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# Lasallian mission in Hong Kong celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

[Brother Dennis Magbanua](#)



The Hong Kong Lasallian Family is thrilled to announce the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lasallian Mission in Hong Kong which runs from January 2025 to December 2025. The event aims to bridge the past with the present under the theme “150 Years of Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds, and Transforming Lives.” This milestone serves as a reminder of the rich heritage and enduring impact of the Lasallian mission, urging the Lasallian community to honour a legacy dedicated to educating young people, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged.

In 1875, six French and Irish Brothers arrived in Hong Kong to establish St. Joseph’s College as their first school. The commitment to continue this mission by providing quality education within the Catholic and Lasallian tradition remains strong across all Lasallian schools and outreach projects.

The goal of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to inspire all Lasallians to deepen their faith, embrace a spirit of service, and foster a sense of community among students, staff, alumni, and parents. It calls for the Lasallian family to extend their mission beyond the classroom and to reach out to those on the margins of society. Guided by the Biblical question, “Where is your brother/sister?”, this celebration invites reflection on the needs of people living on the peripheries of our communities.



In commemorating this rich history, the Lasallian family will express its creativity through various projects and activities that highlight stories, achievements, and the enduring values of Faith, Service, and Community. The first event of this year-long celebration was the Joint School Mass and Kickoff Ceremony, held on Saturday, January 25, at the school hall of La Salle Primary School in Kowloon. Cardinal Stephen Chow S.J. was the principal celebrant, with several priests concelebrating. Many De La Salle Brothers attended the Mass along with members of the Lasallian East Asia District [LEAD] leadership team and those who previously served in Hong Kong.

All eight Lasallian schools—Chan Sui Ki [La Salle College], Chan Sui Ki [La Salle Primary School], Chong Gene Hang College, De La Salle Secondary School New Territories, La Salle Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School, and St. Joseph's College—were represented by their supervisors, principals, students, alumni, and parents. Former school administrators also joined the celebration.

The Mass began with a procession of the relics of St. John Baptist de La Salle and other Lasallian saints, followed by the eight school flags carried by the school principals. In his homily, Cardinal Stephen reminded everyone of their role in teaching students to love others.

Following the Mass, a kickoff ceremony took place. Brother Dennis Magbanua, head of the Hong Kong Lasallian Family, thanked the organisers and expressed his immense privilege in serving alongside the Brothers and Lasallian partners in Hong Kong. He felt deeply humbled by the unwavering commitment of each family member to the shared mission—to educate minds, touch hearts, and transform the lives of students through their daily actions.

Brother Jose Mari Jimenez, the brother visitor of LEAD, read a congratulatory message from the Superior General of the Christian Brothers in Rome. After the countdown to officially launch the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, students from De La Salle Secondary School performed a Lion Dance, followed by an award-winning Chinese Drum presentation by La Salle Primary School students.

