thousand Hong Kong Lasallians.

## 2004

The Professional Network Database was merged with the Lasallians' Directory on 11 November.

## 2006

It was suggested that the website be revamped as it was launched some seven years ago.

## 2007

Students were employed to upgrade the photo album only.

## 2008

Budget allocation was made for the purchase of new servers.

## 2009

It was resolved to allow only members to post in the Chatboard.

## 2010

The member-only Chatboard was launched on 3 May.

## 2011

The database was migrated to the new mailserver whilst the website was migrated to the new webserver.

## 2012

Budget was allocated, in two financial years, for the website revamp project.

## 2013

The website revamp project was awarded.

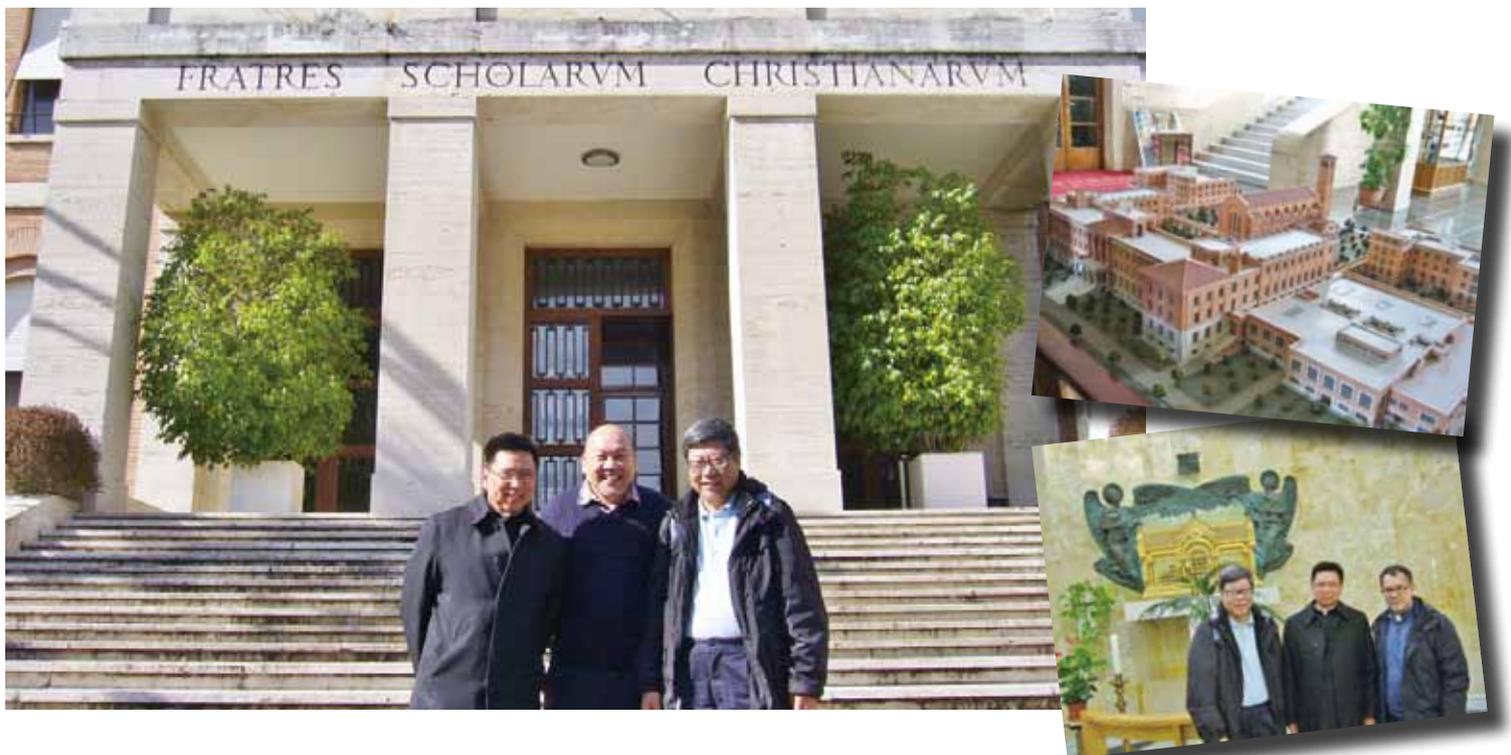
## 2014

The user acceptance test of the revamped website took place in April and May 2014. The new look www.lscoba.com with many new functionalities was launched on 29 May.

