

*Province Bulletin*



**BROTHERS OF ST GABRIEL**

*"Labor Omnia Vincit"*

**Hello! 1973**



**2019, Good bye!**

**Dear Readers,**

### **Closure of the Province Bulletin – Last Issue**

The Province of Malaysia-Singapore was established in 1973 and after 46 years, we **closed** the door to become the District of Southeast Asia, attached to the new Province of Bengaluru.

The new Province of Bengaluru and the new District of Southeast Asia officially launched on 23rd March, 2019 in conjunction with the Solemnity of Annunciation (25 March), the Patronal Feast Day of the Montfortian Family.

Hence, the existence of this ***Province Bulletin of Malaysia-Singapore*** also ceased to exist. It was a wonderful journey for me when I was entrusted to take charge of the Bulletin since 2010. It had been circulated to the international community, friends, benefactors, staff, students and Montfortian Associates.

I also chose to publish this bulletin on 25 March, 2019 in honour of our Patronal Feast Day, the Solemnity of Annunciation; and to mark the proper closure.

**There is no word I could ever express to thank all contributors to make this Bulletin a success.**

This ministry entrusted to me is so great that I had become part of me. And, for the past almost 10 years with the Province Bulletin, and I am calling it to closure, I feel that part of me is being cut away and died. *Sad indeed!* But it is time to say goodbye, just like what the Preacher said, *"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up (Ecc. 3:1-3).*

What will happen next? Will there be any more news from the new District of Southeast Asia, which is now bigger by means of geographical area (Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Myanmar)? Or would it be incorporated into the news of the Province of Bengaluru? Those are the questions that I am waiting to be answered once the Province and District are well established

Once again, without the contributors from various parts of Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar, this Bulletin would have been stale. I am glad indeed for their invaluable assistance and contribution!

Once again, thank you to all contributors! Thank you all readers!

***Thomas Paul, FSG***

## Provincial Superior's Message

Bro John Albert Arul Devanesan fsg

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Board of Governors, Benefactors, Montfort Associates, Friends of Montfort, Principals / Teachers / Support Staff, Students / Trainees,



Greetings of Peace and Joy to all of you!

**"They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."**

**John 17:16**

What does this mean?

It is believed that everything in the Order of Creation has its own goodness and purpose. It is also an accepted fact that not everything in the created world order is good for everyone consumption.

As such Life challenges us to discern, to be attentive and to be docile to whatever is life nurturing. Men and Women who desired to know the truth, carefully listened to the voice of the TEACHER or Divine Advocate – The Indwelling Spirit.

These Men and Women walk by faith in the One Who Purges, One Who Illuminates and One Who Unites. This interior life and inner journey have borne great fruits of wisdom, truth, beauty, love and endurance. Those who thirsted for what is right and good found it and not without a price of personal discipline, much struggle and sacrifice.

They had to face the forces of beauty and forces of ugly battling within and without. The grace of self-awareness and self-knowledge was acquired through a time of quiet in the Divine Presence.

We, are not alone in this holy struggle for that which is of highest value according to our noble birth as Human Person. **So, we are invited to build our lives on the “ROCK of GOD” and “HIS PROMISES”.**

Just remember the event of the Cross precedes the Crown of Resurrected Life for Jesus and His Followers. We keep fighting the good fight of faith. And keep running the race of noblest virtues.



At the end of time and beginning of eternity we shall hear **“WELL DONE, COME AND SHARE THE GLORY OF MY FATHER”.**

I, invoke God's Blessing upon you and your loved ones.

Fraternally Yours in St Louis Marie de Montfort

## Province of Malaysia-Singapore Last Gathering



**Kluang, Johor:** The Brothers in the Province of Malaysia-Singapore gathered for the last time as a Province in their recollection on 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Kluang, Johor, about 100 Km from Johor Bahru, the capital state of Johor.

Though not all the Brothers were able to attend due to age and health, the recollection was an avenue for the brothers to meet and to be enriched in their spiritual life

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## New District of Southeast Asia (DSEA)

**Singapore:** Starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019, the District of Southeast Asia, which is part of the new Province of Bengaluru was established. The District of Southeast Asia consists of four countries: Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Myanmar. The following are the District Leadership Team:

District Superior: Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh (Singapore) – *also one of the Provincial Councilors*

District Councilors: Bro. Arul Rayan (Philippines)

Bro. Arul Amal (Philippines)

Bro. Peter Kolandaisamy (Malaysia)

We thank Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh and his team for accepting this responsibility and challenge. Perhaps there would be not much different except that the geographical area is now expanded and the once autonomous body is now semi-autonomous. The personnel remain in their respective countries, which the Brothers in this already knew each other based on their contacts, communications and personal encounters.

