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## LASALLIAN ACHIEVERS

### GS Mathletes Bag Awards in SIMOC

Written by Mr. Robert Gabriel Cosme, Grade School Math Teacher



L-R: Raffy, John, Julia, Gian, Johan, Lorenzo, Jacob, Jacobson

Among 1,100 students from 18 countries, our grade school students are part of the 79 Filipino mathletes who brought pride to our school and country by bringing home awards from the recently conducted 5th Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC) held in Singapore from July 7-8, 2019.

SIMOC has three different categories: Math Olympiad Contest, Math Warriors Competition, and Mind Sports Challenge. Here is the list of students who received medals in the three categories:

#### Math Olympiad Contest

Jacob Eulogio Rodriguez IV (DLSZ 2028) – Silver  
Julia Bernadette Cruz (DLSZ 2026) – Bronze  
Gian Gabriel Ignacio (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze  
Johan Gabriel Pantoni (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze  
Jacobson Co (DLSZ 2028) – Honorable Mention  
Lorenzo Lirio (DLSZ 2029) – Honorable Mention

#### Math Warriors Competition

Jacob Eulogio Rodriguez IV (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze  
Jacobson Co (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze  
Lorenzo Lirio (DLSZ 2029) – Bronze

#### Mind Sports Challenge

Johan Gabriel Pantoni (DLSZ 2028) – Silver  
Jacobson Co (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze  
Lorenzo Lirio (DLSZ 2029) – Bronze



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### Grade School Students Rise at WMI 2019

*Written by Mr. Charlie Amarela, Grade School Math Teacher*



Joshua Milan



Emmanuel Jace Savellano



Matt Gerard Navarro



Jacob Bernas



Gian Louis Valenciano

Congratulations to our own Grade School mathletes Joshua Milan (DLSZ 2027), Jacob Bernas (DLSZ 2026), Matt Gerard Navarro (DLSZ 2028), Gian Louis Valenciano (DLSZ 2027), and Emmanuel Jace Savellano (DLSZ 2027) for giving us another reason to be proud as Lasallians by acing the 2019 World Mathematics Invitational held in Fukuoka, Japan last July 15 – 19, 2019.

Our GS mathletes are part of the Philippine delegation composing of students from Kindergarten to Senior High School who bagged 184 medals and two trophies from the said competition. Competing against 21 countries from the various sides of the globe, these young Filipino prides emerged in the Asia-Pacific Import Mart (AIM) in Fukuoka with 10 diamond, 38 gold, 44 silver and 57 bronze medals after two rounds of the comprehensive written competition while 32 kids received merit awards.

Now on its 7th year, WMI Finals is held in different countries every year. WMI Founder and Executive Chairman Tsai Kun Lung said that a total of 1500 students from 21 countries namely Japan, Australia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore, Turkey, Taiwan, Thailand, United States, Vietnam, and the Philippines, participated in the said competition.

In this feat, Milan got a diamond medal – one of the highest recognition in the competition. Bernas and Navarro are gold medalists while Valenciano and Savellano raked in silver medals.

Kudos to you, our Grade School mathletes! Continue to be committed to excellence. Animo La Salle!

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### Enrico Marquell Mangaoang Represents RP in ASEAN



Congratulations to our DLSZ Football Varsity Team Captain, Enrico Marquell Mangaoang (DLSZ 2020), for making it to the final roster of the U18 Men's National Football Team. He represented the Philippines in the ASEAN Football Federation U18 Championship 2019 in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam last August 4-20, 2019.

### Students Conquer Math League Nationals and SASMO

The Grade School Mathletes who qualified for the 2019 National Round competed with the rest of the country's best mathematicians and emerged successful last April 16, 2019. Once again our Mathletes rose above the rest with the following results:

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Gian Gabriel Ignacio (DLSZ 2028) – SILVER (5th place)

Joshua Milan (DLSZ 2027) – GOLD (3rd place)

Jacob Bernas (DLSZ 2026) – SILVER (4th place)

Julia Bernadette Cruz (DLSZ 2026) – BRONZE (8th place)

Athena Kimwell – SILVER (5th place)

Anton Mikhail Gonzales (DLSZ 2025) – BRONZE (8th place)

#### TEAM RESULTS:

##### FIRST RUNNER-UP TROPHY

Gian Ignacio

Jacob Bernas

Julia Cruz

Athena Kimwell

Anton Gonzales

Ronald John Sering (DLSZ 2025)



*DLSZ Mathletes with Mr. Tim Sanders, the Founder and President of Math League who was the guest of honor during the awarding. (L-R) Anton Gonzales, RJ Sering, Reese Albano, Gian Casimiro, Joshua Milan, Gian Ignacio, Julia Cruz, Jacob Bernas, Aldrich Kimwell, & Athena Kimwell.*