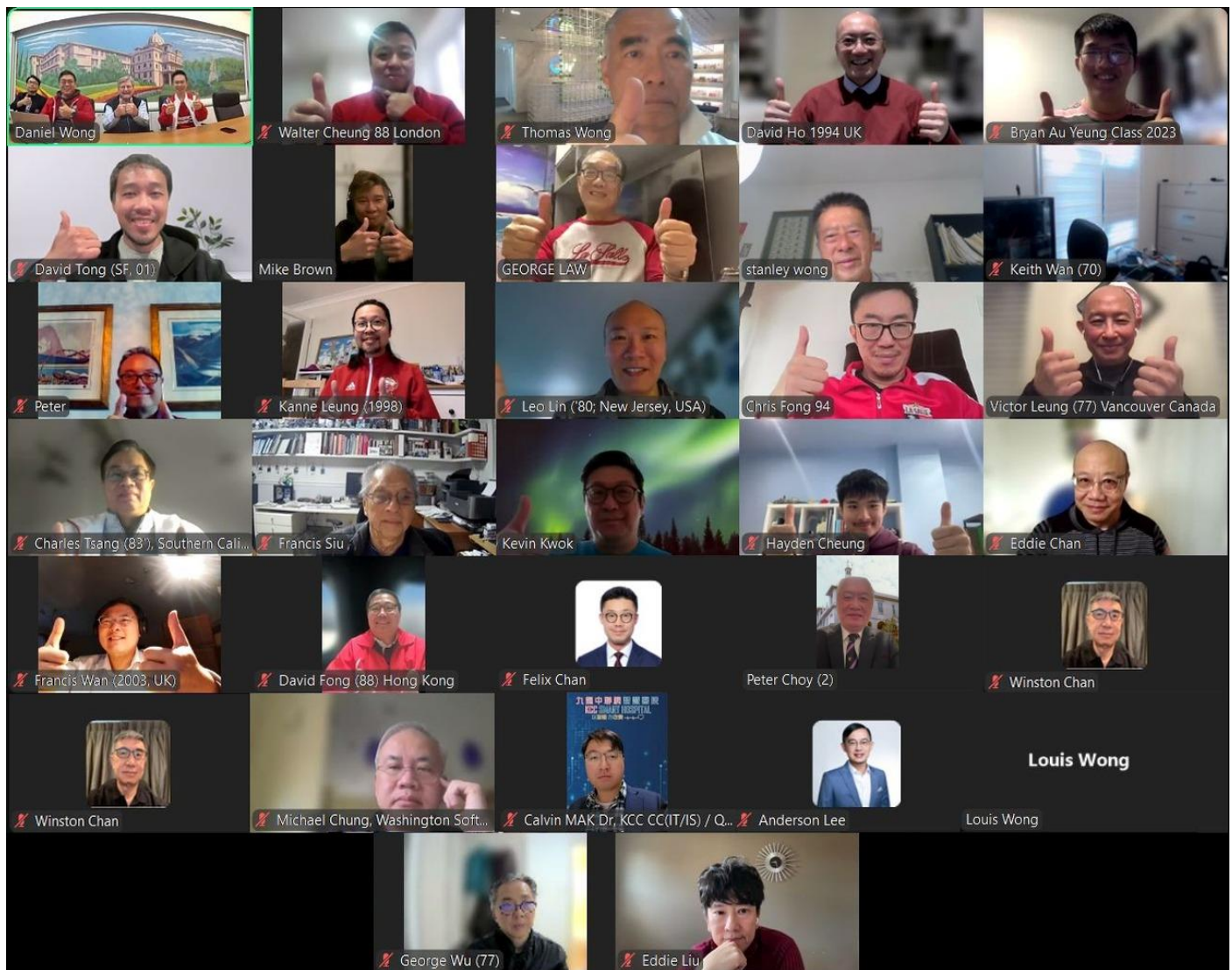


# When the Old Boys get together...virtually to celebrate New Year

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On 1 February 2025, the fourth day of the Lunar New Year, we held a Lunar New Year online celebration session with members overseas and in Hong Kong. We were also honoured by the presence of Brother Thomas.

This online celebration has become a cherished tradition, a hallmark event that the La Salle Old Boys community looks forward to every year. It provides an opportunity to reconnect with both familiar and new faces from different corners of the world, sharing festive joy and blessings with one another. Once again, the LSCOBA would like to wish you all a prosperous Year of Snake, and continue to give our very best to La Salle.





# Toronto Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament & Spring Dinner

Kevin Kwok (88)

The Toronto Chapter 2025 Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner took place on 9 March 2025 at NKS Banquet Hall (帝豪名宴), bringing together 233 old boys and guests for an unforgettable evening of camaraderie and fun.

The mahjong competition was intense, with over 52 players competing at 10 tables, while 3 non-competing tables provided a more relaxed setting for casual play. The afternoon's excitement culminated in the presentation of the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy by our chapter president, Kevin Kwok (1988), to the highest-scoring old boy, Kelvin Ho (2019).