It would be an interesting journey for the Brothers because the District members consists of different nationalities; Singaporeans, Malaysians, Indians and Filipinos and to top with that, the educative missions varies from one locality to the next. *(Province Bulletin)*

## Hello! District of Southeast Asia and Province of Bengaluru!





# Montfort Secondary School (MSS), Singapore

By Ms Priya Prasad

## SECONDARY ONE ORIENTATION



This year we welcomed a total strength of over 280 students into the Montfortian Family. As tradition would have it, we organised a week-long of fun, games and activities for these young men to initiate them into our special fellowship.

The Sec One students along with their Orientation Group Leaders (OGLs) made their way to Kallang for a grand time in the dragon boats. They learnt the art of working as an individual and then how to work as team to move their craft in the desired direction. We are positive the lessons learnt through this activity will be deeply etched in the hearts and minds of our Montfortians as they take the first step into secondary school life!



We also officially welcomed our Secondary One Montfortians with an investiture. The form teachers initiated the boys into the Montfortian family by presenting them with a school tie which symbolically represented the start of their journey from boyhood to becoming a man for others.

## VALUES-IN-ACTION

On 26th January, representatives from each class went out to the Hougang neighbourhood to deliver the Chinese New Year hampers prepared by their classes. This is also the first of many Values-In-Action events that our students will experience through the year. Our boys were accompanied by grassroots members of Crest and Vale RC. The students spent a meaningful morning interacting with the residents, buying breakfast for them and chatting with them. The time of interaction brought much joy and laughter to the students and residents. The session ended with the students delivering the hampers to the homes of the residents.





On the 11th of February, around 60 students participated in the **Chinese New Year Concert** for THK Nursing Home. Close to 30 residents attended the concert, and they were treated with an exhilarating showcase of a Wushu performance which was followed by a Band performance which played with precision and fun. The passionate choristers charmed the residents with "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran as well as a festive song "贺新年" (The best day of the year). We ended the concert with the mass singing of festive songs. Students, and

members of the Parent Support Group had a great time doing Lo-Hei with the residents before moving off to the other wards to distribute mandarin oranges to other residents, wishing them a Happy Chinese New Year.

## PARENTS' EXTRAVAGANZA



We hosted more than 500 parents in our annual Parents Extravaganza. There were many engaging and useful workshops and talks by industry experts on a range of topics, from understanding the changing nature of teenagers to understanding how teenage boys feel. Our principal, Mr Minjoot, also shared crucial plans for the graduating students and various subject combinations for the Sec 3s in 2020 with their respective parents.





## Montfort Junior School (MJS), Singapore

By MJS



At Montfort Junior, Ash Wednesday opened with Mass for Catholic students, celebrated by Friar Rowland Yeo, OFM, the first hearing-impaired priest in S.E. Asia and one of less than 30 in the whole world.

When Friar Rowland was a student, school was very challenging. He could only lip-read while the teachers were teaching and when the teachers turned away to face the board, he did not know what was being taught. Our students can take inspiration from Friar Rowland's resilience and face up to their challenges too.

When we look around us and see people different from us, we must show respect and consideration for their differences as life is very challenging for them. What we do makes a difference in their lives as well as ours. This is where we can put our values we learn in school into practice.





# BOYS' TOWN

## Helping Children & Youth-in-need

By Trevor Chan

### Residential Services Orientation Camp 2019

The Residential Services had a 3D2N orientation camp from 4 to 6 January 2019 with 28 boarders participating. The theme of the camp was '**BT ONE**' – Boys' Town Ownership, Nurturing and Empowerment. It was with the aim of fostering strong bonds and camaraderie among boarders and staff through the games and activities.

Participants went through a series of challenging activities such as rock wall climbing, abseiling, a 6 km trek and 6 km sea expedition on kayaks. All participants slept in tents and cooked their meals throughout the camp. The values of personal discipline and service attitude were also inculcated as the boarders must be responsible in their daily life and decision making.



