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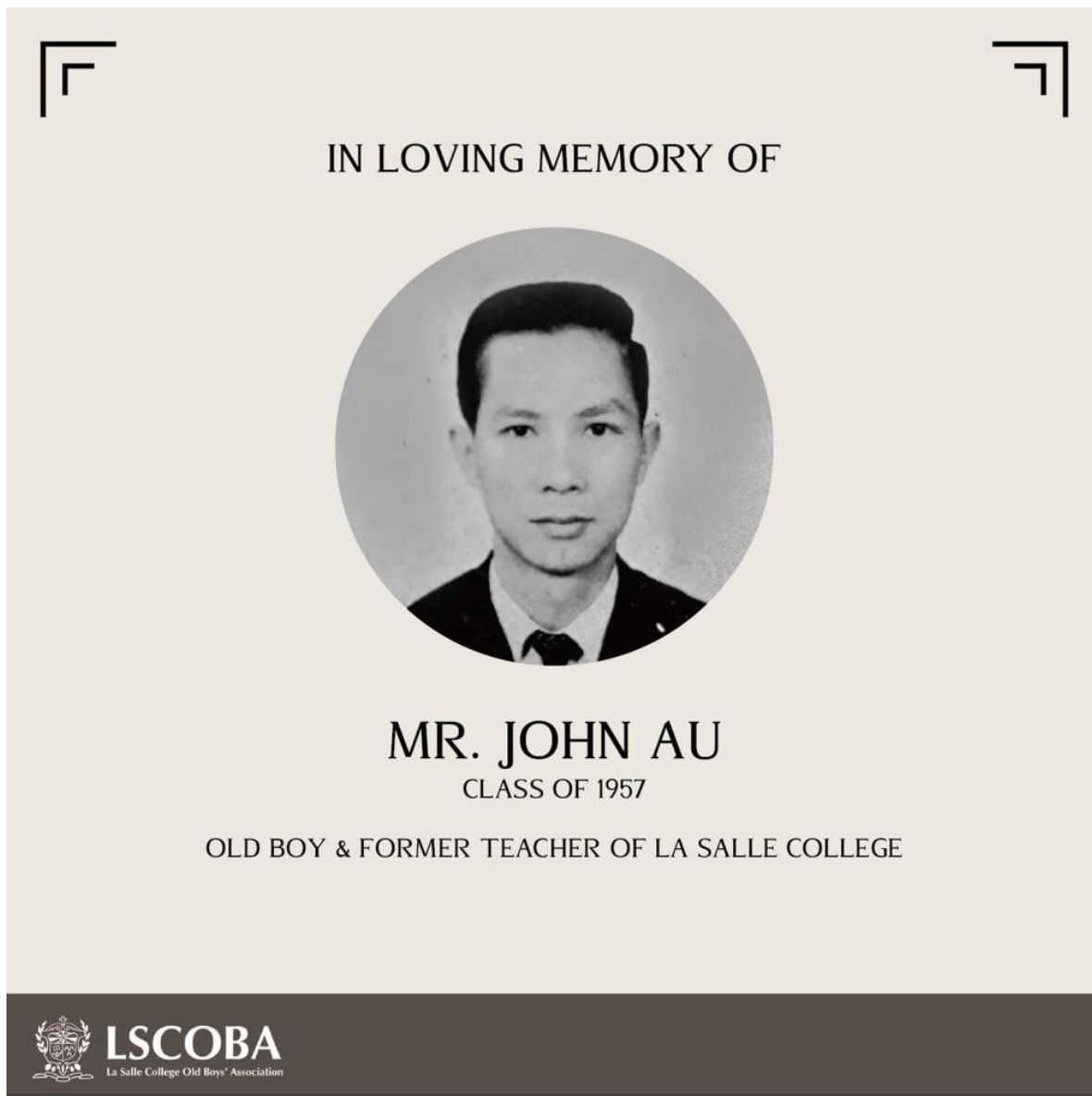
10th Ave, Vancouver BC - one of the main entrances to UBC showcasing its spectacular Fall Foliage to visitors.



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In Loving Memory of John Au 歐景康 (57)



It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Mr. John Au (歐景康 Class of 1957), who was also a teacher at La Salle College.

Mr. John Au was born on March 5, 1940. He graduated (F5) from La Salle College in 1957 and was hired by La Salle College in September 1961 after the completion of his teacher's training certificate. Mr. Au retired in 2001.