We were honored to welcome two beloved retired teachers, Mr. Chan Tong and Mr. Shum Mow Kee, who graced us with their presence, along with 10 joint school alumni representatives who joined us for the dinner. A particularly heartwarming moment came when Mr. Chan Tong led the presentation of 70 gifts (La Salle aircraft model and Nanoblock LSC Old Campus model) donated by our Alma Mater to senior old boys — a gesture that highlighted the lasting bonds and deep connections that unite the La Salle family.

The evening gained further momentum with a lively mid-event auction, adding excitement while raising additional funds. Dr. William Chan (69) donated four pieces of artwork by late Brother Henry for auction. Congratulations to Stlina Kwok, keeper of Kevin Kwok (88), for winning the bid!

To cap off the night, a thrilling lucky draw brought smiles and joy to all.

Our Chapter would like to thank the great efforts of Danny Au Yeung (67), Ambrose Cheung (70), Ken Wong (90), Raymond Dau (91), Chris Fong (94), Michael Kong (94), Clarence Lee (98), Alex Tsoi (2016), and Kenny Fong (2017).

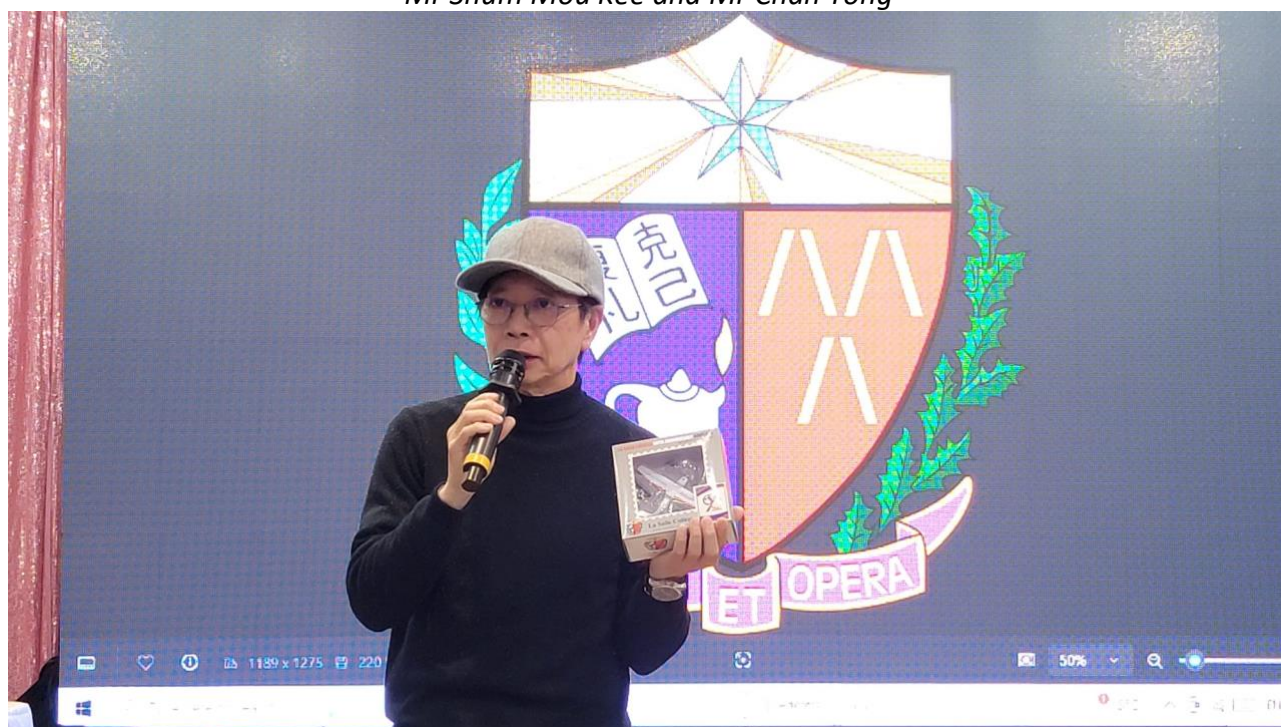
Thank you to everyone who made this event a success! We look forward to seeing you all again in 2026 for another memorable gathering!