The boys enjoyed cooking their meals

### Boys' Town Fostering Seminar



On 23 February 2019, Boys' Town Fostering Services (BTFS) held a Fostering Seminar at Boys' Town. Couples who were interested about fostering attended the info-sharing session and participated in an open dialogue with our foster parent, Mdm Faustina. Having served as a foster parent for more than 7 years, Mdm Faustina shared her experiences caring for two children with special and medical needs. With the help of Mdm Faustina's, the Seminar helped to inspire and attract applicants to be foster parents.

### Visit to Boys' Town

On 16 January, Boys' Town hosted Prof Michiko Hirata from the Aiko Welfare Foundation and a group of 16 social workers from Japan. Prof Hirata's main objective was to conduct a study visit in Singapore. The social workers were mostly serving in children's home in Japan and wanted to learn more about community care services for children/youths and families. The visit to Boys' Town was coordinated by the Rotary Family Centre.





## Assumption English School (AES), Singapore

By Ms Wendy Chan



Assumption English School began 2019 with an inaugural start of the new school year Mass on 8 January. The whole school, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, came together for the first time with a common objective: to pray and ask God for blessings for the students, teachers and all who work in the school. During this Eucharistic Celebration, we also prayed specially for the new staff and the Secondary One students who had just joined our school – that they may find a community that welcomes them and makes them comfortable in their new surroundings.

We thank Father Edward Seah, the Executive Director (Ad Interim) of the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools and also Spiritual Director of St Francis Xavier Major Seminary, for celebrating Mass for us.

With the intercessory prayers of our Lady of Assumption and St Louis Marie de Montfort, may we work together as a community to accomplish all the goals set before us this school year!





# Assumption Pathway School (APS), Singapore

By Jenken Hoon

## APS way: A journey to personal success

Teo Zhixian was an APS student who completed his ITE Skills Certificate (*ISC*) in Culinary Skills with an exceptional grade of 3.7 out of 4. In his educational journey, he overcame various obstacles and he is currently pursuing a *Nitec* in Asian Culinary Arts at ITE College West. He also participated in the Food and Hotel Asia Challenge 2018 where he clinched a Bronze Award in the Two to Tango category.

In primary school, he struggled with every subject as he couldn't read and spell in English. He felt hopeless when he failed his PSLE twice and did not want go to school.

APS was a beacon of hope for Zhixian and he enjoyed going to school in APS. He shared that the teachers are good and always willing to teach. He also enjoyed going for Bonding Moments, where he had opportunities to express himself and share his experiences with others. The Culinary Skills course,



introduced in 2016 was a good form of motivation for him. It was also an area where he developed keen passion and interest through the teachers' guidance and nurturing.

When Second Minister for Education, Ms Indranee Rajah mentioned about Zhixian during her parliamentary speech, he was shocked and yet at the same time, proud and happy about being recognised by her.

He was interviewed by Lianhe Zaobao and when asked about his dreams in the future. He said that he hopes to have his own food business and to help the needy by offering them work in his company. Assumption Pathway School is proud of this student who have grown up to be a capable young man of good character and value.

## Korea Food Service Science High School Visit 2019



A group of energetic and passionate teachers and students from the Korea Food Service Science High School (KFSSHS) came over to APS for a learning visit from Mon 18 Feb 2019 till Fri 22 Feb 2019. They were led by Mr Kim Ki Taek and Ms Han Ji Yeon.

Korea Food Service Science High School based in South Korea specialises in Commercial Cookery and Tourism Service. They adopt a combined University Study and On the Job Training for their curriculum. This year, the students were attached to the Year 4 cohort in Baking Practices and Culinary Skills.

The Korean students revealed their culinary finesse by making Chicken stew as well as Tteokbokki. Their adept skills in cutting the ingredients as well as frying and stirring the food was a sight to behold. The Chicken stew and Tteokbokki were absolutely delicious bursting with flavours in every bite.



On the last day of their trip, Executive Director, Mr Christopher Neo arranged for a farewell gathering where he presented pineapple tarts that were specially made by our Baking Production team for our Korean friends.

The school visit was a good and positive learning experience for both APS and KFSSHS students. We hope that this has been a fruitful trip for them and that they brought back

wonderful memories of Singapore and APS with them. We also look forward to welcoming KFSSHS students to APS in the years to come.

