



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Staff Members, Students and Friends of Montfort,

The year of horse has galloped in and slipped by without you and me noticing it. At the twinkling of the eyes, we have come to the end of the year, and it is only right and fitting for us to thank God for the many blessings He has showered upon us through our Donors, Sponsors, Benefactors and Friends of Montfort, and for your personal participation and involvement.

In Montfort, we had embarked the year 2014 with a special theme, "The Good Shepherd" inviting all Staff Members, Prefects and Students alike to be the Good Shepherd. At the same time, we also launched our Montfortian Education Charter in Singapore. Perhaps, before we end the year 2014, it is appropriate to pause for a moment to see if we have been the Good Shepherd following the guidelines provided by Montfortian Education Charter. The Good Shepherd cares passionately for his sheep, and looks after them with the best interest. It seemed almost like God's Providence that we end the year with the Consultation & Seminar touching on the Justice & Peace Integrity of Creation in Hyderabad. The Consultation fittingly looked into empowering the people to own the mission with all its rights and responsibilities to sustain the mission which is people-centred. At our 15th year of existence, this Consultation is timely.

I believe as you flipped through the following pages of the news bulletin, you will see for yourself that great happenings had taken place in our Institution. All these would not be possible without your generosity and personal involvement as Donors, Benefactors, Brothers, Teachers, Instructors and Staff. Allow me to thank you and congratulate you for being part of this educative mission for the Youth who knocked at our door. You have given them New Life and Hope for a brighter future. I also wish to express my deepest appreciation to our Board of Governors who had contributed much in the entire major fundraising events, for the success and well-being of the Institution.

Taking this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and another exciting New Year 2015. May God bless you all abundantly.

Bro. Francis Chua sg
Director



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Editorial

In 1974, a rock band group, the Rolling Stones, released a rock song entitled *"Time waits for no one."*

Indeed time waits for no one as we will be bidding farewell to 2014 and usher in 2015 in less than a month by the time you are reading this. What a year 2014 has been for all of us! Yet God is ever so merciful and kind to us; He blesses us with good people who support us financially and staff who give their best for the benefits of our Trainees and Students.

Perhaps the most remarkable story of the year was our Open House. All of us can still remember the anxiety we all felt when the sky opened its gate and poured down rain during the two weeks before the Open House. The rain only stopped at the eleventh hour just before the Open House! Talking about cliffhanger!!! Yet filled with faith and full of trust in God's providence, we soldiered on, "rain or shine", in one true Montfortian Spirit! And that is the Spirit we should impart to our Youth so that they too will learn to face the challenges and obstacles in faith and full of trust in God.

This is our bumper issue which covered all the major events of 2014. As you can read, it has been quite an eventful year! Wishing all of you a Blessed Christmas and the most auspicious New Year 2015, and happy reading!

Editor

Launching of Montfort Education Charter in Singapore

Representatives from the three Institutions in Malaysia, namely MYTC, Melaka Youth Centre and Montfort Boys' Town, were invited to attend the launching of the Montfort Education Charter together with the Board of Governors and staff members of the seven Institutions in Singapore on 18th January 2014. The launching was officiated by the Superior General, Bro. John Kallarakka.



MYTC was represented by Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Management Committee.



The Montfort Education Charter (MEC) comprises eight core dimensions of inclusive education, participatory methodology, innovation and creativity, the best interest of the child, partnership and networking, respect for community of life, quest for excellence, and a spiritual vision. These dimensions were presented in the mandala – a circular symbol representing wholeness.



All Montfortian Institutions in both Singapore and Malaysia will adopt the Charter as the road map to meet the world in the 21st Century.

Both Tan Sri Bernard Dompok and the Management Committee accompanied by Provincial Superior, Bro. Francis Chua, and Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh also took the opportunity to visit the Assumptions Pathway School, Assumption English School, Montfort Boys' Town and Montfort Care Centre to gain better understanding of our sister institutions in Singapore.

MYTC Celebrates Rich Cultures of Malaysia..

In Montfort, we strongly believe in passing down our traditions so that the lessons behind these celebrations are kept alive. We also believe that in order for Trainees to be more grounded and rounded in their character formation, it is important to expose them to cultures other than their own.

CHINESE NEW YEAR, 15TH FEBRUARY 2014

MYTC marked the beginning of the year of Horse on Chap Goh Mei with a Eucharistic Celebration celebrated by Fr. Thomas Madanan followed by dinner at the Open Hall. After the Mass, Montfort's Lion Troupe accompanied the guests to the Open Hall for the evening programme. The Trainees also put up performances including dance, songs and drama featuring the playful lions in the garden.



MOONCAKE FESTIVAL, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2014



As the dusk turned to dark night, the campus was suddenly lit up by the lanterns as the Brothers, Staff and Trainees began the night's celebration with a procession around the campus. The Open Hall was charmingly decorated with lanterns created by the Trainees while William Mok from 1st Year Carpentry added ambience to the occasion by his enthralled narration on the story of legendary Hou Yi and his beautiful wife Chang'e. Just

before the celebration concluded, the colourful and bright lanterns were released to the fishponds while Trainees enjoyed their mooncakes under the moonlight.

