



St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia (Tropicana PJ Campus)

SJIIM NEWSLETTER - YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Message From The Brother President

Greetings dear parents and a very warm welcome to our 6th SJIIM Newsletter. With the opening day of our new school fast approaching we are all very excited and I am happy to assure you we are well on schedule for a successful launching on 29th August. We thank you most sincerely for your confidence in us. The response has indeed been quite overwhelming and we thank God for that.

In this Newsletter I would especially like to draw your attention to the report from our founding Year 12 students who had a memorable two weeks in the Philippines in June attending a Lasallian Leadership Programme. For a group that started out as virtually unknown to each other, they returned full of the "Lasallian Spirit" and eager to share it with their fellow-students at SJIIM. We would like to thank our Filipino Brothers, faculty members and students for the wonderful welcome, care and 'spirit' they gave our Josephians on this first ever exchange program.

"Lord, the work is Yours" was the favourite prayer of our Founder, St John Baptist De La Salle, and is ours too as we look forward to the opening of our school.

Happy reading and see you soon!

Brother Thomas
SJIIM Brother President



School Book Store Operating Hours

Please note the sale of the school uniform at the bookshop will commence on the 1st of August 2016 to 27th of August 2016.

Opening Hours:

- Monday to Friday (9:00am to 3:30pm)
- Saturday (9:00am to 1:00pm)

SJIIM SCHOLARS' VISIT TO PHILIPPINES (25th June – 9th July)

As the senior students and hence leaders-elect of our new school, 24 SJIIM scholars came together in Manila for a Lasallian Leadership camp. This really was a school trip with a difference; the attending students did not know each other before 22 of them met up at KL International Airport on the morning of June 25th and were joined by our two Filipino scholars, in Manila, on June 26th. A notable feature of the trip was that, a mere two weeks later, their parting was that of old and devoted friends. In some ways this sums up our visit to the Philippines; a fortnight of 'being and sharing' rather than of 'doing'.

Our 14 day visit started in Manila where we stayed for two days at La Salle Green Hills (LSGH) before crossing the city for a five day stop at De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ). LSGH and DLSZ are two established and prestigious schools and during our stays there we were immersed in Lasallian tradition, values and ideals. At LSGH we attended our first ever Lasallian school assembly and were struck by the vigour and enthusiasm with which both the School Song and the National Anthem were sung by the students. That afternoon we were hosted by the students of De La Salle University who entertained and fed us royally before introducing us to Brother Michael Broughton (FSC), now at DLSU, previously Brother President at SJI Singapore, who treated us to an impromptu but inspiring talk which not only spoke about Lasallian values but also embodied them in patriotism and history. Our first day at DLSZ was spent in the classrooms, attending lessons with our student hosts at Zobel; without exception we emerged from the classes feeling inspired and invigorated, not just by the content of the lessons, but by the open and participative style of teaching and learning.

The caring and sharing attitude shown to us by all of our Filipino hosts – fellow students, teachers and volunteers of De La Salle Philippines alike – taught us, even more than the thought-provoking and fun-filled classroom sessions could, the reality of the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community. Our commitment to Service was tested by visits to 'Tahanan Ni Maria' (a Home for the Elderly), the 'Haven' (a Home and School for ex-street children) and 'Goodbye Gutom' (a feeding programme for Elementary School children in an impoverished area of Manila). Although we spent only a couple of hours in each place, we changed glum faces into smiles and left friends where we had met strangers. While we realise that these interactions in Manila will be 'one-off' encounters, we trust that the lessons we have learned here will enable us to engage in meaningful service programmes when we return to Malaysia and SJIIM.

The second week of our Philippines visit started with an early morning departure for "the school by the sea"; Jaime Hilario Integrated School. This Lasallian school, which has now expanded to 800 students with a catchment area which stretches to the local town of Bagac, started 10 years ago for the local fishing and farming community which still provides both the challenges and the raison-d'etre of the school. Staying overnight in the houses of the local fishing families gave the SJIIM students a real immersion into local culture and an understanding of the everyday hardships faced by many people. A full day in JHIS, in the morning as High School students and in the afternoon as teachers of Grade 1 & 2 pupils, and then a further session spent interacting with the teachers, provided the SJIIM contingent with a deep understanding of the service ethic shown by this small community.

Back in the 'luxury' of LSGH, we had time to reflect on all that we had experienced and to plan for the future. The purpose of this trip was to teach us about Lasallian values by talking, showing and incorporating these values into all that we have done over the two weeks. Now our task is to bring what we have learned back to SJIIM and spread the Lasallian ethos to our new school. We are ready to take up this challenge!



SJIIM Information Day

There will be an "Information Day" on 7th of August 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please do inform anyone you know who may be interested in finding out more about our new school.

Tour sessions available from: 10:00am / 11:30am / 2:00pm / 3:30pm

Please RSVP for your preferred Tour session at 03-8605 3605 or email to Ms Bee Ling at beelingpeh@sj-international.edu.my

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