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# With Love from Hong Kong

LSCOBA

This summer in Hong Kong is exceptionally hot (even by Hong Kong standards), and very event-filled and enjoyable.

## The Homecoming - for now

On the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary front, the College organized a few events for its big day in the past couple of months. On May 14, the LSC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founder's Day Homecoming was officially kicked off with Brother Thomas starting the engine of the plane in the school garden. The day marked the launch of the Aerospace Exhibition and the Virtual Campus Tour.

Wished to have a look of the campus? Take a virtual campus tour here

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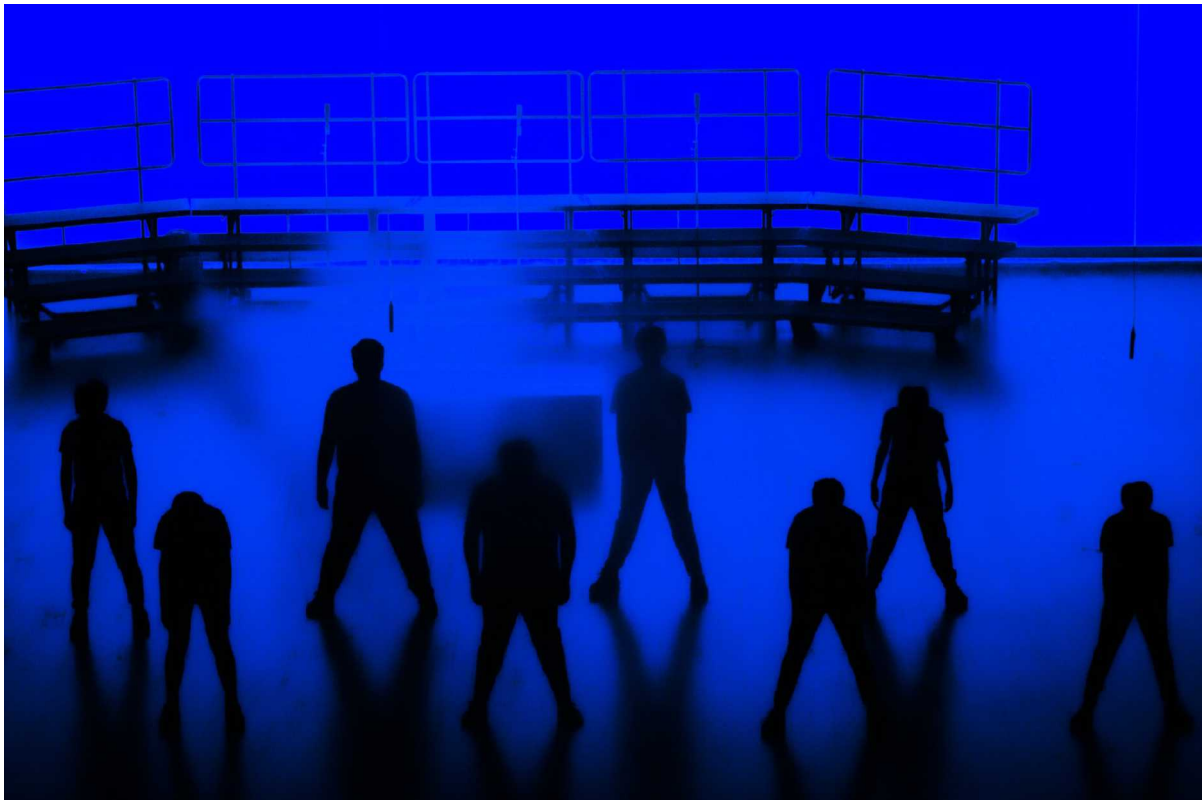


## A melodic evening

We also had our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert: 'The Lasallian Polyphony' on May 29, featuring musical performances by talented musicians from both La Salle College and La Salle Primary School, as well as spectacular dance and drama performances to delight the audience. Special thanks to our performers from LSCOBA Music Board! A full house of Lasallians celebrated the momentous occasion in high spirits.

(Photo credit: LSCOBA Music Board)











### **And for the religious or academic souls...**

On July 6, the Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope was held at the Hong Kong Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. The celebrant was the Most Reverend Stephen Chow, the Bishop of Hong Kong. On July 9, the 90th Anniversary Education Symposium was held, with speakers sharing their insights on Service Learning in Curriculum.