DEEPAVALI, 25TH OCTOBER 2014

The Open Hall was brightly decorated with eight Kolams attractively created by the Trainees and brightly lit with tea lights around the Hall. The whole



Hall turned into one big dining hall as the Trainees brought out their mats to have

their dinner eating on the floor with banana leaves. It was a sight right out of any typical Indian family's celebration of Deepavali. Mr. Doraisamy together with his wife, Mrs. Leela prepared the sumptuous meal of traditional Indian fare. This year's celebration was made more memorable with the visit from Mr. Doraisamy's family that included his mother.



Deepavali which means the festival of light was to celebrate the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Brothers of St. Gabriel News

OFFICIAL VISIT TO HYDERABAD 27TH OCTOBER TO 3RD NOVEMBER, 2014

Mrs. Helena Kwan, Mr. Doraisamy Neelamegam and Mr. Jonathan Juis accompanied Bro. Francis Chua to Hyderabad from 27th October 2014 to 3rd November 2014 on his official visit to the Province as Provincial Superior. Both Bro. Francis Chua and Mrs. Helena Kwan attended the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Consultation cum Seminar while Mr. Doraisamy Neelamegam and Mr. Jonathan Juis went on the study visit to the Boys Town Industrial Training Centre in Jahanuma, Hyderabad.

JPIC Consultation & Seminary – Montfortian Responses and Strategies

JPIC Consultation & Seminar was attended by twenty-four Brothers coming from the various Provinces of India, Canada, Thailand, and Malaysia as well as Bro. Paul Raj who is the Assistant General Superior from Rome.

The Brothers at the Consultation discussed and studied how to shift the mission approach from the welfare-based to the rights-based. This called to empower people with knowledge and resources to take up their rights and responsibilities to promote and protect human rights. The Consultation talked about empowerment, participation and accountability of people in the non-discriminatory way. It called for the ownership of the people we empowered to sustain any development initiatives that are people-centred.

Study Tour at Boys' Town Industrial Training Centre (BTTC)



In the meantime, both Mr. Doraisamy and Mr. Jonathan who stayed with the Brothers at the BTTC noticed that the commitment and the dedication of the Brothers and the Staff to 600 Trainees are remarkable and highly admirable. The Centre is also a school for about 100 Boys are deaf and dumb who are coping equally well alongside their able classmates. Bro. C.A. Thomas and Bro. M.M. Francis, the Principal, explained that their Teachers and Instructors are trained in sign language to minister to this special class.

The Centre is also self-sustaining, made possible by the strong working culture of the Brothers and Instructors who stayed focused and are totally available for their Trainees during class/workshop hours. Their commitment and dedication ensure that all orders are delivered on time, within budget and of acceptable quality. This strong work ethics and culture gained Boys Town support not only from our own Montfort Institutions and Schools in and around Hyderabad, but also the preferred choice for ordering furnishings and products from Government authorities/schools.

In the programme also included witnessing the 160th Anniversary of All Saints' School, and the Closing Ceremony of the 32nd National Montfort Games & Sports (NMGS) at St.

Alphonsus' High School, Nalgonda,

Pune Province in which our Provincial, Bro Francis, was the Guest of Honour. NMGS was participated by twenty-two Montfort High Schools from both Hyderabad and Pune Provinces while the Impressive closing ceremony showcased cultural and modern dances, March Pass and release of twenty-two multi-coloured floating lanterns in the night sky. Earlier, Bro. Francis as the Guest of Honour presented the trophies, medals and certificates to all the winners of the 32nd NMGS. Bro. Francis Chua and the Staff also managed to visit the Montfort Home which is a shelter for the homeless children.



BSG Sabah Fraternity Community News

Bro. Joseph Philip made his Perpetual Profession on 1st May 2014 and took his vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience before the Provincial Superior of the Province of Malaysia-Singapore-Myanmar (Bro. Francis Chua), the Local Superior (Bro. Thomas Paul) and other BSG members of the Province. The profession was witnessed by Bishop Cornelius Piong who is the Bishop of Keningau, Fr. Charles Chew and Fr. Paul Mikin, together with his family and the parish community.

The solemn yet joyful ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Church in Membakut where Bro. Joseph grew up and received God's calling to serve Him in the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel. He made his first profession in 2005 after which he was posted to Melaka and Shah Alam before transferring back to Sabah Fraternity Community in 2012.



Bro. Joseph shared that it was the death of his beloved sister in 1997 that awoken him to be more involved with God in his life by participating in church activities. These activities nurtured his love for God and deepened his desire to give his life to Him. It was a long journey during his formation period which was filled with both challenges and thanksgiving, but his perseverance fortified by the Sacrament of Confirmation has brought him to this day as he took his final vow as a Brother of St. Gabriel.