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L – R (F): Lorenzo Lirio, Matt Navarro, Gian Casimiro, Tricia Ocho, Athena Kimwell, Chaeun Jang, Hyoju Jang, Aldrich Kimwell, Jacobson Co, Joshua Milan, Gian Valenciano, Gian Ignacio, Jacob Rodriguez, Rachelle Guintivano

L – R (B): Johan Pantoni, Martin Ocho, Woobin Ji, Chelsea Gomez, John Rodriguez, Christian Gendrano, Chelsea Echevarria, Marcus Ocho, Anton Gonzales, Julia Cruz, Jacob Bernas



MATH LEAGUE is the largest network of local and state math competitions at the elementary, middle and high school levels in the United States. The Math League winners are qualified to join the US National Championships.

Created in 2006, SASMO is one of the largest math contests in Asia with 19 countries participating. Singapore and Asian School Math Olympiad (SASMO) aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative and critical thinking skills.

### GOLD

Lorenzo Lirio (DLSZ 2029)  
Gian Louis Valenciano (DLSZ 2027)  
Julia Cruz  
Anton Gonzales  
Chaeun Jang (DLSZ 2025)

### SILVER

Samuel Charles Marquez (DLSZ 2028)  
Jacob Eulogio Rodriguez (DLSZ 2028)  
Joshua Milan  
Gian Nicolas Casimiro (DLSZ 2027)  
Athena Kimwell

### BRONZE

Johan Gabriel Pantoni (DLSZ 2028)  
Jacobson Co (DLSZ 2028)  
Gian Ignacio  
Matt Gerard Navarro (DLSZ 2028)  
Hyoju Jang (DLSZ 2027)  
Aldrich Johan Kimwell (DLSZ 2027)  
Reese Reilly Albano (DLSZ 2027)  
Rachelle Victoria Guintivano (DLSZ 2026)  
Gael Azure Ilano (DLSZ 2026)  
Woobin Ji (DLSZ 2025)

Congratulations, GS Mathletes! May you continue to be our school's GEM! Kudos to the GEM coaches, Mr. Charlie Amarela and Mr. Gabriel Robert Cosme. Animo La Salle!

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### Three GS Students Bag Medals in 2019 CPMO

*Written by Ms. Mary Allaine Paran, GS GEM Coach*

Philippine delegates continue to bring home pride and honor in international Mathematics competitions. The DLSZ Grade School Mathletes participated in 2019 China Primary Mathematical Olympiad (CPMO) held at Hangzhou, China last July 26 – 31, 2019.

John Iain Iñigo Aguada (DLSZ 2028) won gold and bronze awards in team category, and silver award in individual category; Bernardo Isaiah III Escalona (DLSZ 2028) won silver award in individual category; and Joedi Costes (DLSZ 2026) won bronze award in both team and individual categories.



(L-R) Aguada, Costes and Escalona

### Violin Ensemble wins Gold and Outstanding Performance Award in the 6th Singapore Raffles International Music Festival 2019

*Written by Mr. Leopoldo F. Sumera Jr., GS & HS Strings Teacher*

The Singapore Raffles International Music Festival is an annual music festival for young musicians. Young musicians all over the world come together and extend their journey in music concerts, exchange programs, instrumental exhibitions, masterclasses, and competitions. The festival serves as a captivating world-class music experience for young music talents.

About 900 participants from 14 countries participated in the event. Besides Singapore, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, Japan, UK, and France, entries from Vietnam,

Thailand and the Philippines added to the musical and cultural diversity of the festival.

After passing the Elimination Round of the competition, the DLSZ Violin Ensemble (members of the DLSZ Strings) proved its exceptional talent after bagging the GOLD Award in the finals of Chamber Music Youth Category and Outstanding Performance in the Solo Competition Youth Category. The competition was held last August 8-11, 2019 at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Center and at the School of The Arts (SOTA), Singapore. The four members of the DLSZ Violin Ensemble were humbled

by the international recognition they received and were honored to represent the Philippines.

Out of 50 groups in the Chamber Music category, the DLSZ Violin Ensemble was awarded Gold and with High Ranking Performance as they performed their winning rendition of Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto for 4 Violins in B Minor" RV 580. The members of the ensemble include Joaquin Nicholas De Guzman (DLSZ 2022), Juan Jaime Javier A. Arceo (DLSZ 2023), Gerard Deniel P. Almira (DLSZ 2022), Cara Sabine D. Grageda (DLSZ 2023). They were assisted at the piano by our very



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own Ms. Marites B. Panaligan. In the Solo Competition Youth Category, Joaquin Nicholas C. De Guzman received the “Outstanding Award” for his brilliant performance of Bruch’s Violin Concerto No.1 Op.26. Out of 25 participants, he was part of the list of 13 participants who received the award on stage.