Recordings of Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope: <https://youtu.be/5JSOapt9W70>

Recording of Education Symposium: <https://youtu.be/Ct3iw-2IJ7k>

### **Let's get the ball rolling!**

Summer is of course about sports. Step by step, we are on the way to having our sports functions back. Sunday sports facilities at school are now reopened for booking, giving old boys in Hong Kong some opportunity to catch up for some sporty fun on campus.

The LSCOPA Basketball League 2022 Final was held on May 29, where Old Boys competed with the current school team. Recordings of live broadcasts are available on LSCOPA's facebook page.

On June 10, we supported our young athletes at the long-awaited Inter-school Athletics Competition Finals. Due to COVID concerns, this year we had an abridged version of the A-Meet. Looking forward to a full-scale competition for our athletes to show off their prowess!



### More than playing behind the doors...

In the meantime, we are also connecting with fellow alumni of our brother schools. After some intensive preparation work, the Christian Brothers Cup 2022 was held on July 24 & 31 at La Salle College, with football and basketball tournaments. Alumni teams of the 5 Christian Brothers Schools (Chan Sui Ki, Chong Gene Hang, De La Salle Sec School, St Joseph's & us) played against each other.

### Turning the page and starting a new chapter

On July 23, the HKOBA had its annual general meeting and Mr. Kent Lau (99) was re-elected President. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the outgoing committee members for their devoted service, and a big warm welcome to our newly elected colleagues.





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# Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting

The Toronto Chapter held the long overdue Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2022, at Casa Deluz Banquet Hall. This is the first full-scale face-to-face social gathering for Toronto alumni since the pandemic.

It started with the President's Kevin Kwok (88) greetings to all attending old boys and ex-LSC teachers. Treasurer Francis Yeung (71) and Chapter President presented the Financial Statement and President Report respectively, which were unanimously approved.



Kevin Kwok, President (88)



Ms. Alice Sitt, ex LSC teacher



Ms. Janet Yuen, ex LSC teacher



Shum Mow Kee (Ex LSC teacher)



Joseph Yu (61, Ex LSC teacher)

Due to the pandemic and lockdown, we could not host the AGM on May 15, 2020, 2021, and 2022. As the pandemic gradually eased, the President consulted the general old boys' community regarding the best timing to host the AGM. After some discussions, the Board of Directors decided to host on Jun 17, 2022. We are honored for having such a big crowd here (>110 old boys), consisting of graduating old boys from the 1940s to the 2020s.





Because of the prolonged pandemic, the current board of directors had little opportunity to carry out their duties. Instead of an election for a full 2-year term, it was proposed the same team of directors and office bearers continue to serve until May 15, 2023. It was unanimously approved by attending members. The following Board of Directors and Office Bearers were appointed, to be in office until May 15, 2023:

**President:** Kevin Kwok (1988)

**Vice Presidents:** Thomas Leung (1972), Felix Leung (1985) and Chris Fong (1994)

**Treasurer:** Francis Yeung (1971)

**Secretary:** Raymond Dau (1990)

**Sports Captain:** Gordon Tam (1977)

**Directors:** Jimmy Chang (66), Bill Chau (98), Ambrose Cheung (69), Albert Ho (53), Michael Mau (64), Philip Wong (67), John Yeung (73), Michael Yuen (74)

Peter Chan (72) will continue to serve the HKLSOBA-Toronto as **Immediate Past President**.

After the meeting, our participants enjoyed the sumptuous dinner arranged by Ambrose Cheung (69). Last but not the least, our chapter would like to thank our event photographer, Kenneth Lam (89), for capturing the beauty of the gathering flawlessly.



Junior old boys presenting LSOBA branded masks to senior old boys



Johnny Yung (42)





Cheers!

## Vancouver Chapter Dim Sum Gathering

Victor Leung (77)

Vancouver Chapter has recently started our regular dim sum gathering. The first of our quarterly gathering was held in Neptune Seafood Restaurant, Richmond in July 9, 2022. The event was organized by Nick Domingo ('63) and was attended by 30 old boys and guests. Please stay tune for our future dim sum gathering announcements.