In March 2014, the Community welcomed Bro. Raja Manikam to Sabah as he took up the mission in San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kiulu, as the Brother-in-charge. He was attached to Montfort Centre, Singapore, in the previous six years.

Bro. James Ating renewed his temporary vow before the Provincial Superior, Bro. Francis Chua, and Local Superior, Bro. Thomas Paul, on 27th April 2014. Bro. James is currently serving at Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam.



In July 2014, we bid farewell to Bro. Paulus Anak Tuzm who is transferred to Melaka Community. Bro. Paulus has been with the Sabah Community since 2010 after taking his first temporary vow and served in Montfort Youth Training Centre as Brother-in-charge of Students Affairs Department before taking up full-time studies in Management.



The Community welcomed back Bro. Francis Xavier Gasper to Sabah after an absence of 10 years. Bro. Gasper is the founding member of the Sabah Community. In his new ministry, he is taking charge of the Pastoral Care Unit working closely with the Students Affairs Department.



Words of Appreciation

Montfort is always blessed with many generous donors and benefactors (individuals, corporations and associations) who are supporting us in cash and in kind throughout the year. Besides their gifts of care, they also took time to visit our Trainees and gave them motivation talks.

25th January 2014. The Rotary Club of KK sponsored the rainwater harvest project worth about RM16,000 that include two 9,000-gallon water tanks, pumps, pipes and other plumbing materials. The project will save Montfort one-third (1/3) of water consumption and the water harvested will be used for washing and watering plants. The handover ceremony was held in conjunction with the visit of the District Governor Ghim Bok, and his delegation. The visitors also toured the workshops to gain an understanding of the training programmes.



3rd April 2014. YBhg Datuk Chin Chee Kee, the Chairman of the Kinabalu Foundation Berhad, together with Datuk Vincent Shia, a Board Member, Mr. Chang Yu Ling, the Executive Secretary and Mr. Chang Chee Chyun, paid their annual visit to our Centre at Kinarut to present a cheque of RM30,000 to Montfort. The Kinabalu Foundation under the leadership of Datuk Chin Chee Kee has been a Montfort's benefactor for the past ten years since 2005.

31st August 2014. Guanyitang Association visited our Centre and donated a lorry-load of food provision in the form of rice, noodles, cooking oil, milo among many other food items for our Trainees' daily consumption. Their visit led by Madam Ng Yu Lin was part of their annual charity drive among their members in conjunction of Guanyi's birthday on the 15th of the 8th lunar month. This year marked their 5th visit to our Centre.



27th September 2014. Tang Huat Wong Welfare & Education Foundation under the San Hin Group also visited us and brought cheers to our Trainees with their gifts of food provisions and other daily necessities. The visit was part of their annual charity drive for their Management and Staff under their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. This is their 4th consecutive year to visit Montfort. Mr. Murugiah, the group leader for this year's visit, said that they enjoyed coming to Montfort as they always felt the welcoming atmosphere from the Brothers, Staff and Trainees. Also present for the visit was Mr. Tang Kee Wong, the Managing Director of San Hin Group, and his wife. In his message to the Trainees, Mr. Murugiah advised them to stay away from unhealthy activities such as drinking and smoking. He reminded them to use this



opportunity to learn so that they can contribute toward our nation-building. Brother Director, Bro. Francis Chua, thanked the visitors for their visit and their support for Montfort's educative mission.

Montfort's Fundraising Events

8TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

14TH June 2014. The 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament held at the Sabah Golf & Country Club (SGCC) was a tremendous success with the flights fully taken up by the golfers from all over Malaysia, some coming from as far as Kuala Lumpur. The Organising Chairman, Mr. Willie Wong, together with his deputy, Mr. Henry Goh and the rest of his dedicated team managed to achieve the target set. Datuk Aloysius Tan of TBMC Sdn Bhd generously sponsored a Mitsuoka Nouera worth RM220,000 for the Hole-In-one prize for holes no. 8 and no. 17.



This event is fast becoming the annual gathering of regular golfers from all over Malaysia who have been participating in the tournament for many years now. The atmosphere at the prize presentation was friendly and warm as golfers caught up with each other. The tournament was graced by the presence of many local prominent leaders and businessmen including Datuk Mayor of Kota Kinabalu, Datuk Abidin Madingkir and the President of SGCC, Datuk Robin Loh.

The champions trophy of the tournament was won by Mr. Chua Poh Guan from Penampang.



Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, the Chairman of MYTC Board of Governors, thanked Mr. Willie Wong and his team for their dedication, hard work and commitment in organising the tournament. He also thanked the golfers for their support and contribution to the building of the Youth In Montfort.