*Mr Shum Mou Kee and Mr Chan Tong*



*Chan sir with a La Salle aircraft model*





*Mahjong game winner, Kelvin Ho (2019)*





Artwork by late Brother Henry for auction



Lucky draw







*Cheers and selfies*





## Chinese New Year Celebration in New York/New Jersey Region

Peter Lai (66)

Despite being in the middle of a cold and windy weekend, 30 Old Boys and their families got together on February 22, a Saturday afternoon, to celebrate the Year of the Snake. As always, the event took place at the Orchard Chinese Restaurant located in Garden City, New York, it is the most favor restaurant for the OBs because its owner and chef, James Ng (Class of 66), always creates a house's specialties menu for the occasion, especially the mouthwatering orchid duck and the Sichuan style dan-dan noodles.

As in most of the OB gatherings, there are plentiful excellent wines and liquors available for enjoyment; to ensure the safety of many long-distance out-of-town participants, as well as to avoid night driving whenever possible, the celebration luncheon took place from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, and everybody appreciated this practical idea.

In short, the event was very successful as everyone had a fun time catching up along with a wonderful delicious meal. Last but not least, our heartfelt thank you to James and his staff again for the arrangement and friendly services. To this end, on behalf of all the participants, wishing a Happy, Healthy, and Successful Year of the Snake to all the OBs and families around the globe.



## Chinese New Year Celebration in Washington DC

Eddie Liu (88)

So good seeing so many familiar faces at the alumni Chinese New Year dinner! Always such a treat catching up with good friends who go way back! For those who couldn't make it (and anyone else who might be around next time!), hope to catch you later!



*Dinner gathering in Rockville, Maryland*

## Vancouver Chapter Spring Dinner Gathering

Victor Leung (77)





As part of a Chinese New Year celebration tradition, an annual CNY Spring Dinner Celebration Dinner was held in February 16, 2025 at the Fortune Terrace Chinese Restaurant in Richmond, BC. About 40 members and guests attended the dinner-karaoke CNY celebration.

Vancouver Chapter was delighted to see newer members joining us at the dinner. The chapter has not had members from post-2000 class year for quite some time now!

Vancouver Chapter would like to give special thanks to Oscar Yip (2015) who was able to join us at the dinner with his wife. They were making their short visit at Vancouver and had arrived from Hong Kong that evening, just in time to join us for the dinner celebration! Thanks for coming Oscar!



L-R: Raymond Iu (1973), Nelson Ng (2002), Oscar Yip (2015), Alfred Lam (2016), Joe Tsang (2017), Victor Leung (1977)

## Chinese New Year Celebration in South California

Ambrose Lee (98)

Thank you for coming to our Spring Dinner. It was so much fun! See you next time!



## Class 73 mini-reunion in Toronto



*A series of four exciting episodes brought alumni together for a memorable weekend in Toronto, filled with camaraderie and shared experiences.*

## An Introduction to Freemasonry

Christopher Liu (77)

Friends and alumni often wonder what freemasonry is about. It is essentially a fraternity, a community or a club of men interested in camaraderie, self-improvement and helping those in need. Our motto is brotherly love, relief and truth. Gentlemen seeking membership must be of mature age (18 or above) and be of good character. They must have a belief in a higher being. This does not translate to being religious or belonging to any religion. They should understand we are interdependent with other members of society. There should also be an understanding of time and monetary commitments. Members also need to own a dark suit, white shirt, white gloves, a black necktie and black leather shoes. Such is our attire when we meet.

