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[Kung Kao Po](#)

為慶祝來港辦學 150 周年，香港喇沙會於 6 月 29 日與天主教醫生協會、香港天主教護士會、深水埗聖方濟各堂合辦「第二屆天主教醫院醫療日」，協助專業醫護人員在三小時內，為 500 名基層市民提供快速健康檢查及健康講座。

活動假聖方濟各堂舉行，邀得各主辦團體及支持機構的領導層出席開幕儀式，包括寶血醫院院長衛向安醫生、聖母醫院副院長劉紹華醫生等，並在堂區主任司鐸麥英健神父帶領祈禱後正式開始。

活動內容包括免費量度血壓及血糖、足底反射治療介紹、西醫及物理治療師諮詢、集體運動等，更有幸運兒獲得脂肪肝檢查服務。活動現場亦展示了最新的醫療設備和相關技術支援，讓參加者親身感受新科技帶來的便捷，能更快速地檢查出身體的情況。此外，當日設有兩個主題講座，分別是聖保祿醫院何啟傑醫生主講的「常見的眼疾及治療方法」，及聖德肋撒醫院韓方光醫生主講的「腦退化症最新發展及治療」。

除了由喇沙會麥丹理修士（Dennis Magbanua）帶領一眾喇沙會屬校的醫生校友，這次醫療日亦有數十名來自喇沙書院和張振興伉儷書院等的老師和同學自發參加。他們負責佈置和收拾場地，並設計場地平面圖，協助街坊們一目了然地了解各項檢查服務的所在地及講座詳情，又預備礦泉水和餅乾等贈予參加者。

天主教醫生協會暨香港喇沙會 150 周年籌備委員會（社區服務）成員黃祈恩醫生表示，當日共有 40 多位擁有醫療專業背景的義工，為 500 多名市民提供健康資訊，及利用最新科技為他們進行簡單健康檢查，喜見活動在各機構合作下圓滿舉行，提升了大眾對預防式治療的認知。協會將繼續秉承天主教的事奉精神，提升社區的幸福感。

六位喇沙修士於 150 年前來港創立香港喇沙會，網絡涵蓋多間學校、學院及青年項目，一直秉持及傳承喇沙會創辦人聖若翰·喇沙「信德、服務、團體」（Faith, Service and Community）的三大核心價值，致力推動教育事業，實踐有教無類的大愛精神。



Lasallians Remembered – Andrew Sien '63

Ambrose Lee (98)



On August 14, 2025, we bid our final goodbye to our beloved 師兄 and Lasallian, our Chapter Past President, Andrew Sien '63. May you rest in peace.

August 14th was a day of blessing.

It was a moody and grey morning in Fremont, the thick grey cloud seemed to tell us that it was hard to say goodbye. At 10am, we arrived at the front yard lawn of the Cedar Lawn Cemetery, patiently waiting the ceremony to proceed. After the mass, the prayers, we each said goodbye to Andrew. A beam of light then stroked through the sky and shined on Andrew's ceremony tent, since then the grey morning gradually became a bright day, a clear sky with warm California sunshine. We all know Andrew was saying his goodbye.

Andrew had rested peacefully.

Dear Lasallians, thank you for your kindness and love towards Andrew!



80th Anniversary of War Victory

Mark Huang ('85)

With a series of commemorative activities commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War this September, it is time to pay tributes to some of the brave Lasallians who had lived up to the school motto "Fides et Opera" and sacrificed their precious lives defending Hong Kong. It is also worth reliving some of the past war-related histories of the La Salle Old Campus during the war era. With permission from Mark Huang (85), we are republishing excerpts of some of the stories printed in **Sons of La Salle Everyone – A History of La Salle College and Primary School 1932-2007**. Additional stories are available in Chapter 5 of the publication.