(from left: Mr. Willie Wong, Organising Chairman; Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, Chairman of MYTC Board of Governors; Bro. Francis Chua sg, Director, addressing the golfers at the prize presentation ceremony)

Montfort's Fundraising Events

9TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE CARNIVAL

12th November 2014. When the bell rang to signal the closing of the 9th Annual Open House Carnival at 2:30pm, the Organising Committee together with the Brothers released a big sigh of relief and whispered a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Day almost didn't arrive when the sky opened its gates and started pouring rains upon Sabah almost continuously for two weeks. The torrent of rains brought landslides and floods affecting almost the whole west coast of Sabah with roads being swept away and houses damaged. The faith of many were severely tested during the days before the Open House. Yet in the end, as the song goes, "God is good." The rain stopped, the sky cleared and the sun finally showed itself on the eve of the Day, bringing much relief to all.

The Day began in the wee hours of the night as early as 3:30am when a group of bleary-eyed Trainees made their way to the kitchen to start preparing to roast Jessie's famous chickens under the expert guidance of Andrew Wong. As the first daylight broke through the dawn, a great anticipation filled the air as stallholders began to arrive to set up their stalls. By 6am, the whole campus was fully awake with buzzing of activities as Stallholders and Trainees unloaded their wares and set up their stalls. Even before the Open House was officially declared opened by our Organising Chairperson, Datuk Margaret Fung, at 8am, visitors already began to descend upon the campus.



The crowd continued to roll in until the bell rang its closing signal at 2:30pm. Many visitors expressed their satisfaction and indeed a lot of them were found relaxing at the Open Hall savouring the delicious food prepared by the stallholders while enjoying the entertainment provided by Chris Gomez, Sabah's Elvis Presley, David Unus and his band, the Shadow Gees and Ricky Lee.

The Open House & Carnival was very strongly supported by the Management Committee members of St. Mary's Youth Hostel, Sandakan and Friends of Montfort who begun cooking the irresistible local delicacies such as "Q Nyuk" and "Pun Choy" two months ahead of Open House for pre-sales.

Bro. Francis Chua in his press release thanked all the Donors, Benefactors and Friends especially our committed pool of volunteers for their dedication and hard work which had brought tremendous success to this year's Open House in the midst of disastrous weather. He also credited the success to the leadership of our Organising Chairperson, Datuk Margaret Fung, and Deputy Organising Chairperson, Mr. Chiang Wei Chia. He added that without their contribution, Montfort would not be able to achieve what we were set to do.

Montfort's Fundraising Events

PHOTO GALLERY



News from San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kluang

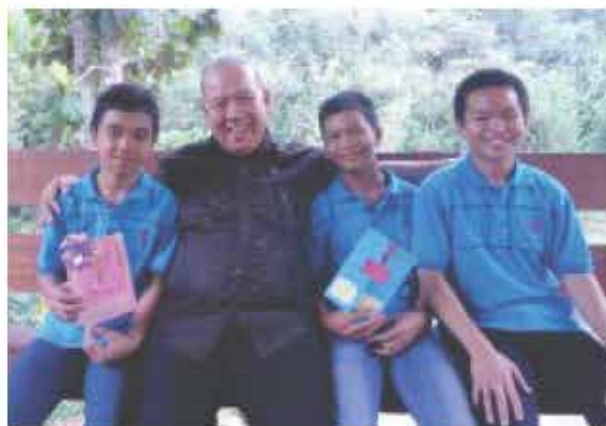
ORIENTATION WEEK

11th – 17th January 2014. San Damiano Boys' Hostel (SDBH) took in twelve new students in January 2014. A series of activities were drawn up during the Orientation Week for the new students to get familiar with their new environment.



VISIT BY PEJABAT DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SABAH N13, TUARAN

18th January 2014. YB Datuk Dr. Roland Chia, the Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Sabah SUN N13, paid a visit to the Hostel to present a partial sponsorship of RM1,000 for six students to defray their expenses as well as to donate food provisions for the Hostel's daily consumption.



PARENTS' DAY

8th February 2014. The Hostel held the Parents' Day to invite the parents to visit San Damiano Boys' Hostel and to get to know the Staff. The day programme started with a welcome address by Brother Director, Bro. Francis Chua. Other talks include an introduction to San Damiano Boy's Hostel and its objectives and aims for the students and a talk on saving titled "How to Add Value

to 1 Ringgit" given by Ms. Audrey Yong, the Administrator. Other guests include Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh, Mdm. Helena Kwan and Trainees from Kinarut Campus.

VISIT FROM BASEL CHURCH, TUARAN

15th March 2014. A group of 30 women from the Basel Church, Tuaran visited the Hostel and donated various food and other household items for daily consumption. Pastor Fung Tet Liong, who led the group, shared a story about a 'cracked water container' to show that God makes each one of us uniquely with a purpose in life.



News from San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kulu

MERDEKA CELEBRATION & VISIT BY GUANYITANG

1st September 2014. To commemorate the National Day, a competition was held among the students to design and make the Malaysian States flags using only natural resources such as flower petals, leaves, stones and the like.