After his retirement, he took time to travel and enjoyed his time with his family, previous colleagues and students. Mr. Au was a very popular teacher and very supportive in sports programs. He will be dearly missed.

May Mr. Au Rest in Peace.



Resurrection Mass for Pak Lau (Class 1961)

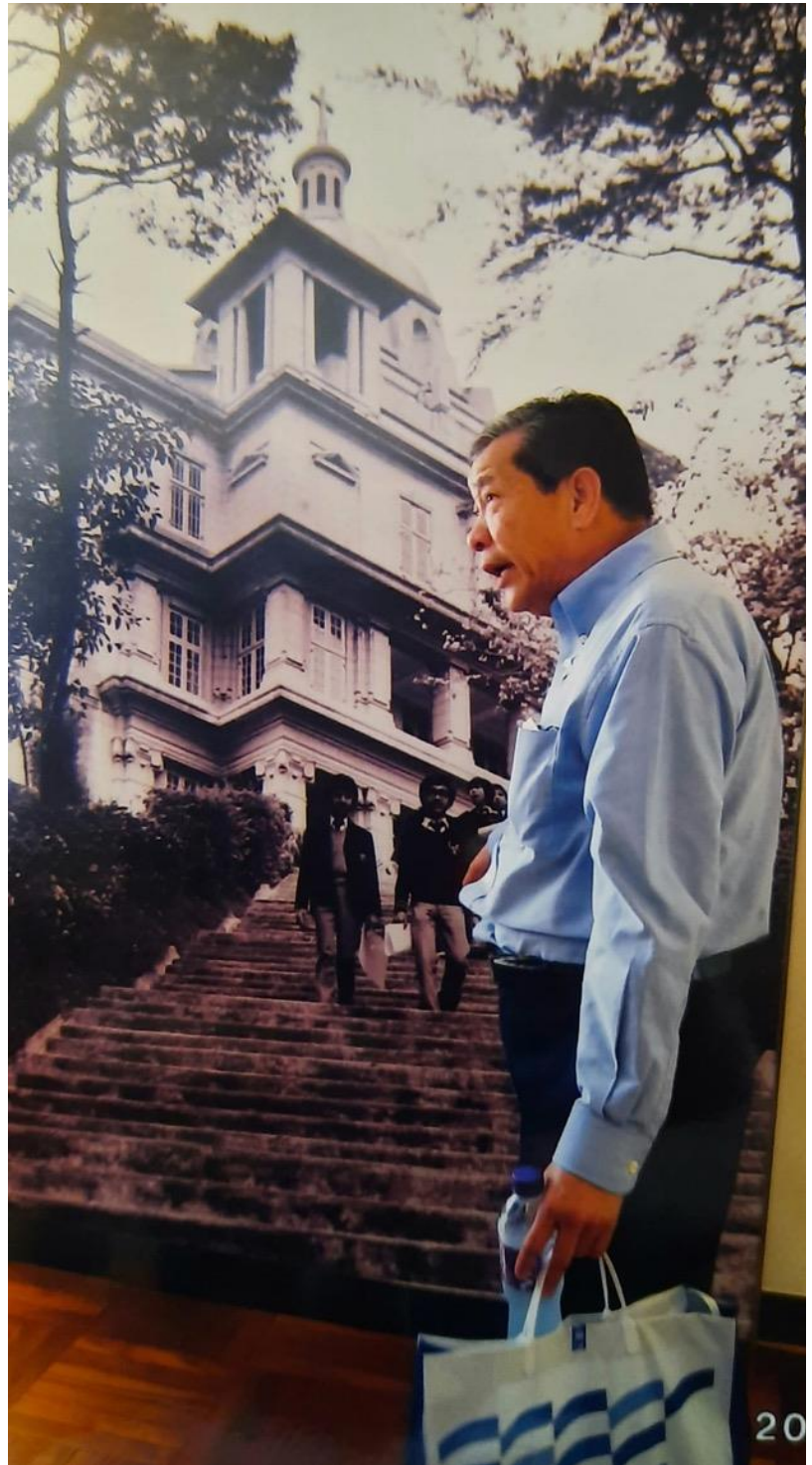
Anthony Luk (66)

The Resurrection Mass for Patrick Lau was enlightening despite the sadness of losing a highly respected senior schoolmate. Thanks to Michael Loi Chow's organizing efforts with support from K. K. Wong and Victor Law. The eulogies given by Janice and Derek, Patrick's daughter and son-in-law, demonstrated the family's close relationships in addition to the creative story-telling ways that Patrick had used to engage with his children since their childhood. Janice is a scientist in biotechnology. Edmund, her brother, is an architect.

