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Dear Lasallians,

I am humbly honored to have this opportunity to serve you for the second term as the President of LSCOPA 2017-2018. I am particularly thankful for having the same Committee from the previous term continuing our services for the members. Founded in 1939, LSCOPA comprises of 17 Committee Members, a Part-time Administrative Manager, 23 Subcommittee/Task Forces, and 7 active Overseas Chapters. The Association aims at promoting brotherhood and fraternity among old boys of La Salle while providing benefits for the 8,000 members. All projects and events organized by the OBA are primarily self-sustaining with an operating surplus to support the Alma Mater including student development.

This marks a special year for La Salle as it is the 85th anniversary of La Salle College and the 60th anniversary of La Salle Primary School. Special thanks to the continuous support from our Principal, Mr. Tong Wun-Sing, for sharing with us the "Message from the Principal" and Mrs. Chandni Rakesh, Principal of La Salle Primary School, for the update of the Diamond Jubilee celebration in this newsletter. I also invited a few old boys from different years to write about their stories in La Salle and how Lasallian education has made them become who they are today.

Almost half of my second term is gone and attributed to the support from the convenors and the working groups, we held a number of successful events, including: job shadowing and high court visit for students (Convenor: Mr. Stanley Shum 1979), the Old Boys' Concert (Convenor: Mr. Martin So 2004), the Doctors of La Salle Dinner (Convenor: Dr. Thomas

Fung 1996), Joint Finance Dinner Talk (Convenor: Mr. Robert Lui 1995), Christian Brothers' Schools Basketball Cup (Convenor: Mr. Paul Lee 1996), Class Coordinator gatherings (Convenor: Mr. Roger Lee 1985), Pun Choi Charity Dinner jointly organized with the Hong Kong Society of Medical Professionals chaired by Dr. Bernard Kong (Convenor: Mr. Robert Lui 1995), Heritage Walk (Convenor: Mr. Mark Huang 1985) and a Roundtable Dinner with senior old boy Mr. Frank Chan 陳帆 1975 as guest speaker giving old boys and students an insightful talk (Convenor: Mr. Ray Sun 1985).

Going forward, there are lots of activities we have planned to serve you as our members, including but not limited to the coming LSCOPA Annual Ball 2017: Viva La Salle (Ball Chairman: Mr. Herman Bo 1989), the photo competition (Convenor: Mr. Edison Siu 2008), Happy Hour gatherings (Convenor: Mr. Eric Chow 2000), Winter Golf Tournament (Convenor: Mr. Thomas Tung 1977), and Spring Dinner 2018 (Convenor: Mr. Terence Mak 1997).

With all the future events remaining in my term, the Committee and I will endeavor to bring more value-added services to you.

I look forward to your continuous support!

Roger Lee (85)
 President
 LSCOPA 2017-2018
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李宗德講堂 JOSEPH LEE HALL



FOCUS: PAST PRESIDENT DR. JOSEPH LEE (1969)

Life in La Salle was a part of my history. I started in Primary 2 when I came back to Hong Kong and was blessed to be able to study in La Salle with the help of a Priest who baptized my family and me.

I grew up as an ordinary young boy, an average student without particularly outstanding performance. My life at La Salle school began in Primary 2 and I spent most of my time with only a handful of friends I made upon entering the school since most of the students met each other when they started together in Primary 1. Although I had some friends, it was nonetheless difficult for me to know a lot of my other schoolmates.

As a young person I have already lived in other parts of the world and always felt a sense of uncertainty regarding my future, most of the time I was confused and very concerned about my life, even of world. I realized I needed to figure out my future plans and my goals but guidance about career development was limited in those days. If I would focus on the positive, I was glad to have made friends from different backgrounds and nationalities when I studied in La Salle. It has taught me to learn to mingle with others without the limitation of language barriers or cultural differences. My experiences at La Salle may have affected my thoughts unconsciously and have eventually, inspired me to establish Wofoo Social Enterprise and to put my beliefs and values into practice.



Children in my generation often did not have the opportunity to receive education as many were barely struggling to meet basic needs of the family, and mandatory education was not introduced until years later. I have always maintained that I was lucky to have the chance to study in our alma mater and realized that education is important in enabling people to improve and earn a better living. That is what I was told and what I have learned during my childhood.

There are many things which I have learned during my time at La Salle, and I was deeply impressed by the example of Brothers who have chosen to live their lives for others and spending it in service to others has taught me how we can be a person to give without the expectation of receiving anything in return. When a person is blessed to have enough resources or abilities to survive, they should also assume the responsibility to care for people around them, and sharing what they have.





Our experiences cumulatively make us who we are and I would say the Joseph you know today is the person that went to La Salle. My alma mater definitely means something special to me, not only imparted knowledge and helped to develop my thinking and working skills, but also played an important role in building my character and broadened my horizon. I do believe life at La Salle is part of my history with positive impacts, which has encouraged me to make contributions to the community, as an attempt to put the La Salle school motto of “克己復禮,” managing oneself with discipline and respecting tradition and relate to others, into something that really made an impression to my young mind.

I do sincerely hope that there will be more love, more respect and more care in the community. Everyone will help and care for each other and seek to have a positive impact on each other’s lives and I believe everyone can make some contribution to our society so together we can establish a harmonious and prosperous society for all.

Joseph Lee (1969)

LSCOBA ANNUAL BALL 2017: VIVA LA SALLE



La Salle College Old Boys’ Association
Annual Ball 2017: Viva La Salle
Guest of Honour: Dr. Joseph Lee, GBS, OSJ, JP

Dear OBA Members,

We write to seek your kind support to the coming the La Salle College Old Boys’ Association (LSCOBA)’s Annual Ball 2017, to be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai, Hong Kong. We are delighted that our LSCOBA Past President, the Honourable Dr. Joseph Lee Chung Tak GBS, OSJ, JP (李宗德太平紳士) will be our Guest of Honour.