On top of that, the students had to explain the flags they have created and the symbolic meanings behind each component of



the flags. Fredolsen Masmin from the Kinarut Campus expressed his admiration at the creativity of the students and stated that he could feel the togetherness in them.

On the same day, the Guanyitang Association led by Madam Ng Yu Lin visited the Hostel and brought donation of provisions for the Hostel's daily consumption. The visitors were later invited to a fellowship lunch with the Brothers, Staff and Students. Bro. Francis in his welcoming address thanked Mdm. Ng for her driving force behind the Guanyitang's annual charity drive. He also thanked the members of the Association present for taking time and trouble to visit our Centre. He added it was our pleasure to receive them as our visitors.



YEAR-END PARTY

6th November 2014. The Hostel organised a year-end party to mark the ending of 2014 as the students prepared to head home for their year-end holiday. Bro. Francis Chua and Bro. Francis Gasper together with some members of the Staff and Prefects joined in the fellowship night.

Bro. Francis advised the students to bring home the values and put into practice what they had learned throughout the year. While the Brothers, Staff and Students were enjoying their dinner, a slideshow on the activities taken place during the year was presented. Nicktanner then led the choir to an early Christmas carol since the students would only report



back to the Hostel in January 2015 to begin the new academic year.

St. Mary's Youth Hostel, Sandakan

NEW ERA BEGINS AT ST. MARY'S YOUTH HOSTEL (SMYH)

After a trial period of six months, Montfort Youth Training Centre officially took over the full management of St. Mary's Youth Hostel from the Diocese of Sandakan with the objective of providing a safe and conducive learning environment for the poor students from the Interiors of Sabah to continue their secondary education.



The official signing ceremony took place on 18th February 2014 between Bishop Julius Dusin Gitom representing the Diocese of Sandakan and Bro. Stephen Tee, representing the Provincial Superior of the Brothers of St. Gabriel, Fr. Thomas Majinkl, members of the Parish Council, Board of Governors and the Management Committee of St. Mary's Youth Hostel were present to witness the signing ceremony.

CHARITY NIGHT CONCERT, A STUNNING SUCCESS!

18th May 2014. St. Mary's Youth Hostel under the determined leadership of Mr. Michael Raymond Tan and under the guidance of Mr. John Pang successful organised the Charity Night Concert to raise fund for the renovation and upgrading of the Hostel. The presence of the Astro Top Ten Finalists at the first ever fundraising event of the Hostel heightened the atmosphere and they did not fail the expectation of many Donors as they mesmerised the audience with their dazzling performance and mastery showmanship.

Brother Director, Bro. Francis Chua together with Bro. Thomas Paul, Mdm. Helena Kwan, Mdm. Winnie Wong, Mr. Doraisamy Neelamegam and Datin Peggy Tan drove all the way from Kinarut immediately after the Graduation Ceremony in Kinarut to lend their support to the event.



St. Mary's Youth Hostel, Sandakan

MANY THANKS TO DONORS & BENEFACTORS

Many Benefactors and Donors showed their support for St. Mary's Youth Hostel through their generous financial supports and donations in-kind.

In March, the Hostel received the much-awaited passenger van from Berjaya Care's Foundation. The 14-seater van will enable the Hostel to carry some of its programmes and activities especially in the area of educational trip. Bro. Stephen Tee and Mr. Daniel Pang represented the Hostel and attended the presentation ceremony held in Berjaya Times Square in Kuala Lumpur.



The Ladies Guild from St. Mary's Cathedral Parish pledged to provide food provisions for the Hostel's daily consumption monthly (*left*) while K9 Golfers had chosen the Hostel as one of their beneficiaries during their charity golf tournament held on 21st June 2014 (*below*).



MONTFORT 9TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE CARNIVAL

The Management Committee of St. Mary's Youth Hostel continued their traditional support for Montfort Open House by setting up two stalls in this year's event. Before day of the Open House itself, members led by Susanna Koh already did pre-sales of Sandakan favourite dishes such as Q Nyuk, wild boar meats, cold knuckles, etc. The collective efforts from the members enabled Montfort to achieve the targeted amount set. Most of the members also made their way to Kinarut campus for the event.



Graduation Day

The 14th Graduation Ceremony of Montfort Youth Training Centre (MYTC) was held on the 17th May 2014. A total of sixty-nine young men walked out jubilantly from the Centre with their scrolls. They had successfully secured their Montfort Certificate and Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) Level I and II in either Automotive Mechanic, Welding, Carpentry or Refrigeration Air-conditioning Mechanics. Three Graduates also attained "Excellence" in their SKM examination: they were Fenson Adrian (Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Maintenance), Raymond Kading (Welding) and Maxwell Baking (Carpentry).



YBhg Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, the Chairman of MYTC Board of Governors officiated the Graduation Ceremony and presented the certificates to the Graduates. In congratulating the Graduates, Tan Sri Bernard reminded them to live up to the trust and hope that the Brothers, Instructors, Benefactors, Sponsors and Parents have vested in them. Bro. Francis Chua, the Director of MYTC, thanked all who were present, especially the Graduates' parents who came to witness their sons' graduation. He congratulated the Graduates for their perseverance and determination in overcoming the many challenges to complete their two-year programme.