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As the year progressed, news of war began to receive greater coverage in the media. In July, the Hong Kong Government passed legislation that male British subjects aged between 18 and 41 were required for conscription. In the following month, the Government also encouraged non-British Nationals men to join the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (HKVDC). The College teachers, Francis Lim and Chung Yew Mun, who were active in the Scouting activities, signed up. Maximo Cheng (40), then still a student in Class 3, was also successfully persuaded to join the HKVDC by Francis Lim.





War veteran Maximo Cheng (40) lays a wreath at a War Dead Memorial. The late Arthur Gomes (32) is third in the row.

When Japan attacked Guangzhou, a mere eighty miles north of Hong Kong, the British government effected the first emergency regulations for the Colony. Britain had already put in place detailed war measures, including emergency legislation, which would control all elements of daily life of its subjects in order to best organize resources for the war effort. Hong Kong was no exception, and also had similar procedures in place.

At the outbreak of war, land, air and sea transportation movements were to be restricted, and access to the harbour would also be limited. The price of essential foodstuffs would be controlled. Another measure would be the rounding up and internment of German nationals' resident in the Colony. The Hong Kong Government was already eyeing the La Salle College grounds for use as a hospital should Hong Kong be drawn into any conflicts. The Brothers had good cause for concern. Brother Cassian's diary provides the background:

In reviewing the events of 1939, should we not begin with what occupied the minds of people on all sides, namely the converting of our buildings into concentration camps. Right from the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War [summer of 1937], we had occasional visits from high-ranking officers of Great Britain in the Far East. We were given to understand that they were planning to set up a hospital in the College for war casualties, gas victims in particular.

But towards the end of July their visits became more frequent, and it was soon evident that the original plan was being shelved, and then without advance warning they decided to open a concentration camp at the College.

As events unfolded, Brother Cassian would find that the events in Europe were not the blessing that he had hoped for. Although the Japanese attacks on mainland China were geographically closer to Hong Kong, it was Hitler's aggressions in Europe that were to directly hit La Salle College first.

On Friday, 1st September 1939, Hitler's German forces invaded Poland. Britain and France issued an ultimatum to Germany to withdraw troops. Germany ignored the ultimatum and on the deadline's expiration on 3rd September, Britain and France declared war on Germany.

As Hong Kong was a British Colony, the Hong Kong Police immediately rounded up all German nationals, who had become "enemy aliens" on the outbreak of war. To be exact, the ultimatum for Germany expired at 7:00

pm Hong Kong time on 3rd September. A mere two hours afterwards, German internees began to be driven to the College. Brother Cassian's side of the story continued in his community diary:

Then came the Anglo-French ultimatum to Germany which expired on 3rd September. 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 3rd 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.

Judging from the order of events and the expiration of the ultimatum, the transformation of the campus to a prison-camp setting might have taken place concurrently, and soon after the internees began to arrive at the College.

Old Boy Jack Lao (39) recalls:

Chinese workmen arrived at the campus and began to pile wooden pillars and bamboo towers around the College campus. We later found out that coils of barbed wire were to be set up between these poles. The two stairway- entrances on Boundary Street were cordoned off, and the only entrance to the College for pedestrians and vehicles was the entrance from La Salle Road.



Jack Lao (39) is honored at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Seen in the book "The Diaries of the Maryknoll Sisters in Hong Kong", the Maryknoll Sisters recorded the following entry for 4th September 1939:

... Despite the war scare and the flights of thousands from Hong Kong there was a continuous stream of new registrations for the school [Maryknoll]. It has been our custom to ask hospitality of them [the Brothers] for any priest guest. Our Retreat Master cut his stay one night short and explained to us that the Brothers had all gone. Today we learned the reason. The College grounds have been wired off and fortified as a concentration camp. Today the Germans in Hong Kong were incarcerated there....

What transpires from this record is that the general public in Hong Kong was unaware that La Salle College was turned into a German internment camp, at least not immediately after the occupation began. Further, it is clear that the Brothers were made to leave the residence and College with very short notice.