The Annual Ball of the LSCOBA is always one of the biggest events on the Association’s social calendar. The evening of glamour, fine dining and entertainment is also the largest and most successful social event of LSCOBA. The theme of this year - “Viva La Salle” - is an evening where we would celebrate the 85 years of excellence of the Alma Mater with Lasallians. This would be a fun-filled night for all the guests and attendees.

We still have limited seats available so please book your tickets now. For ticket order and enquiries, please send an e-mail to president@lscoba.com or telephone / WhatsApp Roger Lee (1985) on +852-9621 2683 or Herman Bo (1989) on +852-6601 3983 or Terence Mak (1997) on +852-9730 2110. You may also visit our website www.lscoba.com for more details.

We look forward to seeing you at the coming LSCOBA Annual Ball 2017: Viva La Salle.

Yours in bond,

Roger Lee (95)
President, LSCOBA

Herman Bo (89)
Ball Chairman

Terence Mak (97)
Fund Raising Director

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear old boys,

It is a privilege for me to have a chance to communicate with you, so a big thanks to Mr. Roger Lee for giving me this opportunity.

Every time I am asked about the characteristics of our school, I always say that it is the brotherhood among students, be they alumni or current students.

I think it shows the success of Lasallian education. Faith, Service and Community is the essence of the La Salle spirit. Brotherhood is in fact a manifestation of the spirit of community. Achieving a common goal of serving others by the Association is a vivid explanation of what 'community' is.

In our school, throughout its 85 years, you can see a strong presence of old boys. No matter whether it is supporting our school teams on sports grounds, coaching students in debating matches, giving tutorials to students, or holding talks about further studies... No wonder we say that old boys are staunch supporters of the school.

In this issue of the newsletter, as told by the President, a few old boys from different years will be writing about their school life in those days. This, of course, is invaluable to our present and past students as they will have a first-hand understanding of what school life was like back in those days. They would also be able to understand how the school has affected their development. This in turn is invaluable to the present students as they can compare and contrast what they are experiencing at the moment and know more deeply the essence of Lasallian education.

Finally, a big thank you to all old boys who support the school's development in all sorts of areas. Happy reading.

Sincerely,

WS Tong
Principal
La Salle College



STAKEHOLDER'S NEWS: 2017 HONG KONG MASTERS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP



La Salle College Athletics Club ("LSCAC") is the 2nd runner-up at the 2017 Masters Championship. Over 100 Old Boys, Mr. TP Cheung and Brother Patrick participated in the Championship held on November 11th & 12th at the Wan Chai Stadium. It was the first time the games were extended to one and a half days of competition with more than 1,000 registered athletes from over 10 Hong Kong and overseas clubs joining the event. Many new events have been added such as 200 meters and 80/100/110 meters hurdles. Beginner category for athletes from aged 30 to 34 has also been added. LSCAC has regular training at LSC every Saturday at 4 to 6 pm. All Old Boys and their wives are welcome to join. Please visit La Salle College Athletics Club on Facebook or contact me for more information.

Ray Sun (1985)

Dear old boys,

La Salle Primary School has kicked-off the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in September, 2017. We already had the DJ Opening Mass and Kick-off Ceremony, Speech Day as well as the DJ Family Sports Day.

Table of events:



Cardinal John Tong Emeritus (celebrant of the Opening Mass), Br. David Liao (Guest of Honour of the Kick-off Ceremony), IMC Managers of LSPS, guests, teachers, students and parents took a group photo at LSPS' Diamond Jubilee Opening Mass & Kick-off Ceremony.



Mrs. Rakesh, Principal of LSPS, cut the 60th Anniversary cake at the Diamond Jubilee Kick-off Ceremony.



DJ Walkathon	17th December, 2017
DJ Gala Dinner	21st January, 2018
DJ Musical	8th - 10th February, 2018
DJ Open Day	24th March, 2018
DJ Founder's Week	9th - 13th April, 2018
DJ Visual Arts Exhibition	13th - 18th May, 2018
DJ Concert	19th June, 2018
DJ Thanksgiving Mass	6th July, 2018



Students, teachers, participating parents and old boys gathered at LSPS' Diamond Jubilee Family Sports Day and attempted to break the Guinness World Record - "The Largest Human Image of a Diamond".

Please go to our school website for further information and pictures of the various Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The theme for our Diamond Jubilee is "Sparkling Onwards and Upwards". LSPS will continue to strive for all-round excellence. We will always cherish our past traditions but are also excited to embark on new journeys in this ever-changing world. We want to nurture Lasallian Gentlemen who will be ready for the challenges of the future.

It has indeed been a pleasure to meet Old Boys at various events. Recently we had the Old Boys' Class Co-ordinator's group gathering at La Salle Primary School on the 21st October, 2017. We shared our existing circumstances and our future goals. The Class Co-ordinators were enthusiastic and said that they would support the School in any way they could.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our various Diamond Jubilee events. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Pat Wong, Head of School Office, at 2336 2609 or email dj60@la-salle.edu.hk.

May God always bless La Salle Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Chandni Rakesh
Principal
La Salle Primary School



When I was admitted to La Salle Primary School more than 50 years ago, my parents considered that was better than winning the lottery ticket. Now I fully understand how they felt. As a very ordinary kid from humble family background, I had no chance to enter other elite schools that picked the best of the crop. But La Salle has always abided by the wish of its patron saint, to accept young people of different backgrounds and give them the best education. Joining La Salle Primary School is the start of my upward mobility. It took me all the way to the University of Hong Kong and joining the administrative service of the Hong Kong Government. I left the government after a number of years to pursue a career in the business sector. As you can see from my CV, for the rest of my working life, I have been in and out of the public sector, working in infrastructure and public utility areas such as the Mass Transit, telecommunication, trade promotion, development of the film industry, and now with the international airport.