Fidelis Sogen, Voon Zi Feng and Raymond Kading were the valedictorians for the day and shared their experiences with the audience. They were very grateful for the opportunity given to improve themselves. Voon Zi Feng, in the midst of thanking his parents in Mandarin, became emotional and decided to step to the middle of the stage and offered them a bow instead. Ninety-seven percent of the Graduates were offered employment in and around Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia weeks before the graduation, reflecting Montfort's mission in the economic empowerment of rural Youth in Sabah and Sarawak.

Graduation Day

PHOTO GALLERY



Happenings at Campus in 2014

ONE BILLION RISING CAMPAIGN

16th February 2014. ONE BILLION RISING is a campaign calling the people to put an end to violence, and to fight for justice and gender equality.

This year's campaign was held at the campus and facilitated by the Youth-PREP Centre under Pusat Kebajikan Good Shepherd in collaboration with the Sabah Women's Action-Resources Group. A seminar was conducted to create the awareness and to sensitise the Trainees on the violence against the weak. Other forms of awareness include testimonies from stakeholders, video screening on violence and its effects, and exhibition.



WELCOMING THE BROTHERS OF ST. GABRIEL FROM SINGAPORE & WEST MALAYSIA

6th March 2014. MYTC had the warmest pleasure of welcoming nearly all of the Brothers from the Province of Malaysia-Singapore to our Centre. The Brothers were here for their quarterly Recollection in Kinarut and were given a warrior welcome. They were later feted with traditional dishes such as tuhau (pickled vegetable), banbangan (pickled fruit), hinava (pickled fish), pinasa'akan basungan (fish) and bosou (pickled pork) besides the usual fare. The Community and the Trainees also took the opportunity to officially welcome Bro. Raja Manikam to Sabah as he took up new ministry in San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kiulu and Bro. James Tham who visited Sabah for first time.



Happenings at Campus in 2014

PREFECTS' TRAINING (BATCH 15)

22nd – 24th March 2014. Forty Trainees from Batch 15 together with twelve Students from San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kluang underwent a three-day leadership training at Kokol. The objective of the camp is to expose the participants to leadership skills through problem solving skill, communication skill, time management and teamwork. From this camp, twenty-nine of them were finally selected to become the Prefects for the year 2014-2015.



PREFECTS' INSTALLATION

5th May 2014. After undergoing 3-day leadership camp in March and shadowing their senior prefects for a month, twenty-nine Trainees from Batch 15 were ready to receive the batons of leadership from their seniors. In a simple yet solemn ceremony held, the new prefects pledged their dedication and commitment to serve Montfort before the Brothers, Management, Staff and Trainees. Darrence Dalius (*pic right*) from Welding Department is the new HQ Prefect – Discipline and the Head of Prefectorial Board for 2014-2015.



Happenings at Campus in 2014

LEAVERS' PROJECT

21st April – 3rd May 2014. It is part of Montfortian tradition and spirit that every batch will leave their footprints behind when they leave after graduation. Batch 14 spent their last few weeks with Montfort doing just that! Together, they re-built the old fish pond so that their juniors can rear fish for own consumption. Two fish ponds were done and 1,000 fish fries were released into them.



(The labour and the fruit of their labour above)

FEAST DAY OF OUR FOUNDER, ST. LOUIS MARIE GRIGNION DE MONTFORT

28th April 2014. Every year the Montfortian Family all over the world remember our Founder on 28th April, the date of his death almost 300 years ago. It is no exception for us here in Sabah.

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the day meaningfully, the Brothers led the Staff and Trainees into Triduum, touching and reflecting on the life of Montfort and his relationship with Mother Mary and Jesus. Instead of the usual competition among the Trainees, the Brothers took a different approach to conduct the quiz among the Staff. The Students Affairs Department topped the score and took the winner's prize.



This year's celebration also coincided with the renewal of vows by Bro. James Atling which is significant as it bore witness to the continuity of St. Louis Marie de Montfort's spirit in the world today.



Happenings at Campus in 2014

ADMISSION DAY

21st June 2014. A total of 85 new Trainees came to begin their two-year training programme, following the footsteps of their seniors.

The day began as early as 7:30am as the Trainees together with their parents and other family members made their way to the Centre. On hand to welcome the new batch were their Seniors who had gone through their first year training already. After registering themselves as full members of Montfortian Community, the new Trainees were given a warm welcome and orientation to familiar themselves with the new surroundings and new friends.



7TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PAUL'S CHAPEL

29th June 2014. Archbishop Emeritus Most Reverend Datuk John Lee presided the Eucharistic Celebration to mark the anniversary of our Chapel in the presence of Datuk Victor Paul, Datin Agnes together with their staff from Timatch Sdn Bhd, the Board of Governors, Brothers, Staff, and Trainees. Bro. Francis Chua in his welcoming speech thanked God for the gift of Datuk and Datin to Montfort as they have been very supportive when it comes to spiritual wellbeing of the Trainees by providing the Institution with the Chapel and financial support to upkeep the Chapel. In appreciation, Bro. Francis presented our Montfort Education Charter to Datuk Victor. Datuk Victor, in his reciprocal speech, told all who were present that we needed God in our lives. He further reminded the Trainees that they were chosen to be educated and formed by the Brothers and Teachers here at Montfort. As such, he urged them to be thankful and appreciative of what the Brothers and Teachers were doing for them. The guests were earlier entertained by the Trainees in their jovial dance of "God is So Good" and a rendition of St Paul's greeting at the end of the night.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE & PICNIC AT OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL (OBS)

12th July 2014. To help the Juniors to break from their past routine so that they are able to concentrate on the new life in Montfort, the Students Affairs Department decided to take the Trainees out on a picnic at OBS beach. At the same time, they also did community service by cleaning up the beach. During the outing, the Instructors from OBS also gave some activities to the Trainees such as abseiling, flying fox, etc. As it was just nearby, the Trainees walked to and back from OBS. It was an outing that they enjoyed immensely and learnt at the same time.



CAMPING AT KUALA PENYU

25th - 28th July 2014. The whole campus shifted to Kuala Penyu for our annual camp that would test the endurance of both Staff and Trainees along with a host of other attitudes such as tolerance, cooperation and team spirit.

For many of the Juniors, the camping provided a welcoming break away from the campus as they were still coping with the adjustments to life at Montfort. For the Seniors, a trip to the seaside is always a trip to look forward to every



year. Even the torrents of the rain did not dampen their spirit as they tackled all the challenges that came along with camping in the nature such as bare comforts of life like nice comfy beds.... At the camp, the Students Affairs Department decided to hold a mini obstacle course as part of its activities to promote teambuilding spirit. As usual, the highlight of the camp is the cooking competition and the bonfire.

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For the first time, the camping was extended to four days instead of usual three days. Both Staff and Trainees returned to the campus healthily, exhausted but extremely contented. Many of the Trainees also got to experience the sea for their first time in their life.



MYTC IS 15 YEARS OLD!

15th August 2014. We took advantage of the Feast of Assumption to mark Montfort's 15th year in Sabah with a Eucharistic celebration followed by a simple fellowship dinner among the Brothers, Staff and Trainees. Bro. Francis Gasper together with Ms. Helena Kwan and Mr. Adrian Lee shared the struggles and the joys of the early days in Donggongan, Penampang. There was also a slideshow with narration by Brother Director, Bro. Francis Chua to show the history and the growth of MYTC from the Donggongan days to the present days. The evening ended with a show of solidarity with the song "If We Hold on Together".



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MERDEKA RUN

16th August 2014. The Students Affairs Department organized a 12km cross-country run to mark the occasion of Merdeka. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among the Trainees of the significance of Merdeka month to Malaysia and to remember the struggles of our forefathers to gain independence for the Nation.



Bro. Francis Chua, the only participant from the Staff category, quipped that every staff should join in the activity to show the spirit of patriotism and unity among Montfortian community.

The winners of the run were Michael Wong (Motor Mechanic), Callistus Patrus (Motor Mechanic) and Richard Onsogit (RAMD).

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

31st August 2014. To mark the National Day together with the rest of the Nation, the Students Affairs Department organised talk on Sabah and Malaysia history given by Datuk Clement Jaikul who was the Police Commissioner in the 1990s.

In the evening, both Staff and Trainees put up meaningful performances of drama depicting World War II as well as cultural dance and patriotic songs. At the finale, the whole Institution stood attentively and proudly sang the "Jalur Cemilang" while waving our national flag! The night ended with Negaraku and Sabah Tanah Airku.



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ENGLISH SPEAKING DAY

28th August 2014. The General Studies Department, as part of their English Learning Programme, organised an English Day to emphasise the beauty and importance of speaking English.



Among the various activities organized were competitions for choral speaking, public speaking, choir presentation, quiz and reading. There was a team event whereby the Departments competed with each other and individual events. The Trainees had prepared themselves well for the competition as they delivered brilliantly on the day itself. The Management were impressed and felt much encouraged by their progress in speaking English. Every Trainee took part in the competition one way or another; even Rohan Moribin (pic left) from Carpentry Department who came to Montfort without a word of English also participated in the public speaking competition.

For the individual events, Jhonny Lee from RAMD Department won the public speaking competition while the reading competition was won by Dexter James from Motor Mechanics Department. In the team event, RAMD won the choral speaking and Welding Department took the top spot for singing competition. The overall championship went to the RAMD Department.