Your support is essential, please help to improve our network by sending us your valuable comments. If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact us at [webmaster@lscoba.com](mailto:webmaster@lscoba.com).

The www.lscoba.com web team would like to thank the following for their contribution :

- Dr Gordon Fong (1976)
- Paul Tam (1977)
- Simon Lai (1981)
- Leonard Chu (1983)
- Stanley Shum (1984)
- Willie Wong (1984)
- Mark Huang (1985)
- Derek Ku (1985)
- Naresh Choithramani (1989)
- Philip In (1989)
- Ted Lam (1989)
- Paul Lee (1989)
- Dinesh Choithramani (1991)
- Horace Chan Yat Hong (1993)
- Colin Cheung Ming Wai (1993)
- Derek Choy Hin Chung (1993)
- Francis Ma Tsz Wang (1993)
- Anfernee Lam (1995)
- Kevin Leung Siu Hang (1996)
- Tony Wat Hong Fai (1996)
- Raymond Chung (1997)
- Simon Suen (1997)
- Gilbert Fung (1998)
- Albert Au-Yeung (1999)
- Gary Choy (1999)
- Gary Ng (1999)



Thanks to the kind introduction by Brother Thomas Lavin, I was able to visit the Motherhouse of the La Salle Brothers in Rome in late March this year together with two old boys of the La Salle Family in Hong Kong. Father Joseph Tham LC is a graduate of St Joseph's College in Hong Kong who become a priest after practising medicine for a few years. Father Dominic Liu is an old boy of La Salle College and is now studying for his doctorate degree in Rome. We were warmly received by Brother Mawel and Brother Alberto. That was a most memorable visit and we enjoyed it very much.

Dr Robert Yuen (1971)

## CLASS COORDINATORS' CORNER

As the completely revamped [www.lscoba.com](http://www.lscoba.com) website has been launched on 29 May 2014, we are taking the opportunity to introduce new functionalities for our members' benefit. One of the new features will be the class coordinators' corner. It will take the form of a subdirectory under the home page, eg, [www.lscoba.com/1982](http://www.lscoba.com/1982) for use by the class of 1982. Content can be uploaded to announce five-year reunions, marriages and births, emigration and immigration movements, networking leads, happy hour gatherings, or just ad hoc yum-cha. Such announcements can also be broadcasted by email to all members of the respective class. In the same vein, special interest groups may take advantage of the same functionality to promote their activities for Old Boys across the whole spectrum of graduating years. Such groups would include the like of St John Ambulance, Red Cross, Music Board, Legion of Mary, Air Cadet Corps, Interact Club, etc. An example would be [www.lscoba.com/music](http://www.lscoba.com/music).

Professional groups like accountants, doctors, solicitors, etc, likewise can set up their own groups, eg, [www.lscoba.com/accountants](http://www.lscoba.com/accountants), in order to connect Old Boys in that field. The particular group can help LSC students with their career paths. The group can also assist junior Old Boys in the chosen field as members can share experiences, used books, as well as specialist devices/advice. Contact details of Old Boys in the field can be classified according to their respective specialty for ease of searching. Annual dinners, career talks to current LSC students, interview workshops, internship experience and career path sharing, mentorship programmes, fund raising events for scholarships, and many other activities related to the specific profession will be made possible by the professional groups under our main website.

The final step would be for overseas chapters to leverage the convenience of our global website in fostering fraternity and enhancing communication amongst their members, eg, [www.lscoba.com/toronto](http://www.lscoba.com/toronto). Therefore in the coming months I will be contacting the class coordinators, keen members of the special interest groups, and the overseas chapters, for their active participation in the above scheme. The ultimate aim of the exercise is of course to facilitate better communication in the Old Boys community via the internet.

Dr Gordon Fong (1976), Convener, Alumni Affairs Subcommittee

## GLOBAL REUNION 2014 - LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA USA

Members of LSCOBA and their families are cordially invited to attend the upcoming LSCOBA Global Reunion 2014 in Southern California from 7 to 10 August 2014. This biennial gathering to be held at Pacific Palms Resort Hotel will be a fun event with lots of opportunity to reunite with the school's principal, teachers and schoolmates. All the information including registration, programme and activities is posted at <http://lscobasc.org/gr2014/> and the content will be updated whenever new information becomes available. Brother Steve Hogan, principal of La Salle College, is our event's guest of honour. Mr Victor Lo and Mr Randy Woo, two former teachers, will come from Hong Kong for the function.