I never forgot the school song “Boys of courage, Boys of Daring, Full of manliness and will”, especially courage in breaking new ground and innovation: Through the different jobs I held, I have led the development of the Octopus card, the planning and construction of the Convention Centre, the IFC, the ICC, the launch of HK’s first IPTV channel – the Now TV etc. The companies I led have also gone outside of Hong Kong to build railways and enter into telecom joint venture in mainland China and overseas countries, and now to manage airports outside Hong Kong.

I was also fortunate to witness and participate in some of the most important economic and social turning points in Hong Kong’s development: I assisted the late Sir Jack Cater in establishing the ICAC, The TDC under my leadership was largely responsible for leading Hong Kong factories to move into the Pearl River Delta, thus achieving Hong Kong’s transformation from manufacturing centre to re-export and service centre. In the business sector, I also had the experience of setting up one of the first Hong Kong companies in Beijing, negotiated one of the first modern hotels in Guangzhou, office building in Shanghai. I also introduced the trading of Hong Kong shares in New York, from a small office in the World Trade Centre.



Much of what I have achieved is due to luck – I happened to be in the right place at the right time, but the confidence and innovation spirit with which I embarked on the different ventures have largely come from my Lasallian education: the Brothers have imparted to us faith in God and in ourselves, the teachers have taught me how to tackle problems with flexibility and yet with decisiveness, and the diversity of my fellow schoolmates had given me the best training on how to deal with people and situations.



What La Salle did not teach me is how to make a lot of money but I considered myself fortunate to have enjoyed a rich and rewarding working career. Thank you La Salle for making me what I am today.

Jack So (1964)

Some highlights of Jack So's career achievement

Mr Jack So Chak Kwong assumed the Chairmanship of the Airport Authority Hong Kong on 1st June, 2015.

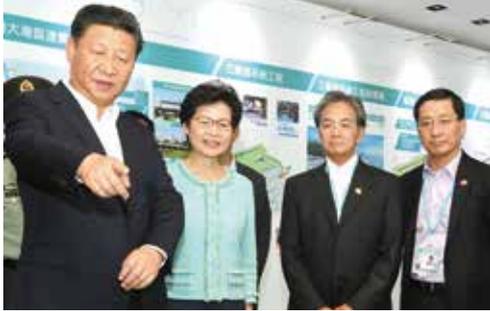
Mr So began his career with the Hong Kong Government and joined the private sector in 1978, having held various senior positions in stockbroking, banking and property development. He served as Executive Director of the HKTDC from 1985 to 1992 and its Chairman from 2007 to 2015. He was Chairman and Chief Executive of the MTR Corporation from 1995 to 2003 and Deputy Chairman and Group Managing Director of PCCW from 2003 to 2007.





Mr So is an independent non-executive Director of AIA Group Ltd and China Resources Power Holdings Company Ltd. He is also a senior advisor to Credit Suisse, Greater China. He was an independent Director of HSBC from 2000 to 2007 and Cathay Pacific Airways Limited from 2002 to 2015.

In October 2013, Mr So was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Economic Co-operation with the Mainland. In January of the same year, he was appointed a non-official member of the Economic Development Commission, and Convenor of its Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism.



Mr So is the Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society. He is also the Chairman of Harrow International School Hong Kong. He served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council from April 2007 to March 2013.

Mr So has been a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference since 2008 and was an International Business Advisor to the Mayor of Beijing. He has been appointed Honorary Consultant to the Mayor of San Francisco in May 2013.

A Justice of the Peace, Mr So was awarded the Golden Bauhinia Star and the Grand Bauhinia Medal by the Hong Kong SAR Government in 2011 and 2017 respectively. He received an Honorary Doctorate in Social Science from the University of Hong Kong in 2011.



CLASS COORDINATORS GROUP



To enhance the communications with OBA members and old boys, LSCOBA has formed a Class Coordinator Group to promote fraternity among old boys of different years while counting on each representative's support to dispatch OBA news to school mates of his class year. As of now, we have class coordinators from 51 graduation years from 1955 to 2017. We had two activities with Class Coordinator Group lately, including the hotpot dinner held in August 2017 and the campus tour and visit to the La Salle Primary School in support of the Diamond Jubilee celebration in October 2017. We are still looking for representatives of some years and please write to admin@lscoba.com if you are the contact point and would like to join the group.



Roger Lee (1985)



HK CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CUP 2017



LSCOBA organized the first-ever “HK Christian Brothers’ Schools Basketball Cup 2017” with our fellow alumni from CSKOBA, CGHAA and SJCOBA . The 4-team competition started in September in a single-round robin format with games being played on Sunday mornings. LSCOBA formed a 30+ team consisting of 15 players from our OBA league teams. We started practicing since mid-June on a weekly basis led by Head coach Rex Cheah (Class 94) and Captain Paul Lee (Class 98).

We won all of the 3 Round Robin games and went into the finals unbeaten against SJCOBA on Oct 22 while CSKOBA competed with CGHCAA for an honorable 3rd place. The big day was held at La Salle College school gym with the guest of honour, Bro Patrick Tierney FSC present along with our principal Mr Tong, Bro Chris and our former basketball team head coach Mr Victor Lo.

It was an exciting contest between the two teams fighting against each other with excellent spirit. LSCOBA fortunately came out as winner by beating SJCOBA 68:64, led by top scorer Rocky Mak (Class 96) with a double-double performance of 21 points and 11 rebounds.

LSCOBA would like to thank everyone who came to support the team as well as the three fellow Brother schools who participated. We are hoping to make this an annual event for all Christian Brothers Schools as a regular re-union.