Father John gave a succinct homily related to his culture and the story reflected the journey of life. The choir chose both English and Cantonese hymns, some familiar tunes as well as new ones. Earlier in the Mass, Victor and Michael read the Scriptures. St. Thomas Aquinas Church is a parish church that has grown with the Chinese residents in Monterey Park.

At the podium, Peter Chan, Stanley Wong, and Stanley Ng spoke their recollections of Patrick. They emphasized Patrick's enthusiasm with our LSCOPA Southern California Chapter since the founding days. Patrick participated in almost every function and gathering until the recent year. Yet he still promptly texted via WhatsApp in his final weeks. Patrick showed his courage and faith in God. Father John concluded the Mass by blessing with holy water the elegantly composed portrait of Patrick. May our Heavenly Father grant him eternal peace and comfort his family members.

K. K. treated the church attendees to a scrumptious dim-sum luncheon. His intention was to match Patrick's affection and joy with friends during lunch and dinner gatherings. I would like to add this remarkable note: Reynold Cheong-leen, Class 1940, took a bus to attend the Mass. He and Patrick used to sit next to each other at Capital Seafood Restaurant.



For me, I got to meet new and younger schoolmates. The lunch attendees were nurtured in La Salle Primary School and La Salle College. Hence, we have set our footsteps on the Majestic Dome campus, the transition campus on Perth Street, the regained campus by Brother Felix, and the current modern campus. There lies the roots of LSCOPA and our continual camaraderie of being LaSallians.

Thanks for reminding me of Patrick's fervent reiterations: "God is everywhere."



Epilogue:

Years ago before the pandemic, Reynold, Patrick and I had several lunches at Henry's Cuisine on Valley Blvd in Alhambra. Both of them shared their stories of immigration to USA. Patrick touched upon getting toys for his son, who was very interested in disassembling and reassembling the components. I got the notion what motivated the youngster to become an architect.

During the eulogy speech, Janice mentioned that Patrick had shipped a set of algebra and geometry textbooks, which we used in La Salle College. He assigned lessons and problems for her to solve throughout summer vacations. She was a keen learner and subsequently asked her father: What is pi? No wonder, she pursues a blossoming scientific field.

I vividly remember Patrick joyfully telling us about his long-distance romance and honeymoon in London. He revealed his deep love for his wife. Thanks for trusting us, Patrick.



Pak Lau (second person in the second row from the left wearing brown jacket) attended Southern California Chapter's Annual Spring Dinner

Farewell to George Lau (66)

Stanley Pui-Lock Leong (66)

A Requiem Mass was held on Aug 19, 2023, in San Francisco for George K Lau, a 66er who passed away on Aug 12. Five local 66ers, Frank Lo, William Fong, Vasco Rosario, Robert Chao, and I attended the service. George Law was in Hong Kong. Otherwise, I am sure he would have been there to pay his final respect.

We all called George, Fire Commissioner Lau, who had presided two terms on the Fire Commission of San Francisco prior to his retirement. The Fire Department parked a fire truck outside the church as a way of paying their last tribute. Among the mourners there were politicians too. After the mass, Vasco, Frank and I followed a long queue of cars driving through a big part of San Francisco, as if to let our Fire Commissioner Lau have a last glimpse of the city by the Bay.



Farewell to George



Chief's "Picture Hanging" Ceremony at Historic John's Grill -

The Prime of George's Career

Vasco, Frank and I were most impressed by the honor the City of San Francisco has bestowed upon their Fire Commissioner LAU with policemen riding on their motorcycles from the last car to the first car of the procession continuously to clear the two lanes on the left and all the side streets from the right and the left as the right lane was the procession lane. We estimated that there were at least over 30-40 policemen. We are proud of George who had earned the love, dedication and respect of the city. San Francisco honored him to say a special good-bye to their Fire Commissioner LAU before he was laid to rest.



Fire Department Pays Last Tribute



Police Guarding the Route



A group of SF 66er

Vancouver Chapter Annual Summer BBQ

Victor Leung (77)



As part of the traditions, an annual summer BBQ was held on August 19, 2023, at the Macau Club in Richmond, BC. Despite having to face various logistic challenges while hosting this event, we are very pleased with the event's success, especially with an overwhelming turnout of over 60 members and friends. Vancouver Chapter has not seen such size of participation for quite some time!