### An Evening at The ART with Chef Immanuel and Creative Eateries Mar 2019

On Sat 3 Mar 2019, APS collaborated with Creative Eateries for An Evening at The ART. It was an occasion where a unique fusion of Asian and Western touched the hearts of our guests.

Western cooking techniques were nicely coupled with a variety of exotic and subtle Asian flavours to appeal to the taste buds of the discerning. The arrangement of the various food components on the plate was absolutely stunning.

In the kitchen, the Chefs and students worked in sync with much enthusiasm. They were meticulous in the preparation, skillful in the cutting of the ingredients and made sure that the food is well cooked, which was then plated and served to the guests promptly. The guests' expression of happiness and satisfaction was indeed encouraging most especially for our students.

APS is thankful to Chef Immanuel, Chef Tu Rui, Chef Ken, Chef Han as well as Bernadette for this fruitful collaboration. This has been an enriching learning experience for our students and we look forward to many more of these in the near future.





## MeToYou Youth Outreach Programme (YO!!!)

By Abdul Rahman Bin Kamarudin

### A Programme by MontfortCare

The first quarter of 2019 has been quite an exciting journey for MeToYou thus far! We held a Focus Group Discussion with our youth volunteer in January, and engaged students in a local secondary school to share our knowledge regarding Excessive Gaming in February. (Pic: youth volunteers brainstorming on what they want to do)

2019 began with MeToYou coming together with our youth volunteers to look back at 2018 and review what has been done and learnt. Many youths were excited to share of their experiences in their learning journey towards the theme of 2018 – Mental Health. It was heartening to see the youths being able to recall community resources available for themselves and the public should they feel they needed support. Looking ahead, the youths were able to openly share with the MeToYou team they felt that they wanted to bond more with one another while at the same time giving back to the society through various approaches. MeToYou is excited for the upcoming year of 2019 where the current batch of youth volunteers are highly motivated to give back to the community with the knowledge gained in 2018. (Pic: Students engaged in the respective booths – learning about Excessive Gaming)

In February, MeToYou visited Changkat Changi Secondary School (CCHS) for our outreach efforts in spreading our knowledge about Excessive Gaming. We set up 4 booths during the students' canteen period where we share with the youths

- what Excessive Gaming is,
- the impacts it brings onto youths who spent too long playing games,
- how to spot youths who are highly engaged in their games, and
- how to help themselves and/or others who may be facing with such difficulties.

MeToYou incorporated fun and learning into one with our various forms of activities to engage the students in their understanding and internalizing of the topic. Many students grew curious to our booths, and left with new knowledge and prizes as a token of their participation.

Later in the same day, MeToYou conducted a school-wide assembly talk where we shared the knowledge not just for the students, but for the teachers too! In one hour, MeToYou was able to engage the students through quizzes relating to the topic of Excessive Gaming. We truly were impressed at the level of participation the students in CCHS were giving us, and this sets the precedence of how exciting 2019 will be!

(Left pic: School wide Assembly Talk conducted for CCHS)



## Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam

By Arulannandam S

It's another year of blessings waiting to unfold. Montfort Boys Town celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We give thanks to God for all these years and rejoicing with all the staff, students, donors and benefactor.

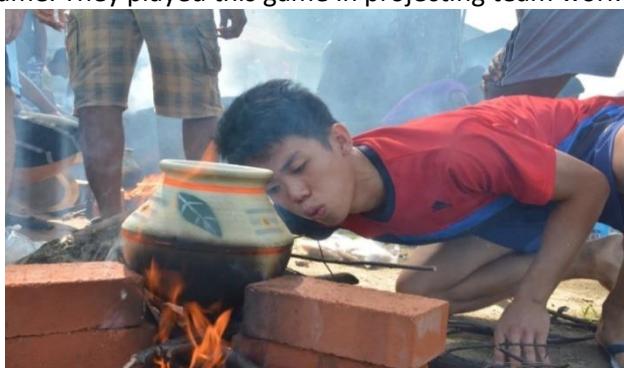


**Love and Life Youth Camp:** 5 male and 5 female Montfort students were sponsored By Rev. Fr. Gregory Chan to attend youth camp with a theme "Love and Life" at Port Dickson from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 which was organised by ASAYO. The students were privileged to attend this with other youths from the Archdiocese.