Final standing as follows:

- 1) LSCOBA 3) CGHCAA
- 2) SJCOBA 4) CSKOBA



Herman Bo (1989)



MEMBERS' BENEFITS PLATFORM

Since the launch of our Members' Benefits Platform earlier this year, LSCOBA continued to look for exciting benefits for the LSCOBA Community. We hope you enjoy the benefits our partners are offering. If you have not yet explored our platform, please visit us at <http://www.lscoba.com/benefits/>

We are bringing in more offers and benefits of Food & Beverages and Lifestyle products etc for the community. You are very welcome to provide us with suggestions on the types of benefits you wish to appear on the Platform. Just let us know your thoughts at benefits@lscoba.com. In the meantime, if you are running a business and would like to open up new business opportunities, we welcome your exciting proposal at benefits@lscoba.com.

Gilbert Fung (1998)



B = Benjamin Pin CHANG (LSPS 67) 張斌
P = Peter Hon Cheung CHOY (LSPS 67) 蔡漢翔

P Ben, do you remember our first day at school
B Yeah. It was pretty scary. The switch from kindergarten to primary school with new school grounds, new teachers and new friends was quite unsettling. I was **WORRIED**.

P I rather enjoyed wearing my new uniform of white shorts and shirt with the nice badge in front.

B I rather preferred the red blazer which we had for winter uniform.

P Oh yes, red blazer for P.1 and P.2 and blue blazer for P.3 to P.6. But the gray shorts were cold in the winter. To this day, I still don't understand why they made us freeze in those shorts.

B Yeah. I remember putting a freshly cooked hard-boiled egg in my shorts to keep warm on the way to school and eating it when I got there. That was nice.

P I was in P.1E and my class teacher was Miss Man. She was really nice to us, she bought us Match Box die-cast vehicles!

B I was in P.1C and I had Mrs. Kwan. She was rather stern looking but a nice lady.

P I think you were P.3C under Mr. Gerard Louie who went on to become Headmaster of LSPS after we graduated from LSC. We went our separate ways from P.1 to P.5 and finally got together in P.6D under Mr. Clement Lau.

B Yes. Clement is one of the most remembered teachers for me. I still remember his tales about his travels to Switzerland where he ate white chocolates. Whoever had heard of white chocolate then.

P Speaking of Clement, I have to mention Mr. Francis Fung, he was my P.5B class master. He taught us First Aid in English. Francis retired as headmaster of LSPS in 2002. He was only 23 when he taught us! Time flies when you are having fun! Happy retirement Principal Fung!

B I also remember my P.5E class master, Mr. Dominic To. He taught us arts. He was a great teacher! Oh, let us not forget to mention Pui Suk, To Suk and Hoi Suk, they spent their entire careers to serve LSPS and they all did a wonderful job!

P Our Headmaster was of course Br. Henry who seemed to know every boy who went through LSPS under him. He had a wonderful memory. He was able to call us by our names years after we had left. You remember the bull dog that he had with him? They were inseparable.

B Br. Henry was a really kind man. I remember once when I forgot to bring my eraser to school one day and I started crying in the driveway outside his office. He saw me and took me into his office and gave me one of his erasers.

P All of the teachers in LSPS were nice. Dominic To was the one who always gave out pictures of the saints.

B Yes, we were easily satisfied then. We enjoyed simple games like playing with marbles in the sand pits outside the ground workers' quarters.

P Climbing up the slide and the monkey bars during recess.

B Yes. And the racing of Matchbox - die-cast vehicles - down the sloped driveway towards the main entrance.



P The breeding of Spiders (Kam Sze Mau 金絲貓) inside little cages made of green bamboo leaves and then pitting one spider against another in a fight to the death.

B They had names like 紅孩兒. At first I didn't know what my friends were talking about and then they showed me these creatures in bamboo leaves.

P How about playing soccer in the field with about 20 games going on together in that crowded playground?



Head: Leung Yau Kai, Shy Kwan Tai
Secretary: Lau Hoi Kan, Kwan Hing Shan, Shau Shy Lanna
LSPS Maintenance Staff in the 1960s



LSPS Staff in the 1960s

B How about playing ping pong in the Assembly Hall using the marked floor slabs as demarcation for the tables and school bags as net?



P Do you remember the “Ice Cream Man” (雪糕佬) next to the entrance of the school selling ice cream, Popsicles and all kinds of little toys?

B How can I forget. I spent so much of my pocket money in support of his scooter based business. My favourite was the “Fung Sin” (鳳仙). Ice Popsicles were mostly 10 cents each, Ice cream was 30 cents for small and 50 cents for large and of course the most famous mango ice cream was 80 cents

P My favourite was the frozen papaya which was sold in small plastic packets.

B The frozen plums as well.

P How did you find your school work then ?

B I do not remember school work being too tough. The pressure point only came about in P.6 when we had to sit for that dreaded “Secondary School Entry Exam” (升中試). Nowadays you hear so many horror stories about primary school kids having to do so much homework and go through so many tests that they hardly have time to sleep or play. Comparatively, we had a ball.

P I felt some pressure but all in all I had a great time at LSPS. There were so many activities - such as clubs, Christmas Concerts, School Choir, School Orchestra, School Sports, Arch Confraternity of the Divine Child (A.D.C.).

B Arch what ? What’s A.D.C.?

P I am not too familiar with this organization because I was not a member. All I know was that this was a Roman Catholic Religious Organization and they had a mass every year in St. Teresa’s Church. When the mass was finished they all knelt and recited the Act of Consecration to the Divine Child.

B Do you remember the collapse of the boundary wall facing Boundary Street ? I think it was in 1966. We were in P.5. It was pouring that day and my Mom had just driven me to school by Boundary Street. There was a loud crash and when I looked out from the Assembly Hall, the wall had collapsed.

P It was pretty terrible. I think 6 people died and half the playground had to be roped off for about a year.

B Those were the days. We went on to LSC in the fall of 1967, didn’t we ?