Hosting an annual summer BBQ has become increasingly challenging at Metro Vancouver. With global climate change becoming a new norm, summer drought due to lack of rain is almost expected in every summer. To control potential extreme wildfire hazards, we fully expect Metro Vancouver would once again ban all outdoor BBQ fires during the entire summer. Therefore, the organizing committee must plan proactively in anticipation of the possible BBQ fire ban. It turns out we were right with that assumption.

Instead of hosting the summer BBQ in public parks as in the past, we decided to move two BBQs (lent from a couple of members for the event) to the Richmond Macau Club, which would provide us a suitable indoor environment and outdoor BBQ space for our annual event. To ensure we are able to serve our large party guest size in a reasonable timely manner, we had borrowed the steak BBQ theme idea from Edmonton Chapter. But we still need to find ways to haul 2 fairly large size BBQs to Macau Club.



Thanks to help from one of our members, we were able to borrow a big truck with tow trailer for the BBQ transportation. While most of the food and drinks were purchased earlier that week, steaks were also picked up that morning by one of the organizing members. With everything ready, the door was opened to our members starting at 5 pm.

As part of the entertainment, we promised karaoke singing during that night. But we were faced with another challenge, that is, the Club karaoke system was down that week. Nevertheless, we were able to borrow a backup karaoke system and speakers and were able to deliver a fun-filled karaoke singing experience for our members and guests that night.

Although there was a lot of work spent on the preparation and delivery of this annual summer BBQ, it is a very worthwhile effort, especially when hearing the multiple positive feedback from our members!



We were also pleased to see fellow brothers from New York, Victor Lee (64) and Bel Baptista (77), who happened to be in town during that weekend, and stopped by to say hello to our members that day!



In closing, we would like to thank Nick Domingo (63) and Benedict Lam (61) for their financial contributions to this year's summer BBQ! On behalf of our members, a BIG THANK YOU to Nick and Benedict!!!

For those who are interested, the BBQ event photos are available at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/DNm8jqbyjaqNzzKZ6>

The Fourteen FIFA World Cup Since 1966 (part 8)

Danny Leung (71)

World Cup 1970 The Beautiful Game (continue)

Other off the pitch factors, controversies, rumors:

- In the qualifying matches between El Salvador and Honduras a year before, temper was boiled to the limit due to the influx of the immigrants from the former to the latter. There were fights between the fans in both of the games and was escalated to a four days war between the two countries, started with El Salvador sending troops over to its neighbor. Over 3,000 people were killed and 300,000 El Salvadorans were exiled after ceasing fire.
- Most games were played at noon with extreme heat. It was a decision made by FIFA to accommodate the television broadcasting time in Europe! A player could easily lose 10 lbs playing under such heat for 90 minutes. Technicolor was introduced for the TV broadcast but very few viewers had color TV at that time.

- A new soccer ball and white ball from Adidas, Telstar, was introduced and replaced the heavy brown sphere British's Challenge 4-Star.



- Since Ramsey's infamous comment about the Argentinians four years ago, the latter had their revenge on two of the Intercontinental Cup between the European and South American Champions. Both Racing Club and Estudiantes of Argentina beat Celtic and Manchester United respectively with goals, insults, spits, fists and vicious fouls during the two legs home and away games. Red cards were issued but that did not stop the intimidations. By then, a lot of the Latin countries had made England their "Common Enemy", including the host of this world cup, Mexico.
- England prepared themselves with friendly games in Mexico a year before the world cup. In a media conference after one of the games, Ramsey complained about the noise outside the hotel the night before the game. The media responded by saying Ramsey did not respect their culture by bringing their own chef and food and the players were nothing but a whole bunch of drunks. The noise would be amplified for hours by the locals the night before England played against Brazil in the first round.
- During the trip for the warm up games in Columbia, Bobby Moore was framed by a local jewel store clerk for stealing an emerald ring. Moore was under house arrest. The British Prime Minister intervened and Moore was released and joined the team back in Mexico. The charge was latter dropped as the Columbian local shops were known to con and cheat customers. Nevertheless a conspiracy theory existed among the media.
- Italy was blessed with two world class midfielders in Mazzola and Rivera. Since the two did not get along with each other, coach Valcareggi played the efficient Mazzola in the first round; and in the knockout stage by starting Mazzola first and the creative Rivera in the second half. It worked well against Mexico and W. Germany as Rivera scored in both games. In the final game against Brazil, Rivera was used towards the very end. By then it was too late. A more positive approach would have used both players in different roles to maximize the team performance.
- W. Germany had no problem with a similar situation as the 33 year old veteran and captain Seeler and up and coming star Mueller, both played in the center forward position with their own clubs.