# In Memory of Baltazar P. Aguirre, III (77)

## June 24, 1960 – June 15, 2022

Ambrose Lee (98)

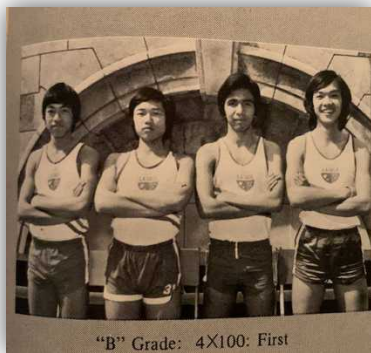


It is with great sadness for us to deliver this obituary to you. Our beloved Lasallian and chapter's soccer team player Baltazar P. Aguirre '77, a.k.a. "Jing", aged 61, passed away peacefully on June 15th 2022.

Baltazar was an active Old Boy. He represented us to play in the North American La Salle Old Boys Soccer Tournament for many years. His dedication and determination always helped our team moved towards victory.

Off the field, he was a kind and gentle person with true La Salle spirit. He had a special kind of calmness and friendliness that made people take an immediate liking to him. In addition to his work in family business, he joined the Daly City Police Station as a Police Assistant for 21 years of dedicated services. He was also a devout Catholic who served as a Sacristan for 10 years at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in San Francisco. He lived his faith in a humble and quiet way, and served the community with zeal and faith.

He brought us so much great memories, and will always lives in our heart. May he rest in peace in God's embrace. Our thoughts & prayers to the Aguirre family.



### His commemorative service:

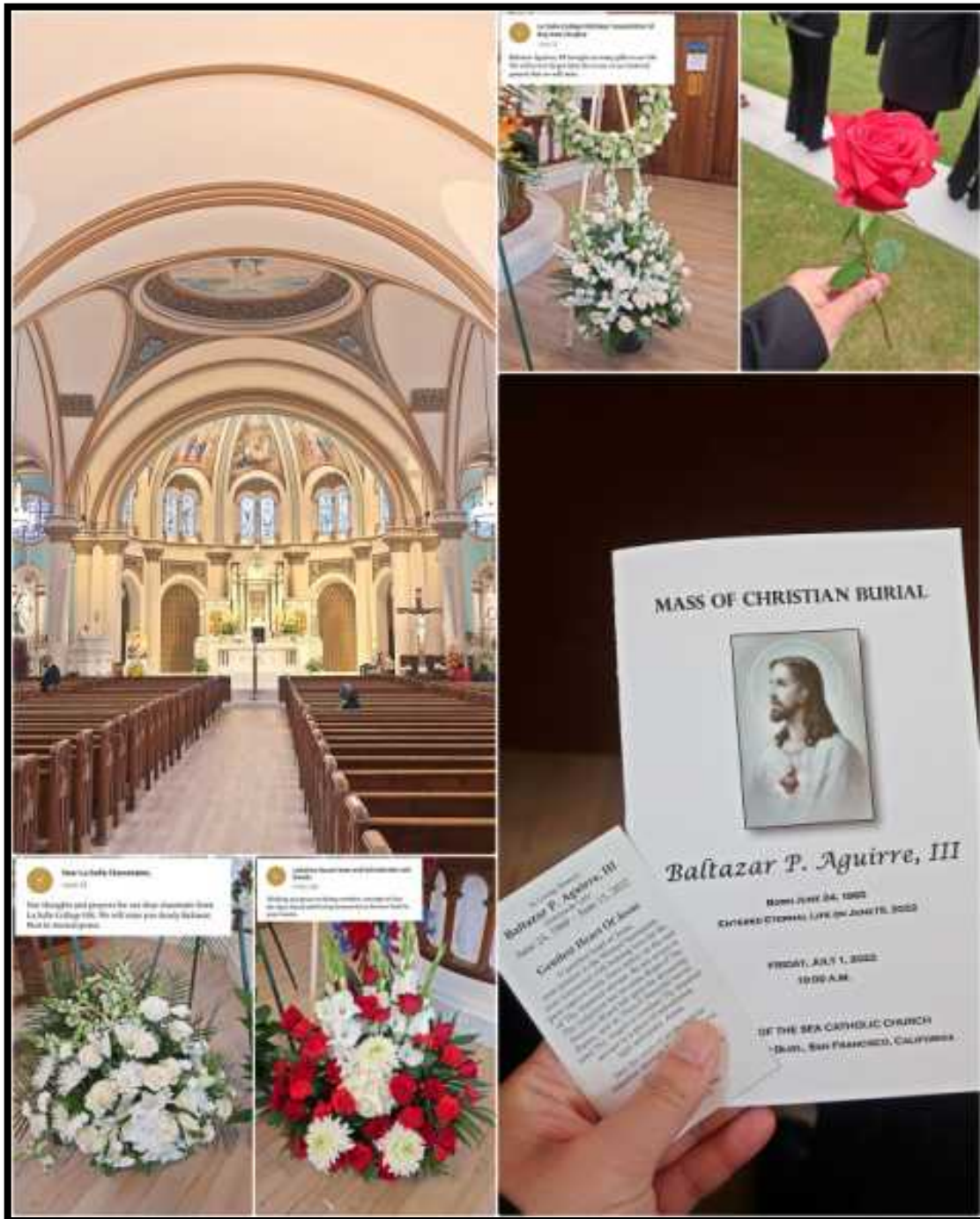
On July 1st 2022, we joined to say Goodbye to Baltazar.