What do we do? We meet regularly for lodge business, ceremonies and enjoy dinner afterwards. The dinner is referred to as the “festive board”. The lodge is the smallest unit of freemasonry. It consists of a couple of dozen to many dozens of brethren. The lead person in each lodge is called the “Worshipful Master”.



Generally speaking, a new person assumes this role each year. The next unit up is a "Province" (e.g. Sussex) or "District" (e.g. Hong Kong and Far East). So you have the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex or the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and the Far East. The overarching HQ in London is called the "Grand Lodge". Thus far I have been talking about the English Constitution. There are Irish and Scottish Constitutions and Grand Lodges of other countries too. There is general recognition of one another but that is not always the case.

When you first join, there is a ceremony called "Initiation". This is when you are inducted into freemasonry. The lodge you are inducted into is called your "mother lodge". There is a second ceremony called "Passing" and the third called "Raising" before you become a "Master Mason". You can take up roles within your mother lodge and work your way up towards becoming the Worshipful Master. This takes a good few years or much longer depending on whether your lodge is small or large with many brethren waiting to progress. With the ceremonies, there is some learning to do. We call it ritual which consists of memorising lines and floorwork. We pride ourselves in doing good ceremonies.

As a freemason we do not go and collect money from others. We dip into our own pockets and donate without detriment to self or family. The collected money is distributed to both Masonic and non-Masonic causes. We are immensely proud of our charitable acts. We look after one another but at the same time respect the law of the land. We keep an eye on each other's wellbeing and that of our families and widows of departed brethren.

It is difficult to understand why the Catholic Church considers freemasonry to be incompatible with its doctrine. Many Catholics are freemasons and indeed freemasonry has become exceedingly popular in the Philippines where a substantial proportion of the population is Catholic. For me, I can hold a belief and be a scientist. I recognise medicine is a combination of art, craft and science. I also manage to fit into a Western culture whilst still retaining my own Chinese identity, having left Hong Kong close to fifty years ago for the United Kingdom. I experience no personal conflict being Catholic and a freemason.

I have found membership of freemasonry very worthwhile and satisfying in the last quarter of a century or so. As such I am a member of four lodges, two in Sussex and two in Hong Kong. I am also a member of a "Royal Arch" chapter and a "Mark" lodge in Sussex and a "Rose Croix" chapter in London. These are companion orders which you can join once you are a Master Mason. Both my sons are freemasons. I personally Initiated them into my mother lodge, the Royal Clarence Lodge Number 271 which was founded in 1789.

At the other end of the spectrum, a new lodge was Consecrated on 6th June 2024. In freemasonry, there are lodges which are founded by old boys of particular schools, and only such old boys can become members. The newly formed lodge was founded by old boys of St. Joseph's College, La Salle College and Chan Sui Kee School. We welcome alumni of schools which are part of the La Salle Foundation.

I hope this summary is of interest. I am the Overseas Membership Officer of this new lodge so please let me know if you should like to find out more.

Professor Christopher Liu OBE PProvSGD PM271  
LSC77, Honorary Life President, UK Chapter



*with my sons in masonic regalia. Henry (left) was Initiated into Royal Clarence Lodge Number 271 in Sussex, England on 15th September 2023. George (right) was by that time already a Master Mason.*



*The Founder's Jewel of the newly Consecrated Lodge. Only founders are entitled to wear this medal.*

## Notice: Toronto Annual General Meeting 2025 and Dinner

Please be informed that the HKLSOBA - Toronto Annual General Meeting 2025 and Dinner will be held on:

Date: May 15, 2025 (Thursday)

Venue: Casa Deluz Banquet Hall 豪門宴 - 1571 Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough, Ontario

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost for dinner: TBD AGM

Tentative agenda:

1. Confirmation of quorum
2. President's report
3. Financial Report
4. Nomination for the Board of Directors for the new term
5. Election of New Board
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

Please email [kevinkwok26@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkwok26@gmail.com) by May 10, 2025, and indicate your attendance at the dinner and meeting; free of charge for attending the meeting only.