In two days, the College had its doors, gates and grilled windows sealed, and the College was transformed into a concentration camp. Four bamboo towers were erected in the corners of the campus, to enable surveying inside and outside the school grounds. Other measures taken by the Government included the closing of the East and West Lamma Channels, price control for staple foodstuffs as well as the control of various modes of transportation.

To be continued ...

## Toronto Chapter Joint School Soccer Fun Day 2025

Toronto Chapter

Under the bright summer sun of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the spirit of friendly rivalry and enduring fellowship was on full display at the Joint School Soccer Fun Day. The event brought together alumni from five prestigious institutions: La Salle Old Boys' Association, Chinese University Alumni, Joint Salesian Group, St. Joseph College Hong Kong Alumni, and Joint Wah Yan (Kowloon and Hong Kong).



The day was filled with thrilling matches, showcasing not just skill and strategy, but the true essence of sportsmanship that binds these school communities together.

### Undefeated on the Pitch: A Stellar Performance

Amidst the talented teams, one squad emerged with a particularly impressive record. The La Salle Old Boys' Association team put on a magnificent display of football, finishing the day undefeated with two wins and two draws. This outstanding performance, the best among all participating teams, was a testament to their teamwork, determination, and skill on the field.

Adding to the pride and unity of the squad was the debut of their brand-new set of OBA soccer jerseys. The fresh kit, worn with distinction, symbolized a new chapter for the team while honouring a rich legacy.





### The True Victory: Friendship and Community

While the results on the pitch were celebrated, the true winner of the day was the unwavering spirit of friendship. The event was characterized by a warm and friendly atmosphere, where handshakes and laughter were as common as tackles and goals. Old friendships were rekindled, and new connections were forged, beautifully demonstrating that the bonds formed in school halls extend far beyond, onto the green pitch. The 2025 Joint School Soccer Fun Day was more than just a tournament; it was a powerful reaffirmation of community, camaraderie, and the beautiful game that unites us all.

### Final Participating Teams:

La Salle Old Boys' Association  
 Chinese University Alumni  
 Joint Salesian Group  
 St. Joseph College Hong Kong Alumni  
 Joint Wah Yan (Kowloon and Hong Kong)





## Toronto Chapter Picnic 2025

Toronto Chapter

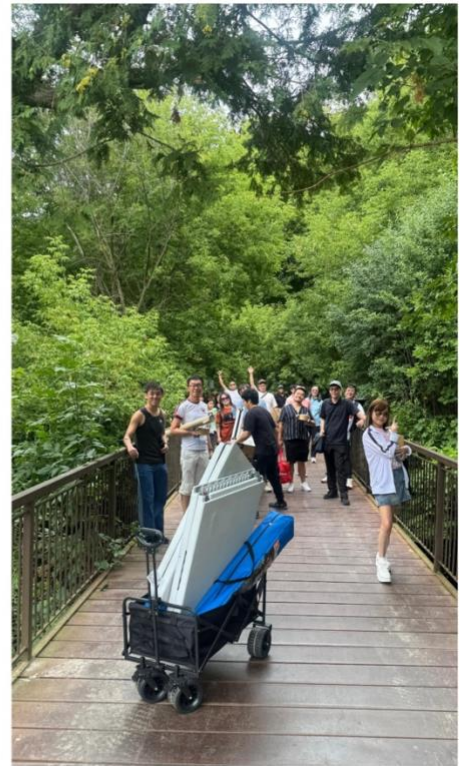
The 2025 LSCOPA-Toronto Picnic was held on 17 Aug 2025 at the spacious Thomson Memorial Park (Site 04). The event saw a historic turnout with over 300 participants, uniting Lasallians across decades in a vibrant display of fellowship.