Under the mentorship and guidance of Mr. Leopoldo F. Sumera Jr., GS/HS Strings Teacher, the DLSZ Strings, with the support of the school, will continue its tradition of inspiring others through music for the love of God from whom all musical gifts flow, for the community, and for the country.



L-R: Jack Arceo, Joaqui De Guzman, Gerard Almira and Cara Grageda

## ZDC Garners Gold Awards and Finishes in 1st Place in the Asia Pacific Arts Festival in Singapore



The Zobel Dance Crew (ZDC) 2019-2020 Competition Team excelled in the recent Asia Pacific Arts Festival (APAF) for Dance, held last August 16-19, 2019 at the Capitol Theater, Stamford Road, Singapore receiving two (2) Gold Awards and one (1) Gold Distinction Award, the highest performance award, for their dance presentation in hip hop and folk/ethnic fusion categories. From among the finalists, ZDC finishes at FIRST PLACE at the festival overall Excellence Awards.

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The Zobel Dance Crew in APAF 2019 are:

1. Juliana Simone Abad Abad (DLSZ 2021)
2. Matthew Tyler Miranda Bumgarner (DLSZ 2022)
3. Ma. Katrina Isabela Mondoñedo Cansana (DLSZ 2021)
4. Bet Therese Mejado Clamano (DLSZ 2020)
5. Ysabella Nina Dagondon (DLSZ 2022)
6. Eunice Marie Salinas De Los Santos (DLSZ 2020)
7. Benjie Vedania De Schepper (DLSZ 2020)
8. Joshzel Dunst Magsumbol Edralin (DLSZ 2023)
9. Annika Zelene Bautista Livelo (DLSZ 2020)
10. Johanna Roselle Guerrero Llamas (DLSZ 2020)
11. Ianna Costes Malabanan (DLSZ 2020)
12. Vyz Elan Lana Macaraig Maranan (DLSZ 2020)
13. Danielle Maxine Apodaca Marquez (DLSZ 2020)
14. Louise Marie Ong Ong (DLSZ 2021)
15. Jamaica Marie Narag Rarugal (DLSZ 2020)
16. Nathalie Gael Paje Sabio (DLSZ 2020)
17. Sophia Althea Reyes Sarreal (DLSZ 2022)
18. Katricia Tesoro Solis (DLSZ 2023)
19. Andrea Mariana Buhion Suarez (DLSZ 2023)
20. Arabelle Punzalan Vera Cruz (DLSZ 2021)
21. Hadrianne Yamsuan Villegas (DLSZ 2021)



Congratulations Zobel Dance Crew! The group is led by moderator, Mr. Mark Mendoza, and trained by artist-in-residence, Ms. Mary Chris “Coach Mycs” Villoso under the Cultural Affairs Office. The Asia Pacific Arts Festival was participated by over 250 students from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore. It aims to pursue harmony, peace and global friendship through diversified cultural exchange and performing arts competitions.

## Mathletes Shine at the 15th IMC

Written by Mrs. Angel Corbillon, GS GEM Coach



Photo credit from Mrs. Elaine Abrojena. From L – R: Alex Goh (DLSZ 2025), Atom Abrojena (DLSZ 2030), Athena Kimwell (DLSZ 2025), Lucas Aldave (DLSZ 2030), Aldrich Kimwell (DLSZ 2027)

International Mathematics Contest (IMC) provides a friendly, comfortable, enjoyable and safe environment for math wizards to enjoy mathematics with their peers. It is a union of 15 different competing nations from Australia, Bulgaria, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. The contest is open to all primary, junior high and senior high students in the individual category.

Congratulations Athena Gabrielle Kimwell (DLSZ 2025) for winning a gold medal, Allen Tobey Mateo Abrojena (DLSZ 2030), Lucas Antoine Aldave (DLSZ 2030), Aldrich Johan Kimwell (DLSZ 2027), and Alex Gohockaun Goh (DLSZ 2025) for bagging bronze medals, respectively at the 15th International Mathematics Contest (IMC) held in Singapore last August 2 to 5, 2019. The DLSZ community is very proud of you.

Keep it up Mathletes and let the Animo continue to shine.



## Zobel Parliament Wins in Korea Open 2019



Five Zobel Parliament members won several awards in Korea Open 2019 held last August 9-12, 2019.