## World Cup 1974 – Total Football (part 4)

Danny Leung (71)

### The Runner-up's path to the final

The fact remained that Holland sneaked into the tournament with luck in the qualifying group stage. They could only tie with Belgium, the talented European Championship runner-up. Belgium hit the post and had a perfectly good goal ruled offside over the two legs. With both teams leveling up on points, Holland superior goal difference of +22 vs +12 saw them through. It was a different matter when the final tournament began as they showed up in swashbuckling style and only conceded an own goal by Krol in its first 6 games. Their attacking play from all over the field caused nightmare for the opponents. Teams such as Uruguay, Bulgaria and Argentina were hard pressed and could hardly cross the midfield line. Uruguay could not even muster a shot on goal against them. Against Argentina, Cruyff and "his team" swept through them with ease in a torrid rainy pitch. However the scoreless game against the organized Swedes revealed their weakness. While Cruyff had been steamrolling with his famous Cruyff's Turn and creating plenty of chances, his box to box team mates' shooting was totally off target. The scoring roles relied mainly on young Neeskens and Rep coming from behind but they lacked a penalty box predator to make goals out of nothing, a Gerd Mueller. Another weakness was their sweeper Haan, while exhibiting great skill in organizing play from the back, truly did not have the same defensive capacity as the replaced and injured Holshoff. Cruyff's infighting with his Ajax team mate Keizer had cost the latter a place in his regular left wing position other than a one-game appearance against Sweden. Keizer was rated almost as good as Cruyff, according to the Dutch media. The absence of the experienced Holshoff and Keizer would be missed in the final game.

Stats – 5 wins, 1 draw, 1 lost. Goals for 15 and conceded 3.

Uruguay 2-0, Sweden 0-0, E. Germany 0-1, Bulgaria 4-0, Argentina 4-0, E. Germany 2-0, Brazil 2-0, W. Germany 1-2.



*Cruyff danced around the Argentina keeper*

# 《喇沙文摘》徵稿

[LSCOA](#)

今年《喇沙文摘》預計將於六月左右正式出版，現正公開徵集舊生投稿！《喇沙文摘》於去年誕生，係舊生會嘅年度刊物，透過網上版同限量嘅實體版供會員及大眾閱讀。今年亦請大家拭目以待。

今年嘅主題係「薪火相傳」，講嘅係一代又一代喇沙仔將喇沙精神傳承俾下一代嘅故事。無論你係畢業後抽時間同師兄弟踢 Old Boys' League、返嚟 coach 辯論隊比賽，定係搞舊生會活動，相信你都有一份獨特嘅經歷想分享。我哋誠邀你寫低你嘅故事，同大家一齊見證喇沙仔之間呢份難能可貴嘅情誼！

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# About the North American Lasallians

This electronic newsletter is a joint bimonthly publication, aiming at fostering communications and serve as a channel to reconnect La Salle old boys in North America and beyond. We welcome submissions of articles and photos that may be of general interest to the old boys community, including, but are not limited to, official announcements and recaps of events hosted by Chapters in North America and/or dedicated old boys (such as class reunion and excursions); old boys community updates from Hong Kong; news and stories of old boys overseas; La Salle related heritage; as well as a few words and/or photos of nostalgia.

Brother Thomas said it quite well at the inauguration of this newsletter in 2009: "The big challenge will be to ensure that that second, third and more editions see the light of day. It will only continue if each Chapter supplies news, views and copy on a regular basis." It would be even better if the word "Chapter" is replaced by "Lasallian". You are urged to help nourish this newsletter by contributing articles, news and even just pictures as often as you can. The subjects of your contributions need not be limited to only materials regarding LSC, LSPS, OBA chapter, HKLSCOBAs and old boys, but may also include other subjects that are of general interest to the old boys community.

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The Chief editors appreciate Brother Dennis Magbanua, and Christopher Liu (77) for their contributions to this issue.

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