Coach Schoen put them in the same hotel room to build up the relationship and moved Seeler to a withdrawn center midfielder role. The two would combine to score 13 goals and Seeler won the German Footballer Award that year for his combative and competitive performance.

- In the first round game between Mexico and El Salvador, the referee gave a free kick to the latter but a Mexican player took it and subsequently scored a goal. Complaints went to no avail as it was crucial for the host to “WIN” and progress in the tournament.

Did the winner live happily shortly after:

Brazil would face a new style of attacking soccer, Total Football from Holland in the second group stage of the next World Cup. The Dutch would teach them a lesson with two quick stunning goals. In the 3rd place game, another fast-attacking team Poland saw them off with Lato beating the offside trap and running half the pitch to score a lone goal.



Mr. Cheung Ting-Por, QES 62' – A Belated Tribute

Henry Kwok (62)

Cheung Ting-Por started teaching at La Salle College in 1966. He retired in 1997 after almost thirty years as Sports Master of the College.

I first met Ting-Por during grade school playing pick-up football games at an abandoned school yard in a rural village where we lived in the northern part of Tsuen Wan, N.T. I remember he would stay after and practice 'juggling the ball' with his feet, head or thighs. We called him '波仔'.

With four boys in our household, my brother Alberta, nephews Philip and Antony (all 63ers of LSC), our house became the 'hangout centre' for most of the neighbourhood boys during the weekends and holidays. We played card games, practiced outdoor table tennis, kite fighting, watching people pasting our gate-door and occasionally penning innocent love notes to the neighborhood young ladies.

During our Form 5 graduating year, T.P. had developed into an all-round athlete representing his school. He became a tenacious footballer, reliable offensive guard in basketball, a sprinter & member of the formidable 4 x 100M Relay team of QES, his former high school.

He initiated and we organized two friendly football matches between the Form 6ers of LSC & QES. Most of my classmate teammates have never played in any organized team sports at all. However, we ended up splitting the games 1-1 and we all had enjoyable great times.

Last year was the 60th anniversary of the 62ers & the 90th Anniversary celebration of La Salle College. I contacted many of the 62ers asking their most nostalgic event memory about La Salle. The responses I got were almost all about school Sports they had watched, as in inter-school football or participated, especially those played in the friendly football match against QES during Form 6. Some mentioned that the news of LSC took home the first Athletic School Championship in 1966/1967, a long time ago, was the moment of joy with pride.

With some efforts, I find the following surprising but wonderful accomplishments of the LSC athletes. Football C-grade champion in 67/68 & 1973; Football overall champions from 1970 -1990; Football, winners of all grades, A, B & C in consecutive years of 1986, 1987 & 1988; Overall Boys Sports champion was given the Omega Rose Bowl every year in Hong Kong. I find that La Salle was the winner of the Omega Rose Bowl for Seventeen (17) consecutive years from 1974 to 1990. Another outstanding record was in Athletic that La Salle was Champion for five (5) consecutive years from 1986 to 1990. The College was also overall champions in Basketball, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Swimming, Fencing during various years throughout 1970 – 1990.



It has been a tremendous improvement in performance for our school that was reputed with competitive football program and periodic sparks in Athletic, Swimming & Fencings during the first 30 years of its existence. What caused the sudden changes? Some allude that the make-up of students with much improved nature (genes) abilities during those years dictated the outcomes. Some suggest that leadership roles of the elite athletes that motivated the others for improvements. I venture to say that there are also other 'nurture' factors that provide the ingredients of success. All these factors must be integrated in order for it to work. My proclamation is that the axis of the component wheels had been Mr. Cheung Ting-Por, the Sports Master that directed & managed the Sports Programs during all these years of successes.



It is of interest that I found many remarks from his former students.