The organizing committee decided to keep Friday 8 August and Saturday 9 August afternoons and evenings open to allow different classes to plan their own reunion activities. Two must-go events are the World Conference on Friday 8 August morning, during which Brother Steve Hogan will address all the attending Old Boys and cover issues of our alma mater; and the Gala Dinner on Sunday 10 August for a grand finale of the Global Reunion. Musical performance will be directed by Robert Lee (1966) at the Gala Dinner. For queries please email the person-in-charge Charles Tsang (1983) at [s\\_bullet78@yahoo.com](mailto:s_bullet78@yahoo.com).

## CLASS OF 1964 GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION

The Class of 1964 will hold its Golden Jubilee Celebration in Hong Kong during the weekend of 15 and 16 November 2014. A short side trip to a nearby province (probably Guangdong) is being planned around the weekend. Full details of the programme will be announced once they are finalized. For classmates of the Class of 1964 who wish to be informed of these coming events, please send your email address to [vincentwslo67@gmail.com](mailto:vincentwslo67@gmail.com). It is a great opportunity to see some familiar faces and meet old teachers like Brother Lawrence, Mr Henry Lau and others. We need your support to make this event a success.

Vincent Lo  
Class of 1964 Golden Jubilee Reunion Convenor

## CLASS OF 1974 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

As we approach the summer of 2014 (winter in the southern hemisphere), the Organizing Committee takes pleasure to confirm the holding of a 40th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1974. Forty years, and if you count the secondary school years and the years that some of us have been in La Salle Primary School, we have known each other for over half a century! Such reunions are not about food, it is about you.

### Reunion Dinner

We have already announced earlier that the Reunion Dinner will be held on **Friday 17 October 2014** in Hong Kong. We are just about to finalize the venue (most likely on Kowloon side). As some of you in business are well aware, numbers and the bottom line ARE important. Your commitment will make this a success. Although many of you have kindly indicated your attendance already, we appreciate that there are those who cannot decide up to now because of your own particular circumstances. We are striving to keep costs to a minimum, but despite that we have to set the price of the admission ticket at **HK\$1,200**. This will include your dinner, drinks, meals for our esteemed former teachers and LSC Brothers, and a souvenir for all participants, and other miscellaneous costs. If you can join us, please let us know at [lasalle.class1974@gmail.com](mailto:lasalle.class1974@gmail.com).

### School Tour

To make this Reunion a special one, we have lined up a school tour to both La Salle Primary School and La Salle College on the same day of the Reunion dinner, ie, **17 October 2014, between 2 to 4 pm**. This organized tour will let you take a very special glimpse at what LSPS and LSC have evolved into - very much contemporary but still bearing the proud heritage of La Salle. In your reply emails, please indicate if you are interested in joining this school tour as we need to arrange the necessary logistics.

### Side Trip to Guangzhou

For the first time in our class reunions, we are offering an exclusive side trip to nearby Guangzhou and its environs *which is open for your families to join*. It will be a **three-day, two-night side trip on 18-20**

**October 2014 (inclusive)** that will take in some specially arranged sights. A tour programme especially tailored for our group has been offered by a professional tour operator. The tour cost has been set at **RMB 2,600**, based on double occupancy of the hotel rooms at five-star hotels, with almost all meals and return train fares included. We know you will need time to make these decisions especially if it involves family, but please be quick with your confirmation by email to [lasalle.class1974@gmail.com](mailto:lasalle.class1974@gmail.com) no later than the **end of June 2014**.

### Special Memento Album

To make this Reunion a meaningful one, we are preparing an electronic photo album which will be given to all participants of the event. We would like to call on all of you to contribute your prized collections of old photos in your own circle of classmates for compilation into an electronic photo album for all. So dig up your treasure troves to come up with your personal photos about your school life at LSC that you like to share with other classmates. Please send it to our professional, Mr Ringo Lee at [asp806@gmail.com](mailto:asp806@gmail.com). It may be worth giving just a small caption for each photo so we know what/who it is about.