Responding to the valuable feedback from its members, the LSCOPA committee made a strategic change in venue this year. Thomson Memorial Park provided excellent accessibility, ample parking, and the necessary capacity to comfortably host the record-breaking number of attendees, ensuring a welcoming environment for all. The event was masterfully led by veteran organizer Ambrose Cheung (69). He was supported by the tremendous efforts of the newly elected OBA committee, including Gordon Tam (77), Vincent Ho (88), Ken Wong (90), Michael Kong (94), Chris Fong (94), Sunny Leung (96), Robin Siu (00), Andrew Sin (00), Alex Tsoi (17), and Kelvin Ho (19). Their collective teamwork and dedication were instrumental in the event's flawless execution.

The picnic grounds were adorned with a prominent school banner, creating a familiar and proud backdrop for the day. Guests were treated to a generous and delicious spread of food and drinks. The culinary highlights were a significant success, with three whole roast pigs proving to be exceptionally popular; they were consumed entirely within the first 90 minutes of the event. By the end of the day, no food was left, a testament to the excellent planning and the enthusiastic appetites of the attendees. The feast was greatly enhanced by kind donations from several alumni. The association extends its sincere gratitude to Danny Au Yeung (67) for 20 packs of smoked salmon, Peter Lau (70) for fresh watermelons, Chris Fong (94) for providing Starbucks coffee, and Chapter President Kevin Kwok (88) for supplying essential equipment and utensils.







A particularly heartwarming aspect of the day was the strong show of support from the families of old boys. Wives and girlfriends were instrumental as helpers, and several young alumni also stepped up to assist, highlighting the deeply embedded spirit of service within the Lasallian community.

The picnic served as a magnificent bridge between generations, with old boys from the legendary Class of 1948 all the way to the future alumni of the Class of 2030 in attendance. The sense of shared history was further strengthened by the presence of four beloved retired teachers from La Salle College and La Salle Primary School: Mr. Joseph Yu (61), Mr. Chan Tong, Ms. Alice Sitt, and Ms. Carlie Yip. Their attendance was deeply appreciated by all.







The event culminated in a powerful and nostalgic moment as the entire assembly, led by Chapter President Kevin Kwok (88), joined together to sing the school song, a tradition that reaffirmed the unbreakable bonds forged at La Salle.

The LSCOPA - Toronto Chapter considers the 2025 picnic a tremendous success and looks forward to building on this momentum for future events, continuing to strengthen the ties that bind the global Lasallian family.

## Vancouver Chapter Annual Summer BBQ

Vancouver Chapter

The annual Summer BBQ is a cherished tradition for the Vancouver Chapter, and this year was no exception! On August 23, 2025, we gathered at South Arm Community Park for a celebration marked by fantastic camaraderie and incredible teamwork.

While we were initially uncertain about the new venue—a popular park with first-come, first-served seating—the event surpassed all expectations. After a slow start in registrations, we were thrilled to see a high turnout of approximately 50 members and friends, making for a wonderful gathering.

The success of the day was a true testament to the collective effort of our dedicated organizers. A special note of thanks is due to the team who managed the heavy logistics: Vincent Ma ('73), Leo Ip ('70), Paul Ng ('70), and Victor Leung ('77). They expertly transported two large, heavy propane BBQs to the park—no small feat, especially for our spirited "Old Boys"! Their careful work ensured everything arrived safely and without injury. Well done!





The delicious BBQ food was supplied by George Choy ('73) and picked up early in the morning by Frankie Au ('70) and Nelson Ng ('02). Their timely delivery to the park by 10:30 AM was crucial for securing a prime spot. Our efforts were confirmed when we received a call from Fred Collaco ('60) at 10 AM asking where everyone was; his early arrival meant we had already secured five picnic tables in a perfect, shady area! Thank you, Fred, for helping us claim the best spot in the park.

Once setup was complete, our talented chefs—Daniel Chung ('70), Mark Wong ('02), and Victor Leung ('77)—took charge of the grills, skillfully feeding our hungry crowd. Adding to the festive atmosphere, our President, James Ng ('74), once again proved his talent as an event organizer by leading a series of fun games and activities for all guests.

The smiles and laughter throughout the day confirmed that the new venue was a brilliant choice. It was a resounding success, and we eagerly look forward to another fantastic Summer BBQ in 2026!