### Ponggal Celebration and 'Kabadi'

Ponggal Celebration on 19 January, 2019, reminds us of the God's blessings for good harvest. At Montfort it is always a multi-racial event. All students were given a chance to experience on how to boil rice with sugar and milk which makes as 'ponggal'. Another exciting event was a 'kabadi' game.

They played this game in projecting team work as well.



Ponggal



Kabadi Game



Calligraphy Competition 2019 in conjunction with the Chinese New year Celebration. Swee Teck Long was named as the Winner



Inter institution games with Montfort Youth Training Centre (MYC) vs Montfort Boys Town (MBT) at Melaka – 26- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## Montfort Youth Training Centre, Sabah

By MYTC

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



The entire religious communities in the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu converged to Montfort Youth Training Centre to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Saturday, February 2, 2019. There were more than 100 religious brothers and sisters present on that day and the Eucharistic celebration was celebrated by Archbishop John Wong, the Archbishop of Kota Kinabalu and concelebrated by three Korean priests of the Clerical Society of the Most Holy Trinity of Mariana (SST).

The religious communities were represented by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (FSIC), Daughters of St Paul (FSP), Good Shepherd Sisters (RGS), De La Salle Brothers (FSC), Marist Brothers (FMS) and Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel (SG). The Sisters of Discalced Carmelite Order were represented in absentia by the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS).

The celebration concluded with a lunch reception hosted

by Montfort Youth Training Centre after the Mass at the residential campus open hall together with the trainees of the Institution.



### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

MYTC had their Chinese New Year celebration dinner on the 17 February 2019. Guests and Friends of Montfort were entertained with the dances of 8 lions welcoming the year of the Pig. Thanks to the generosity of Datin Lindai Lee, a member of the Montfortian Lay Associates and to Mr and Mrs Daniel Kwan for the gift of angpows to the trainees.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> MYTC SPORTS DAY

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, MYTC held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day at Penampang Sports Complex with great determination and excitement atmosphere. The event started with an opening prayer led by Danny Lawman Sii and followed by the presentation of MYTC Sports Pledge by Teddly Tony.

The Director of MYTC, Mr Frederick Mah took the salute of the March Pass of the Trainees and Boarders representing Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Mechanic Department, Motor Mechanic Department, Carpentry Department,



Welding Department and San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kiulu.

Mr Frederick Mah officiated the event and all the races begun coupled with loud cheering and encouragement by the Trainees and Boarders. Each department including San Damiano Boys' Hostel competed with one another in various track and field events such as 100M-1500M, 4 x 100M, 4 x 400M, long jump, high jump, shot put and javelin. The staff also participated in the running event and telematch race. The overall champion was awarded to San Damiano Boys' Hostel Team and they took home the challenge trophy. It was a memorable day for everyone especially the sports enthusiasts.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR HELENA KWAN**

**HELENA WAS CALLED TO ETERNAL REST BY THE LORD ON 12 MARCH 2019 AT HER HOME  
AT 3.02AM**

**HELENA HAS DEDICATED HER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MONTFORT YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE.  
SHE HAD SERVED MONTFORT WITH DEVOTION AND DEDICATION.  
IT IS WITH PROFOUND SADNESS THAT SHE HAS LEFT US.  
SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,  
BROTHERS OF ST. GABRIEL, FRIENDS OF MONTFORT, STAFF, AND TRAINEES.  
MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE**

# Montfort Youth Centre, Melaka

By Ms. Santhiyah



## MYC PONGGAL CELEBRATION 2019

Pongal is celebrated on the commencement of the auspicious month of Thai. MYC held its Pongal celebration on 14 January 2019, a day earlier, joined by all the staff and boys of MYC. Pongal means to ‘overflow’, hence the pot with milk has to boil over to symbolise prosperity and abundance. Five pots were used to make “Ven Pongal” or also known as sweet rice, and the rice was offered to honour the ‘Sun God’ with a short prayer. Later, everyone enjoyed the taste of the freshly made Pongal and had a wonderful time celebrating it together.

## MAGNUMCARES BY ENE MELAKA SDN BHD

ENE Melaka never fails to bring festive cheer to the students of MYC. On 21 January 2019, MagnumCares brought early Chinese New Year merriment by presenting all the boys with a goodie bag and an ang pow each. MYC would like to thank Mr. Goh

Sin Giin, the State Manager of ENE Melaka Sdn. Bhd., and his team for this wonderful gesture.