P Yes, and that’s 50 years ago! And as you know LSC started in 1932, this year we are in our 85th !! If we continue, we need another 10 pages, so I better stop now and let other fellow Lasallians share their stories about LSC! Anyway, I would like to offer my Congratulations to LSPS and LSC! Wishing our Alma Mater all the best! Do you have anything to add Ben?

B Likewise, I offer my congratulation to LSPS and LSC and wish them all the best.



Benjamin P Chang and Peter Hon Cheung CHOY
October, 2017.



Fides et Opera and the Lasallian Spirit

Roger Wong (Class of 1984) is Executive Associate Dean (Education) in the Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Canada. He is a clinical professor of geriatric medicine and the 13th President of the Canadian Geriatrics Society. He tweets at @RogerWong10 and is a key opinion leader in geriatrics, ageing and medical education. In this article he discusses the relationship between the school motto and the Lasallian spirit.

Do you remember what it was like when you were seventeen years old? For many of us at La Salle, we would likely be a student in the sixth form, and our minds preoccupied with sports, relationships, Student Association activities (including multiple inter-school functions), and perhaps, studying and examinations.

“Those were the good old days,” some of you may start to savour, especially when we face the realities of working a job in our adult years.

As for me, age seventeen was about transitions, losses, and subsequent gains. The emotional roller coaster associated with the transitions has not been an easy ride. Prior to that age, I led a rather predictable student life at La Salle. I had a solid network of friends, represented the school in the speech and debating circles, and did well in the academics. My only regret perhaps was my not so enthusiastic response to sports activities. My comfort zone vanished, however, at age seventeen when I left La Salle in order to follow my family to Canada. While I felt excited about exploring new opportunities, I recall vividly the sadness and frustration that I experienced as a teenager from losing my friends, my social network, and essentially my track record that I had established at La Salle in my early years. More importantly, I was forced to venture into the unknown and unfamiliar. Naturally, I had to learn quickly how to redefine what I want to do in life – not an easy task for a seventeen-year-old in the midst of uncertainty for the future.



It is during such tough times when I realize that my training at La Salle during my early formative years prepares me well and plays a tremendous role in energizing and sustaining me when facing adversity. Many of us would describe this sense of inner strength as the Lasallian spirit. Our school motto of fides et opera, which translates as faith and work, reminds us the importance of believing in what we do despite uncertainty, and then taking courageous action at the same time. Fides et opera is the essential fuel that lights up the Lasallian spirit within us. This is what makes Lasallians unique. This is what sustains me to doing what I love, as a geriatrics doctor, as a university dean professor, and as a person who aspires for lifelong learning. This is what motivates me to get out of my comfort zone – who could have predicted that I am now a sports enthusiast, swimming and doing pool drills six days a week!



Fast forward to 2017 and little seems to have changed, at least on the surface. Young Lasallians these days are still busy with the same myriad of activities in and out of school, but with several new twists. The world has become much faster paced, placing increasing emphasis and pressure on young people to get a head start earlier and earlier in life. Inter-personal relationships have become more complicated with advancing social channels. Technology has exploded such that it can be challenging to plough through the plethora of information made available by a simple tap on a smart phone. To be a teenager today is definitely not easy.

This is where each of us can help to make a difference by offering our mentorship and support, one young Lasallian at a time. Over the past decade, I have had the honour and privilege to mentor over a hundred young Lasallians, beginning in their senior form years at La Salle and continuing throughout their university years and beyond. Many of them are in the field of medicine, but many more are in other areas such as business, law, engineering, fine arts, to name a few. This is not surprising, as many students have not necessarily decided on their field of post-secondary studies until after their diploma of secondary examinations. Our life stories, shared through the lenses of fides et opera, are like sparks that ignite the Lasallian spirit that is already implanted within our younger colleagues. I have found mentoring young Lasallians to be one of the most rewarding experiences.



A picture is worth a thousand words. I would like to conclude by including a few recent photos of young Lasallians whom I have the pleasure of mentoring. I feel blessed to play a role in each of their life journeys, and to have touched their lives in a small but inspiring way. On this 85th anniversary of La Salle College, I invite you to join me in embracing the Lasallian spirit and extending it to young Lasallians.

Roger Wong (1984)





HIGH COURT VISIT & MEETING WITH JUDGE DAVID LOK (1982)

September 29th was the school's annual Swimming Gala. Students needed not participate in swimming events were offered choices of Other Learning Experience activities - one of which was a visit to the High Court organized by OBA to hear real trials and to meet old boy Judge David Lok (1982).

With the guidance of 3 old boy barristers Tommy Lo (1977), David Fong (1988) and Tony Ko (1998), we started at 9 am with discussion of Hong Kong's legal system. Then we went to see trials of some criminal, civil and judicial review cases. Briefings and debriefings of the cases were given by the old boys. Then at 12 noon, we met with Judge David Lok who talked about his challenging career as a high court judge. There were questions and discussions and the boys learned a lot about judiciary matters including common law/case Law/ continental Law; criminal/civil cases; jury system; legal careers; study options, etc.

We would like to thank all the old boys for their efforts in making this visit a fruitful and interesting one.

Stanley Shum (1979)
Student Affairs Subcommittee

BANKING WORKSHOP AND FINANCIAL MARKETS FOR FORM 5 STUDENTS



With the support of the old boys working in Standard Chartered Bank, the OBA organized a half-day workshop for our students who are interested in a banking career.

The workshop was conducted in an interactive and creative manner, where groups of students used Lego bricks to learn about the key concepts and operations of commercial banks and investment banks, with some insights in the department of Financial Markets and learning what traders watch out for in their daily lives through different examples.

Through a trading simulation game, the students experienced various investment decision making trials (buy/sell financial assets including stocks, currencies, commodities, etc) based on given market scenarios. They also got to hear old boys' sharing of their career paths, working experience and career planning advice. The visit ended with a tour to the bank's trading floor (the live version of the trading simulation game), having a taste of the career as an investment banker.