### Support This Once-in-a-Lifetime Event

We are hopeful that many of our former teachers and LSC Brothers will be able to attend the dinner and grace the occasion. With your support, we will make this the best reunion yet. If some of you know of any classmates who may be outside our reach, please feel free to spread the word. Better still, organize among yourselves and get them to come!

Let us hear from you soon! Dear classmates, this is an once-in-a-lifetime event, so *carpe diem*.

Organizing Committee  
Class of 1974 40th Anniversary Reunion



#### CLASS OF 1979 35TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Date : Saturday 18 October 2014  
Time : 4:30 pm  
Venue : La Salle College

For more information please contact:

Conrad Lam - [clk\\_lam@hotmail.com](mailto:clk_lam@hotmail.com)  
Raj Budhrani - [roger@arcadiaconcepts.com](mailto:roger@arcadiaconcepts.com)  
Stanley Shum - [sshum88@hotmail.com](mailto:sshum88@hotmail.com)



#### CLASS OF 1984 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Date : Saturday 6 December 2014  
Time : 6:30pm  
Venue : To be confirmed

For more information please contact:

Willie Wong at email: [williewong1984@lscoba.com](mailto:williewong1984@lscoba.com).

#### CLASS OF 1999 15TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

喇沙書院 1999 年畢業班 15 週年聚會

Date : Saturday 21 June 2014  
Time : 6:30pm  
Venue : Hung Tao Chinese Restaurant

尖沙咀加連威老道 94 號尖東廣場  
明輝中心 2 樓鴻桃酒家

For more information please contact:

Matthew Szeto at email: [gogoszeto@hotmail.com](mailto:gogoszeto@hotmail.com).

#### CLASS OF 1989 SILVER JUBILEE REUNION

Date : Saturday 29 November 2014  
Time : 6:30pm  
Venue : La Salle College School Hall

For more information please contact:

Herman Bo at email: [hermanbo@gmail.com](mailto:hermanbo@gmail.com).

## LSCOBA 2014 SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date:	Friday 20 June 2014
Venue:	Garbotax Golf & Country Club ( 惠州嘉寶田高爾夫球會 )
Departure Time:	Approximately 6:45am with coach pick-up on both Hong Kong and Kowloon side (details to be confirmed)
Return Time:	Approximately 4:30pm leaving the Golf Club
Price:	HK\$1,100 per person
Vacancies:	<u>32</u> LSC old boys on a first-come-first-served basis
Deadline:	Monday 9 June 2014

### Remarks:

1. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied with full payment.
2. The HK\$1,100 per person entry fee will include chartered coach for return transportation from Hong Kong to the Golf Club and the necessary green fee, caddie, golf cart, locker, and lunch.
3. Prizes will be awarded to the winners with the best gross score, highest Stableford points, Best Front-9, Best Back-9, and winners for the longest-drive and nearest-pin.
4. Make sure you have a valid travel document to go to China.
5. All itineraries and prices are subject to change without prior notice.
6. LSCOBA reserves the right to cancel the event at its sole discretion in which event a full refund will be made.
7. LSCOBA and the organizers shall not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage whatsoever to any person howsoever arising in connection with this event.
8. For further enquiries, please contact Roger Wong (Tel: 90944643, Email: rwong@lockelord.com).

## SOCCER LEAGUE 2013-14

With the new promotion and demotion system of the 2013-14 LSCOBA soccer league, finishing in the top rankings with more than 30 points would not be as easy as before. The teams' capabilities became narrower to one another as compared to the last season. Even for leading teams like CEC 1881 and TD Soccer, it is very likely they will end up with a marginal win and they would simply have to contribute more sweat in all upcoming games in order to capture the title. As we are almost nearing the end of the season, there will not be any easy games for any teams in the remaining sessions; no single team is really having an absolute advantage at the moment. All traditionally strong teams performed well except Euphoria, which had a relatively disappointing season. The Footballers, which had always been in the top four, needs to improve in order to hold its fourth place. Comparing with the Premier Division, our Division 1 situation looks more predictable, things became milder, Dyman and FC 80's are pretty much locked up in the first two places while Angry Brothers should finish at third place.

Herman Bo (1989)

## OLD BOYS' TOYS - SURFING LASALLIAN



The guest for this edition is Dr Thomas Fung, class of 1996. Thomas is currently an Associate Consultant in the Department of Ear Nose and Throat at the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital. His medical subspecialty is head and neck cancer and facial plastic reconstructive surgery, which is equally exotic as the hobbies that he is going to share with us - surfing and wakesurfing.