"I left LSC during Form 2 in 68' for the US. I have very fond memories of TP Cheung, not only as an outstanding coach of sports teams, but also as a mentor of social skills....I returned to LSC in 89' to visit.. & ran into TP...., delighted that without hesitation, he remembered my name after 21 years." – Bill Foo, 1971

"Hats off to TP Cheung. His contributions to the School was undeniably significant for decades. His experience, skills, wits all unique yet somewhat unorthodox in style. I was fortunate to receive the guidance from Mr. Cheung...." – Edward Yan

"I'm sure TP Cheung is all that everyone says he is for La Salle but when I think of him, I think of all the boys that he helped mould. His style may not be by the book, but I feel the lessons I learned about hard work resulting in good results has helped immensely. Another thing I learned from him..., that you accept the bad (results) with the good... When I think of my years in La Salle, TP Cheung is the first name to come in mind". – Tony Gomes, 1974

" Mr. TP Cheung is the TRUE defender of La Salle Spirit. Nobody does it better than him." – Clement Chan. 1987

"A man of total devotion to La Salle. He has helped make La Salle into what it is today. Period" – Mark Hung, 1985.

“Cheung Sir’ did give good memory to every LaSallian as an excellent teacher & coach. We will miss you always,” – Andy Chan



With the above observations and review it appears that TP had been a forerunner in the integration of modern Sports Psychology technics with logical technical strategy. He employed ‘motivation speeches’ to his students with inspiration and encouragement without judgements. His approaches to sports might be a pioneer in the field of fitness, nutrition, trainings, motivational team buildings with his student athletes. In fact, a life-coach to his athletes. He gained the trust and respect from his athletes that showed his care for their well being and not just their performances. He had been an exceptional Educator. Motivational Speaker and

In my view, Sports, in general are the buildings block of traditions. Collective excellences (winnings) are the foundation of lasting Spirit, as in traditions. Winning periodic champions are great achievements for any schools. Winning Athletic champions five years in-a-row was the formation of a dynasty era. Winning Overall Sports Champions (Omega Rose Bowl) was a great achievement for the record books. My assessment is that T.P. Cheung has performed with distinction far beyond the call of duties as Ma Sports Master. To many, coaching was a job or a hobby. T.P. Cheung saw it as his Mission. He has been the relentless builder of the La Salle Tradition (Spirit) as a School of Champions that motivate students to have confidence in themselves and be better in their undertakings in life to serve the community wherever they reside. He has enriched the lives of hundreds of LaSallians.

I picture that role of Sports Master had been a demanding one with after school & weekend practices and tournaments. I envision the tremendous sacrifices that had been unloaded to the coaches and assistants of the sports teams, especially, to the family of the Sports Master, whose dedication had made all LSCOBS proud. On behalf of all LSCOBS I would offer our sincere ‘Thank You’ to Mrs. TP Cheung. In my opinion, TP Cheung has been the epitome of LaSallian, and deserved all the accolade be bestowed, if not already awarded.

T. P Cheung has been called many names: ‘Cheung Sir’ to his students, ‘Big Coach’ to some team players, Mr. Cheung Ting-Por to other, ‘Man Behing Us’ & “Man Behing the Team”. However, to the Kwoks’ and his old friends, he will always be just “波仔”.

Updates from Hong Kong

LSCOBA

9月24日喺喇沙書院舉行嘅體育同樂嘉年華 2023 已經圓滿結束。當日有大概三百位舊生、佢哋屋企人、同埋各方好友參與，而我哋就準備咗多個室外室內嘅體育項目攤位遊戲，透過揮灑汗水，令大家喺短時間內就可以體驗唔同運動帶嚟嘅樂趣。

除此之外，我哋為咗慶祝許 Sir 榮休，仲舉辦咗一場榮休足球表演賽，有超過 60 位舊生返嚟登場競技，亦有幾位教職員陪同許 Sir 落場一試身手。我哋亦都嚟依度感謝許 Sir 多年嚟為我哋母校嘅付出，我哋都借呢個機會祝願許 Sir 退休生活愉快！





另外，我哋當日亦都好榮幸邀請到四位曾經嚮運動場上大顯身手嘅舊生返嚟傾下計，佢哋分別係陳擷盈先生(77)、羅鳳原先生(78)、邱達根議員(92)同埋張殷碩先生(22)。幾位除咗同大家分享自己求學時嘅經歷之外，亦分享咗點先可以同時兼顧運動同讀書，同時肯定運動對於個人成長發展有莫大嘅益處。



多謝大家踴躍參與，我哋會繼續舉辦各種活動。希望之後再嚮舊生會嘅活動見到大家！



Homer Yau (85) of SF Bay Area chapter recently in Hong Kong. Photo with HKOBA executives



Ken Wong (90) of Toronto chapter attending the Sports Family Fun Day. Photo with Principal Leung

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