On behalf of the School and the OBA, we would like to thank the following old boys of Standard Chartered Bank for their time and effort in making the workshop a very good and interesting one.

Hansen Yip (1996) Terrence Tsoi (2001)
Marcus Lam (2014) Jerome Ng (2014)
Jason Tang (2015)

Stanley Shum (1979)
Student Affairs Subcommittee





OLD BOYS' CONCERT 2017



Old Boys' Concert 2017 was successfully held on 9 September 2017 at the Academic Community Hall, HK Baptist University. It was our fifth Old Boys' Concert – what a milestone for all of us!

The Old Boys' Wind Orchestra started off with Joe Hisaishi's *My Neighbour Totoro* (龍貓) and Nigel Hess' *New London Pictures* (guest conducted by our young old boy Marco Leung (2012)). The orchestra then performed Rafael Hernández's *El Cumbanchero* which, by the end, our conductor Kelvin Ngai even dropped his baton and joined the orchestra with his amazing trumpet solo!

The Old Boys' Choir presented 5 amazing pieces. *Widerspruch* by Franz Schubert is a classic. *Take Five* by Paul Desmond and *How High The Moon* by Morgan Lewis are famous jazz pieces. *Hol' You Han'* by Paul Rardin is a traditional Jamaican choral composition which includes actions and movements. The last piece was *Best Day of My Life* by American Authors, which is a brisk rock piece.



Our Old Boys' Chinese Orchestra performed *Memories* (憶) by Liu Changyuan (劉長遠). The piece was commissioned and premiered by the Taipei Chinese Orchestra in August 2012. We were sure that the two movements – *Heart-warming Memories* and *Ardent Memories* – brought a lot of precious memories to the the audience.



The Old Boys' Symphony Orchestra performed Donato Lovreglio's *Fantasia* on themes from Verdi's *La Traviata*, featuring our talented old boy clarinetist Frederick Fung (2010). The piece contains virtuosic variations that challenge the limits of the clarinet and the soloist. Lastly, the orchestra played Mahler's *Symphony No. 5 - Movement V: Rondo-Finale*. It was such a monumental masterpiece and push the concert to the climax! Of course, our school song served as a perfect ending for the evening.

It was beyond words to see so many old boys, current boys, teachers, families and friends at the concert. We were privileged to have so many sponsors being so faithful to us for another great event. It was also our honor to have our esteemed old boys – Jack So (64) and John Tsang (68) – with us for the evening.

Concert recordings are available on <http://mblscoba.wixsite.com/home>

Music Board, LSCOPA



DOCTORS OF LA SALLE ANNUAL DINNER 2017



Following the success of the previous year, the LSCOPA Medical Subcommittee has once again hosted the Doctors of La Salle Annual dinner on 29th September 2017. It was held at the most glamorous landmark of our profession, the Run Run Shaw Hall of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. This year we had another record breaking 250 attendees including Lasallian doctors and medical graduates-to-be from class 1968-2017 gathered, who were spontaneously connected by our strong spirit! It was our honour to have Mr. John Tsang (68) as our guest of honour who delivered an inspiring speech on aging. Moreover, we were delighted to have our principal Mr Tong, primary school principal Mrs Rakesh and many current and former teachers joining us for the event.

"Doctors of La Salle" souvenirs including a tailor-made USB card and serviettes, were produced for the event to enhance our sense of belonging to our alma mater. There was a lucky draw which was sponsored by LSCOPA and various old boys. Several old boys doctors led a classical music performance, demonstrating their varied talents.

Through this dinner, it was hoped that our doctors can gather with their classmates and make new friends, be he a senior or junior. With the consolidated Lasallian spirit, our network shall assist each other so that each of us can flourish in the medical field through our synergy.

Thomas Fung (1996)



NEW DISCOUNT FUEL CARD

Recently, LSCOPA is joining hands with Lok Hei Development Ltd. to offer you the Lok Hei Discount Fuel Card. Not only will you get an attractive rebate of HKD2.50/litre for every visit to Shell petrol station (except 2 stations near HK International Airport), Lok Hei will also donate HKD0.10/litre to LSCOPA for the development of the Association.

As a token of appreciation, successful applicants will be offered either a set of LSCOPA Car Stickers or a LSCOPA Luggage Tag as a welcome gift. Please visit lscoba.com to download the application form.

REUNION GATHERING SUPPORT

The Association is pleased to support your class reunion functions like booking of school hall, campus visits and souvenir sales. Feedback from each reunion function has been positive, and we are thankful to the class reunion organizers for donations made to LSC.

If you are planning your class reunion and thinking of holding it at LSC, please contact us at school-liaison@lscoba.com.

Stanley Shum (1984)



Orphan Outreach at Suzhou, March 2016. From left to right: George Ng (75), Roger Wong (75), myself, Michael Lee (75), Peter Leung (75)

When the old boys get together...

Sharing life stories and reminiscing fond memories of the good old days are often the reasons why old boys get together. But to serve and to give, are the more meaningful reasons for old boys to get together, and to walk the talk of “La Salle is something more”.

Hearts to conquer every ill

I founded MedArt, a medical and musical charitable organisation, in 2003. MedArt has been serving orphans in China and prisoners in Hong Kong through Orphan Outreach and Music Outreach programmes. A group of old boys joined me to the Orphan Outreach Programme in March 2016 and visited Suzhou to serve the orphans with a variety of medical and basic needs. Michael Lee (75), Peter Leung (75),

George Ng (75), and Roger Wong (75) took up various roles in the mission, applying their expertise in logistics, auditing and legal affairs, to serve the orphans in every single way we could.

And no matter where we go, high aloft her flag we will hold

As an advocate to serve and to bring awareness to the forgotten, MedArt hosted the Spina Bifida International Forum in Hong Kong in September 2016. Without any hesitation, a group of motivated and enthusiastic old boys poured in to give a hand at this meaningful occasion. The meeting was an unprecedented success, and the valuable experience shared across the globe improved the care for patients with spina bifida.