For those who are interested, the BBQ event photos are available at this [link](#).



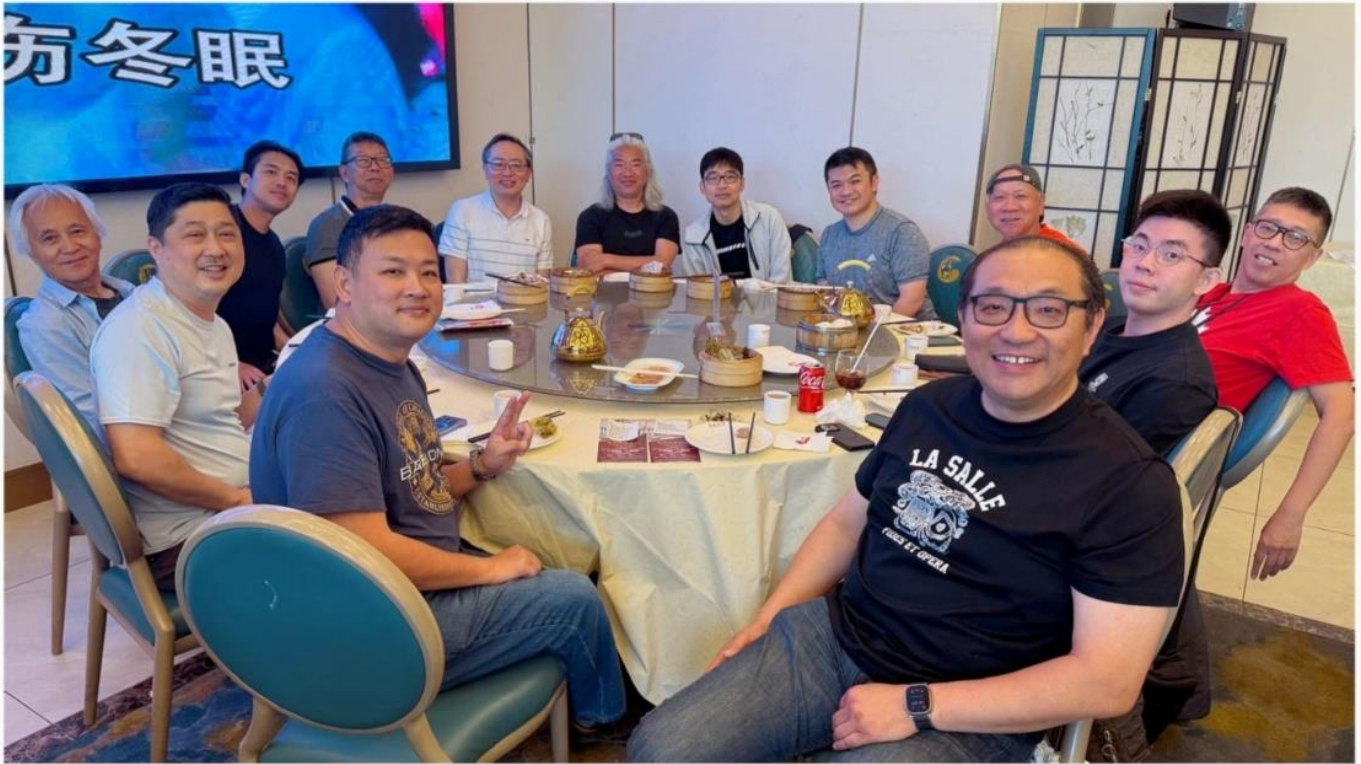






## San Francisco Dim Sum Lunch July 2025

Ambrose Lee ('98)



**Fremont CA**  
**LSCOBASF 2025**



Felix Chang'92; Charles Jok'88; Jonathan Law'72; Andy Wan'99; Ephrem Fung'76; Sharky Mok'85; Francis Chan'85; Jason Wan'07; Ambrose Lee'98; Leslie Yuen'76; Fulcan Fong '82; Michael Yip'20; Homer Yau'85