## MYC vs MBT INTER-GAMES COMPETITION

MYC hosted a group of students and staff from MBT from 26 January to 27 January 2019 to participate in an inter-game competition. The students competed in games such as basketball, football, volleyball and “sepak takraw”. They also took the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with each other. On the whole, this was a brilliant chance for everyone to gain from one another and have a ton of fun in well organised matches.





## MYC CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2019

MYC ushered in its Chinese New Year celebration earlier on 29 January 2019 with the traditional Lion Dance performance from our boys. Earlier that day, a thanksgiving mass was held and after that, all the staff, guests and students were treated to a sumptuous dinner. Later, the students of MYC showed off their talents with some wonderful performances. To end the Lunar New Year Celebration, Bro. Peter together with Mr. Lawrence, a member of the Board of Governors,

presented all those who were present with an “ang pow” and oranges.

## VISIT FROM CIMB REPRESENTATIVES

CIMB Bank Foundation has been kind enough to fund Montfort Youth Centre’s Motor Mechanic Department to purchase some equipment for the students’ use. One of the purchased equipment was a 4-post alignment machine and it was officially launched by the Vice- President of CIMB Bank for Melaka and Johor North, *Puan Rabi’ah Mohd Tahir* and her team on 25 February 2019. Montfort Youth Centre staff and students convey our heartfelt gratitude to the entire team of CIMB Foundation for their thoughtfulness.



3 March 2019 – Exchange of Memorandum between The Inter-Board of Governors and The Canossian Sisters. It was to mark the collaboration between the Brothers of St Gabriel and the Cannosian Daughters of Charity in the service of the youth at Montfort Youth Centre

## Mission in Myanmar

by Mr. Kapaul Mue

### **Groundbreaking of ALL Skill Training Centre (STC)**

In the morning of January 31, 2019, Fr. Saw Henry (Twantay Parish Assistant Priest), parish committee members, ALL committee members and ALL staff gathered at No. 82, Kan Thar Yar 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Kune Chan Gone Ward Twantay for the ceremony of the groundbreaking of **ALL Skill Training Centre (STC)** Construction. The construction of the **STC** began on February 1, 2019.



### **ALL Montfort Boys Playing Futsal**

Montfort boys and ALL staff played Futsal on February 15, 2019. Mr. Nay Min Tun sponsored the fusel field rental fee. They enjoyed their sport time very much.

### **Closing Ceremony of ALL Weekend English Programme**

There were forty-four students for ALL Weekend English Programme (from October 2018 – February 2019). ALL awarded a certificate to each child who completed the course successfully on February 27, 2019. The students their performances and enjoyed the snacks served by ALL staff at the end of the ceremony.



### **March 4, 2019 Starting of 2019 Summer Holiday Computer and English Programme (SHECP)**

Summer Holiday Computer and English Programme started on March 4, 2019 with eighteen staff, about forty Computer learners and more than two hundred and thirty English learners. SHECP is one of the joyous times throughout the year for ALL staff and the children from villages around Twantay town. It is the time when ALL staff are very busy with their preparation for the active learners and for the children; and it is the time when they learn their English four skills.

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### ***Opening of a New Computer Room at ALL***



to see some of ALL Ex-students in making the New Computer Classroom.

### ***March 11, 2019 Brother Provincial John Albert visiting ALL***

Our beloved **Brother Provincial John Albert** arrived at ALL on March 11, 2019. He attended MIRS meeting on March 12, 2019. On March 13-14, 2019, he met with the contractor of ALL Skill Training

Centre and checked the progress of the building. Also, he visited ALL English and Computer classes. He also managed to visit few families in Twantay. Then, Brother Provincial proceeded to Yangon for other meetings.



*Brother Provincial John Albert at the construction site of ALL Skill Training Centre  
March 13, 2019*





## Montfortian Associates

**Kinarut, Sabah:** Fourteen Montfortian Associate Members renewed their Consecration on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, in conjunction with the Patronal Feast Day, the Solemnity of Annunciation. The Associates had their annual retreat from the 22<sup>nd</sup>

March and concluded with the Consecration during the Sunday mass held at St. Paul's Chapel on the Hill, Montfort Youth Training Centre, Sabah. Bro. John Albert, the out-going Provincial Superior facilitated the three days' retreat sessions. The Presider of the Eucharistic Celebration was Fr. Andrew Kim (SST).