Spina Bifida International Forum, September 2016. From left to right (first row): Simon Cho (75), myself (75), John Tsang (68), Frank Chan (75), Roger Wong (75); from left to right (second row): Philip Chan (75), Alex Tai (75), Francis Kwong (75), Alan Chow (77)

Boys of courage, boys of daring

With a bold intention to expand the service of MedArt to other parts of China, a small group of old boys and myself ventured a feasibility trip to Zhengzhou. Bringing together our expertise in medicine, auditing and logistics, we established more relationships, formed a sustainable plan and drafted a proposal to lobby for more funds to support the meaningful work of MedArt.

And strive that her fame may grow

Continuity and sustainability are the key, to a successful organisation. We are blessed to have Dr Raymond Kan (03) who joined us last year. Just like myself, Raymond is a urologist with a heart to serve. We have been working together to show everyone what Lasallians can do. Raymond shared the same vision of MedArt and he has been an active volunteer with us. We appeal to younger generations of Lasallians to join us to develop the work of MedArt. We are calling for more Lasallians to join us: doctors, musicians, and old boys from all walks of life can contribute in one way or the other.



Zhengzhou, September 2017. From left to right: Ringo Lee (75), George Ng (75), myself (75), Michael Lee (75)

But La Salle is something more

On 12 November 2017, MedArt hosted the MedArt Charity Concert (medartconcert.com) to celebrate the success of the work of MedArt. It was a precious occasion for volunteers, musicians, donors and beneficiaries to get together. We hope to meet more Lasallians in MedArt's future endeavour.

Learn more about us:

MedArt website: medart.org.hk

MedArt Charity Concert 2017: medartconcert.com

Facebook page: [MedArt.hk](https://www.facebook.com/MedArt.hk)

John Ngan (1975)

...they will always sing this song



Side by side: different generations of LaSallians working for the same goal. From left to right: Raymond Kan (03) and myself (75)



ROUND TABLE DINNER 2017 - "WHAT MAKES HONG KONG GREAT"

Over 60 Old Boys and 30 current students, including the school's SA cabinet, attended the RTD with the topic Dinner "What makes Hong Kong Great". Frank shared with us why HK was and would continue to be the best city in the world for business. Mr Frank Chan 陳帆, a senior old boy from the class of 1975, was appointed Secretary for Transport and Housing 運輸及房屋局局長 on 1 July 2017. Before assuming this post, Mr Chan was the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services and the General Manager of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund since December 2011.

It was a wonderful gathering and we are looking forward to seeing you in the next RTD!

Ray Sun (1985)



HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE - WAR REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES



The Heritage Sub-committee had a busy start to the new school term. On 7 November, the OBA Heritage team brought all LSPS P.4 boys to visit the Wong Ngai Chung Gap Battle trail and the Stanley Military Cemetery. This annual outing introduces our students to the Battle of Hong Kong that took place in December 1941. We started by showing the boys the basic background of the battle followed by us showing the boys some war artifacts donated to the school by some collectors.

Then the boys were driven to Wong Ngai Chung Gap and were shown the remaining military facilities, the route where the Japanese army advanced and how the HK Volunteers defended the Gap. Many of these locations we visited were manned by old boys and teachers from La Salle College and St Joseph's College. In defending Hong Kong, many of these Lasallians did not survive the battle. After a picnic lunch, the boys were then taken to Stanley Military Cemetery and we paid respects at the graves of the war dead Lasallians by laying flowers, offering prayers and singing the school song.

The following Sunday, 12th November, was the HK Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in Central. The school, represented by Principal Tong, the 17th Kowloon (La Salle) Scouts Group and Old Boys' Association, represented by President Roger Lee, each laid a wreath for our school's and HK's war dead. The Heritage team was present to explain to the attending students of the meaning of the service and how Lasallians took part in the defending of HK.

We carry out these activities so that we share with our boys on the cruelty of wars, as well as to explain to them the courage and manliness of those who took part in the defense.



Any old boy interested in taking part in these activities, or wish to explore more of the school's rich history, please contact the team at heritage@lscoba.com.

Heritage Sub-Committee



A JOINT DINNER FINANCE TALK WITH MS AGNES WU 胡孟青女士



A Joint Dinner Finance Talk Event with Maryknoll Convent School Former Students' Association ("MCSFSA"), organized by LSC OBA's Professional Network Subcommittee - Finance and Accounting was held on Thursday, 2 November 2017 at the Bankers Club Hong Kong. We were glad to have Ms Agnes Wu 胡孟青女士 being our guest speaker sharing her views on the investment market. We look forward to organizing more similar events for OBA members in the time ahead.

Robert Lui (95)
 Convenor, Professional Network Subcommittee - Finance and Accounting

PUN CHOI CHARITY DINNER



The Association jointly organized a charity pun choi dinner with the Hong Kong Society of Medical Professionals chaired by Past President Dr. Bernard Kong (76) for a total of 9 beneficiary groups, including 救世軍, 香港聖公會九龍城家庭支援網絡服務, 女青年會, 東華三院黃祖棠長者地區中心, 觀塘明愛長者中心 and friends from the missionary of charity, 元州邨長者福利會, and 旺角街坊會陳慶社會服務中心. We would like to thank Dr. Bernard Chan for being our Guest of Honour, La Salle College for letting us use the school hall to host the event, the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps No. 407 Squadron - LSC for sending the cadet helpers as well as all sponsors and entertainers for supporting the event.

Robert Lui (1995)
 Convenor, Community Service Subcommittee

SOUVENIR SALES

We proudly present 5 new souvenir items for this term. All products will be available for online ordering. Please visit <http://www.lscoba.com/souvenirs.php?catid=2&subid=48> for more details.