### **Ray [R] How did your surfing career begin?**

Thomas [T] Back in the school days, although I played soccer, basketball, swimming, tennis, etc, just like most of us, I have never been good enough to be part of any school team.

I have been too focused in the academic aspect of education until I contracted SARS in 2003, when I finally realized I need more physical strength, and it was not until then, I found out that there was 'something more' that I possess whereas other athletes did not, ie, I am not afraid of cold water. Therefore I started surfing and wakesurfing in Big Wave Bay and Tai Tam respectively, because they are only less than 15 minutes' drive from my hospital.

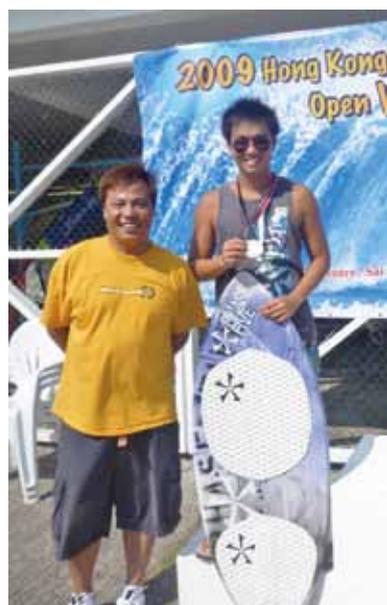
**[R] What is the difference between surfing and wakesurfing?**

[T] In ocean surfing, you paddle out to the middle of the ocean, wait for a wave to come, catch the wave by paddling hard, and then get up on it and ride. It is cheap as all you need is a surf board. The ocean current really brings up your endorphin level. Intense paddling is required, and this helps to build up the upper body strength without the need of going to gym for weight training. However, it is weather dependent, as nice waves from monsoon only arrive between September and February. On the other hand typhoon waves during summer time are messy and dangerous. In wakesurfing, you basically surf the wake generated by a speedboat, and this is possible by putting weights on one side of the boat to generate a large wake. The wave is predictable and consistent and you can surf as long as the speedboat has petrol - that means money from your pocket!



**[R] Can you tell us about the equipment that you have?**

[T] For ocean surfing, I have several boards in my quiver. The pictures show the boards that I use most these days. The tallest board is 7'2" and it is shared amongst a few La Salle boys. It is suitable for beginner or smaller waves as paddling and catching wave is easier with that. Nowadays I use the 2 boards with bamboo surface. They are shorter, easier to carry especially if I am travelling abroad. The fatter one floats better but it is more suitable for small waves. The slimmer one is only 5'10" long and it allows me to carve through green hollow waves which is more enjoyable than just running through the whitewash. The middle one with the hexagon logo was my old favourite. The shaper of this board - Al Merrick - designs boards for ten-times world champion in surfing, thus riding it on a wave can be seen as wearing Air-Jordan for basketball. For wakesurfing, I have shorter boards which allow me to make turns and funny moves behind the boat. It is more difficult to balance on such a small board of 5' length. Apart from boards, you will need a leash in case the board is dragged away by the waves, some fins to allow a smooth forward ride, and wax on the board so your feet can grip onto the board.



**[R] Do you go surfing alone?**

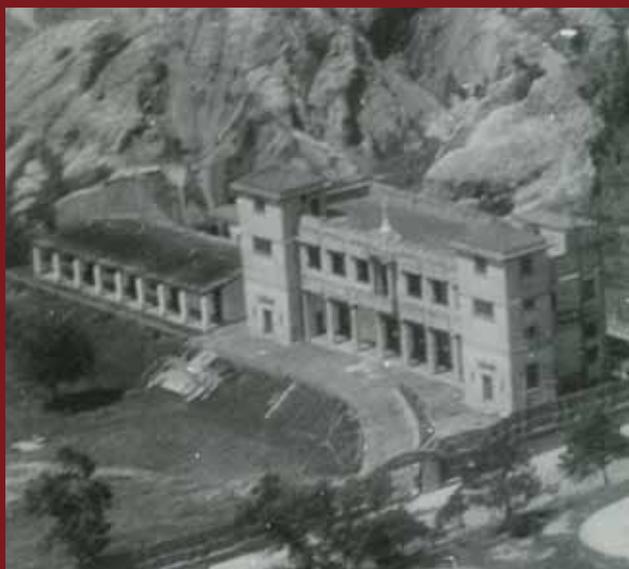
[T] Yes, I often go alone as I am unusually resistant to cold. But I have quite a few surf buddies who go with me from time to time. I have 2 colleagues (who happened to be La Salle boys as well) who would come with me before and after work. I also make friends by chatting with other surfers while waiting for waves.