## United Kingdom Summer Activities

David Ho ('94)



LSCOPA President Daniel Wong (99) visiting UK chapter



East London Hike & Foodie Adventure together with many Maryknollers





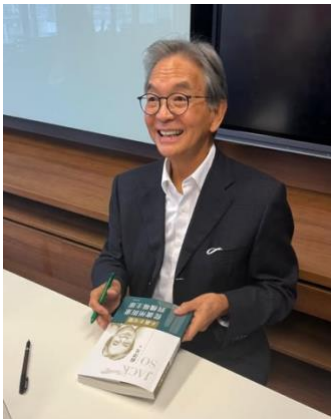
## Book Talk with Mr. Jack So (1964)

LSCOBA

On 28 June 2025, Old Boys, students, teachers, parents, and friends gathered at La Salle College for a memorable book talk titled 「喇沙仔到領航者——蘇澤光政商五十年決策之道」, featuring distinguished Old Boy, the Honourable Mr. Jack So, GBM (1964), former Chairman of the Hong Kong Airport Authority. During the talk, Mr. So took us through his five-decade journey across Hong Kong's public and private sectors. He also reflected on how Lasallian education and spirit shaped his leadership path, from formative school years to major decisions in business and public policy. His reflections offered participants valuable perspectives on service, values, and decision-making.

The book talk was well attended, with more than 40 participants, including the Principal, Mr. Steve Leung, and the Vice-Principal, Ms. Alsace Cheng. Mr. Julian Lee (1993), Executive Director of the Hong Kong Airport Authority, also joined the session.

Special thanks to our speaker, Mr. Jack So; Ms. Sara Ng of The Commercial Press (Hong Kong) Limited; and all who helped make the event possible. We look forward to bringing you more opportunities to reconnect and be inspired.



## Activity Announcements

### Old Boys of the New York Region - 2025 Fall Gathering

The 2024 Gathering was a great success. So, let's make this year's gathering another memorable one. Please reserve the date for this year's Gathering at the residence of Pamela & Mike Besaw. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Date: October 11, 2025 (Saturday)

Place: 1007 Colonial Drive, Newtown, PA 18940 (609) 731-6880

Time: After 12:00 pm



Out-of-Town Guests are very welcome

Estimated Driving Time to Newtown PA:

From NY Chinatowns:

- Flushing, NY: 90 mi. / 2 hr. 45 min. (via I-95/US1/...)
- Manhattan NY: 80 mi. / 1 hr. 50 min. (via I-95/US1/...)

From New Jersey:

- Newark, NJ: 75 mi. / 1 hr. 30 min. (via I-95/US1/...)
- Edison, NJ: 40 mi. / 1 hr. 00 min. (via US1/...)
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From Connecticut:

- Redding, CT: 145 mi. / 3 hr. 15 min. (via I287/US202/...)

Overnight stay is available at the following hotels nearby:

- Element Ewing Princeton, Ewing (12 mi./18 min.)
- Courtyard by Marriott Princeton, Ewing (12 mi./18 min.)
- SpringHill Suite by Marriott Ewing Princeton (14 mi./20 min.)
- Quality Inn Near Princeton (18 mi./23 min.)
- Hilton Garden Inn Princeton, Lawrenceville (17 mi. 24 min.)
- Plus, there are more options along Route 1 in Princeton

For catering and cost-sharing purposes, please kindly RSVP no later than October 3, 2025, by email directly to Peter Lai at [laip888@gmail.com](mailto:laip888@gmail.com) or through the WhatsApp social chat group. More detailed information will be sent to the participants shortly.

\*\*\* If you would like to make it a weekend trip, it is advisable to make your hotel reservation as early as possible.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

# About the North American Lasallians

This electronic newsletter is a joint bimonthly publication, aiming at fostering communications and serves 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, HKLSCOPA and old boys, but may also include other subjects that are of general interest to the old boys community.

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