1. Official Blazer with LSCOBA Badge

- a. Please place order on our website
- b. Our Administrative Manager will email you to confirm your order and provide contact information of our designated tailor
- c. Call the tailor to make appointment for measurement and pay at the tailor

Regular price is \$4,500 and we are offering a special promotional price at \$3,900 (offer valid until Feb 28, 2018)



2. Travel Adaptor (\$100)

3. Chinese New Year "Red Envelop" (\$100/set)

4. Cufflinks (\$200)

5. Men's Business Folder Bag (\$280)



REST IN PEACE, LARGER-THAN-LIFE LASALLIAN - SIR DAVID TANG



The Hong Kong La Salle community was saddened to learn in August of the passing of Sir David Tang Wing-Cheung KBE (鄧永鏘爵士), an old boy of La Salle Primary School, although many only then realised that he was a Lasallian.

David was born in Hong Kong on 2nd August 1954 to the prominent family of Tang, and his grandfather was Sir Shiu-kin Tang. David and his brother were raised by his grandmother, while his parents moved to UK. David became a Catholic in order to enter La Salle Primary School, a religion he remained loyal to. At Primary 5, at the age of 13, David moved to England to re-join his parents, to settle in a boarding school in Cambridge. He later went on to King's College in London to study Philosophy and Law.

In 1994, he started the Shanghai Tang brand, which brought traditional Chinese designs to the global market for the first time. In fact, this brand did much to improve the stereotype of "Made in China" being inferior. He later also founded the China Club with branches in Hong Kong, Beijing and Singapore and other business ventures.

David was Knighted (OBE) in 2008 in recognition of his generous charity work in various causes.

What we know of David is almost all second hand. But one first-hand experience is that the Old Boys' Association kept a close contact with Sir David - or rather his office in Hong Kong - when we approached him to support us in our event sponsorships. Even though we in the OBA never had the opportunity to meet Sir David in person, he never once failed to offer a sumptuous sponsorship to all our requests. The OBA is most thankful for that generosity.

David passed away on 29th August 2017. In many an obituary published, there seems to echo a repetition of strong verbs to describe the man. Fortright. Unapologetic. Honest. Courageous. Defiant. Outspoken. Kind. Sensitive. Intelligent. Learned. Humorous. Generously. Caring.

While we cannot knowledgeably comment and claim that David's character at least partially a rendition our school song, and the personal characteristics it inspires, what we can say is we are proud to have had an old boy who was such a larger-than-life character, a man that was, in our vocabulary, unquestionably "something-more".

Following Sir David's passing, his widow Lucy donated a portion of his collection of books to a used book store in Hong Kong, and the collection may go on display in La Salle in future. We hope that such an occasion materialises, so that we can "meet with Sir David", even though not in person, through the books he much loved.

On behalf of all old boys, we offer our heartfelt condolences to David's family, and we pray for the repose of the soul of our fellow Lasallian, David Tang.

Mark Huang (85)
Heritage Sub-Committee

LSCOBA CREDIT CARD



LSCOBA, in partnership with OCBC Wing Hang Bank ("the Bank"), continues to provide attractive benefits to card holders. The key objective of this credit card program is to generate extra and recurring funding for support of student scholarships, activities, and school development programs. For every dollar spent on the card, the Bank will give a percentage back to the OBA, and for every principal card issued, the Bank will donate \$150 to the fund pool in support of students' activities. During this term, new welcome gift - La Salle Name Card Holders with a function of Cell Phone Stand is offered, plus a choice of 5% spending rebate up to a maximum HK\$150 for the first 3 months or our LSCOBA Special Edition Octopus once a spending of HKD 3,000 is reached. Please download the application form from lscoba.com to apply one now.

David Leung (1981)



LSCOBA PHOTO COMPETITION 2017/18

THEME OF COMPETITION - "VIVA LA SALLE"

Who can join?

Entrants must be La Salle College Old Boys and members of the LSCOBA. Current OBA committee members are not eligible to participate.

Submission Channel

- Via LSCOBA Email
- The subject of your email should be "LSCOBA Photo Competition 2017/18 - Your Name and Class"
- Entry must not exceed 15MB and must be in JPEG format.
- Its resolution must be 8.0-megapixel or above
- Email Address: photo2017@lscoba.com

Format

- Each entrant can submit no more than 1 entry
- All photos must be original work
- All submissions must come with a title not exceeding 20 characters (Chinese) or words (English) and a caption not exceeding 50 characters (Chinese) or words (English)
- Entrants can submit their recent work or their original old photos of La Salle

Schedule

- Submission Period: 10 November to 1 February 2018, 11:59pm
- Voting Period: 3 February 2018 to 25 February 2018, 11:59pm

Result Announcement

Results will be announced at the LSCOBA Spring Dinner 2018

Judging Criteria

- The judging criteria include creativity, picture composition, and shooting technique related to the theme
- Winners will be selected by online voting (50%) and OBA Committee 2017 - 2018 with the school principal (50%)

Voting System

All Entries will be uploaded to our FB page "LSCOBA Photo Competition 2017/18" after 2 February 2018.

Prizes

- Winners will receive LSCOBA Credit Card free spending credit
 - Champion - HKD1500
 - 1st runner-up - HKD1000
 - 2nd runner-up - HKD500

Coordinator:

Edison Siu (2008)

Contributors:

Jack So (1964)
Peter Choy (LSPS 1967)
Stanley Shum (1984)
Mark Huang (1985)
Thomas Fung (1996)

Joseph Lee (1969)
John Ngan (1975)
Roger Wong (1984)
Ray Sun (1985)
Gilbert Fung (1998)
Claudio Chan (2008)

Benjamin Chang (LSPS 1967)
Stanley Shum (1979)
Roger Lee (1985)
Herman Bo (1989)
Martin So (2004)