**[R] Apart from surfing locally, what are your other achievements in surfing?**

[T] For ocean surfing, Hong Kong is really not the ideal place. I have taken my boards to other parts of the world where the wave breaks are much taller, nicer in shape, and the water is cleaner. Some of them are reef bottom breaks instead of sand meaning that you can cut your feet if you are not careful, but the nice thing about such waves is that they break consistently at the same spot. I have been on a surf camp where I travelled with a bunch of strangers along the east coast of Australia to surf different breaks. I have also been to Bali, Maldives, Okinawa and Kenting for surfing. My favourite is the Maldives as it has the most beautiful waves. I have seen dolphins and turtles while waiting for waves as the water is so clear. On the other hand, surfing in Maldives is classified as luxury surfing

since the hotels take you out on a boat and it costs over \$1000 per session. For wakesurfing, I generally just do it within Tai Tam. A few years ago, I came second twice in the Hong Kong Open Wakesurfing Competition. Therefore I finally got a couple of medals in sports as a Lasallian!

Ray Sun (1985)



On Friday 1 September 1939, Hitler's German forces invaded Poland. Britain and France issued a 48 hour ultimatum to Germany demanding they withdraw their troops. Germany ignored the ultimatum, and on Sunday 3 September, Britain and France declared war on Germany, raising the curtain to the Second World War.

The Anglo-French ultimatum in fact expired at 7:00 pm HK time on Sunday 3 September. In the far away British outpost of Hong Kong, the British military authorities immediately proceeded to arrest all German "enemy aliens" in the Colony. The British Military were clearly prepared.

Two hours later, German internees began to arrive at LSC. Brother Cassian's noted in the Brother's Community diary:

"Instantly the college was invaded by army squads who over the next two days encircled it with barbed wire, observation posts, barriers and grills, transforming it into a prison. Four bamboo towers were erected at the four corners of the perimeter to ensure effective surveillance of the perimeter and the immediate surroundings of the camp. At 9:00 pm, Sunday 3 September the first internees arrived, and all night through army and police cars kept arriving with more. A section of the Royal Scots provided the guard."

La Salle College had overnight become a concentration camp, and the World War II tensions in Europe hit this unsuspecting far-away school at the other side of the world right in the face.

The new school year was due to recommence after the summer holidays on Monday 11 September, but using the campus was out of the question. At the time, opposite the main campus was the La Salle College Annex (on the current LSPS grounds), which had a small two storey building and a covered playground. So Director Brother Aimar made a swift decision to covert the playground into four more classrooms, and in the open area, sheds were built with bricks and wood to make four more classrooms.

The now twelve classrooms were all that the Brothers possessed for schooling over 1,000 students. So, the school hours were split into AM and PM sessions: 7:45 am to 12:30 pm for the Matriculation and other senior students, while the juniors attended classes from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

The number of German internees in La Salle slowly dropped and the Military agreed to use the LSC Annex instead, while the classes returned to the LSC campus. By April 1940, all the internees were shipped abroad to Ceylon. The Brothers recovered the full use of the school building and schooling resumed. The Hong Kong Government agreed to pay the Brothers HK\$44,680.

Attached is one of the news clippings of this interesting but ill-fated episode of La Salle College's history. Little did the Brothers know that LSC would unfortunately be occupied by outsiders intermittently for different reasons over the next 20 years.



# LSCOBA - MCSFSA JOINT SCHOOL HAPPY HOUR

Having co-organized successful events in the past, the MCS Former Students' Association (MCSFSA) and LSCOBA once again got together and organized a joint association Happy Hour on Thursday 10 April 2014 at Bit Point, G/F, 31 D'Aguilar Street in Lan Kwai Fong, Central. As usual it attracted many LSC old boys and MCS ladies to attend. After a busy week, it was a perfect time to relax with a pint of chilled beer or a glass of white-wine spritzer, to wind down a whole week of work and stress.



## LSCOBA -



Hoodie



Tee shirt



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Luggage tag

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