The term of office of the current office bearers would be ending soon and they would be having their annual general meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to elect the new office bearers.

Meanwhile, in Singapore, the Montfortian Associates had elected their new Office Bearers for the Term 2019-2022 (three years). They are Mr. Zerah Goh (President), Aloysius Adi Pratama (Vice-President), Lydia Alex Kartadjaja (Secretary), Benedict Liu (Asst. Secretary) and Mr. Henry Tan (Treasurer).

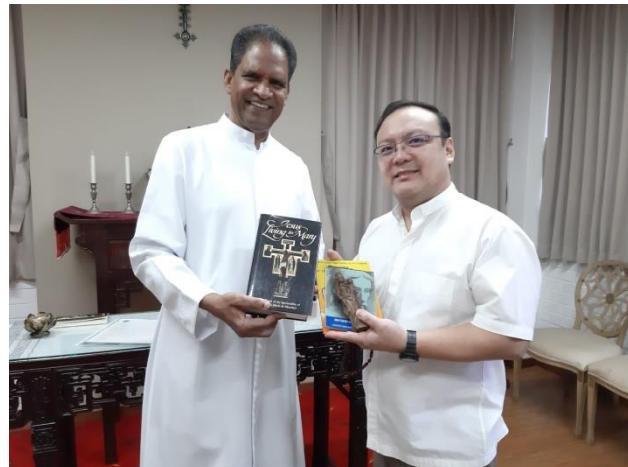


## News in Pictures



### **Catholic Religious Conference of Myanmar.**

Major Superiors meeting held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Main Theme: 78<sup>th</sup> Convention – Prophetic Role of Religious Life in Today's World. Bro. John Albert attended the conference.



1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

**Welcoming Bro Damian Tay** to experience the Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel's Life and Educative Mission in Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar.  
He was given the Handbook of the Montfortian Spirituality, Rule of Life and the Acts of the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter.  
He is Carmelite Brothers on a 3 years exaluation for the purpose of discernment before the possibility of transfer.  
Currently he is part of the Pastoral Team for Schools faith formation.



### **On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the Inauguration of New Principals.**

On the left of Bro Dominic Yeo Koh is Mr Martin Tan our newly appointed Principal for St Gabriel's Primary School. Along with him is Mr Gerald Kong and the student who read the Scripture during Holy Mass.



The **SOAR EXECUTIVE TEAM** made up of Principals. The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for the year concluded with a Lunar New Year lunch at ARTS on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.



The Assumption Pathway School, School Management Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for 2019 was held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



## Malaysian Institutions' Inter-Board Meeting

**Singapore:** The Malaysian Institutions' Inter-Board meeting met on the 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. The main agenda for the meeting was to discuss about the Technical and Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) Programme in the Malaysian Institutions. In the key note address of Bro. Arul Rayan (SG), from the Philippines, said that the TVET is rapidly changing in the technical training landscape in Asia. Bro. Arul

Rayan, who hails from India had been a missionary in the Philippines for many years and his doctoral thesis was based on TVET. His research covered a wide geographical area including Malaysia and Singapore.

The meeting also discussed on Monfortian Pedagogy – *Inclusive Education for 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. This paper was presented by Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh (SG), the Montfortian-Gabrielite School Supervisor in Singapore. Bro John Albert (SG), the then Provincial Superior, presented the topic on *Collaborative Leadership for management of Montfort TVET, Malaysia*.

The Malaysian Institutions are running Technical and Vocational Trainings for the youth. The funding of the institutions are mainly form public donations and fund-raisings. Financial trends of the institutions were also presented to know the operational costs sustainability.

The meeting was well represented where all the three Malaysian Institutions sent their delegations including directors, deputy directors and senior staff. In total there were 21 participants and facilitators attended the meeting. They were 9 Board Members, 6 Brothers, 5 senior staff members and Bro. Arul Rayan.

At the end of the 3 days' meeting, the delegations charted *Direction for Management, Sustainability, Relevant Skills – The Way Forward* for the institutions in Malaysia.

This inter-board meeting was held for the second time. The first meeting was held some six or seven years ago. It was a fruitful meeting for the Board members and also to have greater interactions between them. It was also for greater understanding on the institutions run by the Brothers in Malaysia. (**Province Bulletin**)



Bro Arul Rayan with Mrs Julia Jock and Sr Christine Low