VISIT FROM ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, BANGKOK, THAILAND

20th September 2014. A group of students from our Thai counterpart in Assumption College which is based in Bangkok paid a courtesy visit to our Centre. The group was part of Under-16 category invited to take part in Borneo Football Cup 2014 held in Kota Kinabalu. The short visit ended with a brief tour of the four workshops to gain some understanding on the training programmes conducted by our Centre.



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ROTARIANS' VISIT

31st October 2014. A group of Rotarians from England together with their spouses paid a courtesy visit to our Centre as part of their exchange programme to South East Asia. The visitors were from the Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire Districts in England and were led by Mr. Chiang Wei Chia, our Board Member and the Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu. Their objective was to promote international understanding and world peace among the Rotarian Communities and to experience the diverse cultures of various countries.



The visitors were given a corporate briefing on Montfort Youth Training Centre and a tour to both Residential and Skills Development Campuses. They also took the opportunity to inspect the rainwater harvest project which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of KK. The visitors expressed their admiration for the beautifully and well-kept dormitory and compound. They also felt that Montfort is doing right in providing this form of education for the boys.

MONTFORTIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME – VISIT BY ST. GABRIEL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SINGAPORE

7th – 12th November 2014. A total of 30 students from 14 to 16 years of age accompanied by a team of five teachers made their way to our Centre for their service learning programme with the theme of "servant leadership". It is part of our tradition to host our counterparts from Singapore annually.

Besides visiting Mount Kinabalu Park and Klias Wetland, the visitors were also exposed to the community service to our neighbouring kampungs and interactive sessions with our Trainees as well as participating in our annual Obstacle Race. Their visit ended with the Cultural Exchange Night with the students from both Institutions putting up their best performances that were cultured-themed.

Both the Teachers and Students expressed that they have benefited greatly from the programme and learnt a lot from the activities planned. Mr. Lee Ganfang in his address during the Cultural Night said that through this programme, the Students had learnt what it meant to be a servant leader, that is, a leader must learn, inspire and love before he or she can lead others.

Our Trainees also got their chance to put their 5Rs into practices as they hosted the visitors in their Houses over the three days. They showed care and concern for the wellbeing of the visitors ensuring that they were properly taken care of in their needs during their stay at Montfort.

Bro. Francis in his closing remark said that he was very happy to see that the Students from both Institutions were interacting very well as one Montfortian family and he hoped that this tradition would continue for the benefits of the Students.

Earlier John House was declared Champion for the 2014 Obstacle Race with a time of 59", while Matthew and Mark Houses took 1st and 2nd runner-up respectively.

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2014 OBSTACLES RACE

A race of cooperation, teamwork and endurance as each House competed with each other and raced against the time to complete seven stations of obstacles. The race was won by John House with a time of 59'. Congratulation, "John-nites"!!



One of the Gabrielite tried the Monkey Bar while another team attempted to scale the Margarine Hill. (above). Crossing the slippery bamboo bridge by one team while another rode the snake bridge (below)



CLASSROOM INTERACTION ON ENGLISH

A session with our Juniors provided the golden opportunity to practice their English and social skills with visitors in fun-filled activities.



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WORKSHOP VISIT



ST. AUGUSTINE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

The objective was to expose the Students to the community service as part of their learning experience to become servant leaders. They visited five beneficiaries in Kg. Mook and other kampungs together with the youth of St. Augustine's Church, accompanied by four staff from MYTC.



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MYTC (SABAH) – SGSS (SINGAPORE)

**CULTURAL
EXCHANGE
NIGHT**

12th November 2014



A potpourri of entertainment and sharing of experiences between two nations and cultures with a display of dances and songs rendition with participation from both Institutions in each other's cultures. The visitors were taken to dance the Sumasao and Magunatip while our Trainees learnt the Gabrielite move. In the end, it is one Montfortian family as John House celebrated their winner's prize from the Obstacles Race!

Last Words

Your ATTITUDE decides your ALTTITUDE.

A little boy goes into a drug store, reached for a soda carton and pulled it over to the telephone at the counter. He climbed onto the carton so that he could reach the buttons on the phone, and proceeded to punch in seven digits.

Boy asked, "Ma'am, can you give me the job of cutting your lawn?" The woman replied, "I already have someone to cut my lawn." The boy countered saying, "Ma'am, I will cut your lawn for half the price of the person who cuts your law now." The woman replied to him, "Thank you, but I am very satisfied with the person who is presently cutting my lawn."

However, the little boy was persistent.

He said, "Ma'am, I'll even sweep your curb and your sidewalk, so on Sunday you will have the prettiest lawn in all of North-Palm beach, Florida."

The woman declined the offer, saying, "Thanks again, but I am sorry. I just do not find the need for a change."

With a smile on his face, the little boy replaced the receiver.

The store-owner, who was listening to all this, walked over to the boy and said, "Son....I like your attitude; I like that positive spirit and would like to offer you a job."

But the boy replied, "No thanks. I was just checking my performance with the job I already have. I am the one who is working for that lady, that one I was talking to!"