To our La Salle schoolmates, memorial flowers had been nicely presented in both the mass and the burial.

Thank you for your kindness and love towards Baltazar! 🙏❤️

Yours in La Salle,

**LSCOBASF Bay Area Chapter**





# Newspaper Interview of Principle Tong

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Recently, an interview of Principal TONG Wun Sing was published by hknet.com in its Topick edition. Here is the link to the article (<https://topick.hket.com/article/3265737/>). It worth reading the article in full length. Here are some excerpts from the interview with Editor's English translations.

香港一般標準學校設 24 班，喇沙卻有多達 42 班，每級設 7 班，學生人數逾千人，有 90 多名老師。唐煥星校長直言「人多」是喇沙的特色之一，畢業生人數眾多，對學校歸屬感強，畢業後仍樂意參與母校活動。

There are 24 classes in a standard secondary school in Hong Kong, but there are as many as 42 classes in La Salle, with 7 classes in each class year, with more than 1,000 students and 90 teachers. Principal Tang stated that "lots of LaSallians" is one of the characteristics of La Salle. The large number of graduates has a strong sense of belonging to the school, and they are still willing to participate in the activities of his alma mater after graduation.

以每年學界盛事「港九區 D1 中學校際田徑比賽」為例，決賽日總有百多名舊生到場支持，與落場比賽的學生人數相若，甚至試過近 300 名校友出席。

老師和舊生作為學生的『兄長』，我們很珍惜這種『兄弟情』（Brotherhood）。

他認為每個學生都有潛質，學校要給予機會，讓學生的潛質發揮出來，培育他們成為一個人才。

Take the annual academic event "D1 Inter-School Athletics Competition" as an example. On the final day, there are always more than 100 old students present to support the event, which is like the number of students who participant in the competition, and often even nearly 300 alumni attended.

Teachers and old students are the "brothers" of students, and we cherish this kind of "brotherhood".

He believes that every student has potential, and the school should give opportunities to let the potential of students play out and cultivate them to become talents.

獎項不是我們追求的，我們希望學生做到最好『To be the best you can be』，這是他們應有的一種責任感。他們在比賽將潛質發揮出來，得獎我們固然開心，但最主要目的是透過活動，讓學生能學得更好。比起過程及結果，唐校長更重視團隊的賽後檢討，到底有哪些做得好或未如理想的地方，又如何去改善求進。

Awards are not what we pursue, we hope that students can do their best, "To be the best you can be", which is a sense of responsibility they should have. They showed their potential in the competition. We are happy to win the prize, but the main purpose is to enable students to learn better through activities. Compared with the process and results, Principal Tang emphasis more attention to the team's post-match review. What are the areas that are doing well or are not as ideal, and how to improve and make progress.

在中一自行分配學位階段，學校提供 76 個學額，並會面見所有申請的學生，再從中揀選適合的學生進入第二輪面試。同學只是 11、12 歲的小朋友，這不是學科考試，當然有中英數有關的學科問題，但我們透過傾談，大概已知道學生的能力、性格等。

In the F.1 Discretionary Places stage, the school provides 76 seats and interviews all the candidates who applied, then selects suitable candidates for the second round of interviews. The candidates are only 11 or 12-year-old children so this is not in particular a subject test. Of course, there are subject problems related to Chinese and English, but we probably already know the students' abilities, personality, etc.



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