The following students participated in the said event:

Yzza Keana Sering (DLSZ 2023)  
Clarisse Hanikka Tan (DLSZ 2023)  
Jessica Mae Lee (DLSZ 2022)  
Jarom Philip Aguilar (DLSZ 2021)  
Andre Rafael Gonzales (DLSZ 2021)

They received these special awards:

### **Best Speaker Award**

#### 14 under category

1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Lee  
4<sup>th</sup> – Clarisse Tan

#### 16 under category

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jessica Lee  
9<sup>th</sup> – Andre Gonzales  
9<sup>th</sup> – Clarisse Tan

#### Open Category

7<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Lee

#### Semi-finalists

Andre Gonzales  
Jarom Aguilar  
Quarter-Finalists  
Clarisse Tan  
Yzza Sering

## Young Lasallians Conquer IMAS 2019

IMAS is a world-class mathematics assessment test for middle primary, upper primary and lower junior secondary students organized by the IMAS Executive Council. It aims to promote an assessment with an international perspective measuring students' performances in three cognitive dimensions: Knowing, Applying and Reasoning.

From more than 2000 participants who sat for the first round of IMAS, there were only 179 top scorers who qualified to the final round. The top scorers were given high distinction awards.

Congratulations to our Mathletes who got HIGH DISTINCTION AWARDS and made it to the final round!

Gian Nicolas Casimiro (DLSZ 2027)  
Aldrich Johan Kimwell (DLSZ 2027)  
Joshua Milan (DLSZ 2027)  
Gian Louis Valenciano (DLSZ 2027)  
Anton Mikhail Gonzales (DLSZ 2025)

An additional congratulations to Joshua Milan for being a BRONZE medal awardee in the Final Round (a first for DLSZ) as shown here with no less than the well respected Prof. Wen-Hsien Sun, a member of the IMAS Executive Council

and President of the Chiu Chang Mathematics Foundation in Taiwan who personally congratulated and awarded the medals.



From L to R: Gonzales, Milan, Valenciano, Casimiro, Kimwell



Milan with Prof. Wen-Hsien Sun

## DLSZ Robotics Elite Team Bags 10 Medals in the 2019 World Robot Games in Thailand

Written by Ms. Genevieve A. Pillar, Institutional Robotics Coordinator



References: <http://www.worldrobotgames.com/2019/index.php>

Congratulations to the DLSZ Robotics Team for winning five (5) SILVER medals and five (5) BRONZE medals in the recently concluded 2019 World Robot Games held last August 29-31, 2019 at ZEER RANGSIT, Grand Diamond Hall in Bangkok, Thailand.

The event was participated in by a total of 500+ participants from the 10 countries (Philippines, Bhutan, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand).

The following earned the following highest awards as enumerated below:

### ROBOTICS ELITE TEAM

Silver Medal – Innovative Junior Category  
Carlos Jacob Chiong (DLSZ 2027)  
Antonio Emmanuel III Dueñas (DLSZ 2026)  
Dominic Leo Ramos (DLSZ 2024)

Bronze Medal – Innovative Junior Category  
Joshua Elijah Luzon (DLSZ 2025)  
Javier Alejandro Cuyno (DLSZ 2025)  
Matthew Ryan Miranda (DLSZ 2025)  
Enzo Joaquim Petrache (DLSZ 2025)

Bronze Medal – Sumo Basic Junior Category  
Joshua Elijah Luzon (DLSZ 2025)

### GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS (Family Category)

Silver Medal – Innovative Master Category  
Collin David Chiong (DLSZ 2030)  
Amanda Reign Ramos (DLSZ 2028)

Kudos to team coaches Mr. Ramon Torres, Mr. Donald Llano, and Mr. Dennis Patiño!



DLSZ Taekwondo Jins Triumph in Taekwondo Nationals



The DLSZ Taekwondo Varsity team triumphed in the recently concluded 2019 National Age-Group Taekwondo Championships held last September 7-8, 2019 at the Music Hall, SM Mall of Asia. The tournament was participated in by more than 2,000 taekwondo athletes from all over the Philippines.

The following are the winners in their respective categories:

Nicolas Aaron Castillo (DLSZ 2023)	Cadet / Blackbelt	Middle Weight Division	GOLD
Ezekiel Vincent Daniel Joson (DLSZ BRafENHS 2021)	Junior / Blackbelt	Middle / Light Heavy Division	GOLD
James Emmanuelle Macasaet (DLSZ 2021)	Juniors / Blackbelt	Welter Weight Division	SILVER
Chelsea Lianne Gomez (DLSZ 2023)	Cadet / Blackbelt	Middle Weight Division	SILVER
Kamilla Omer (DLSZ 2024)	Cadet / Blackbelt	Heavy Weight Division	SILVER
Maria Natalia Ilas (DLSZ 2028)	Grade School / Girls Novice 1	Bantam Group A Division	SILVER

Other participants were:  
Carlos Martin Valencia (DLSZ 2022)  
Ryu Hizume (DLSZ 2023)  
John Lorie Perez (DLSZ BRAFENS 2023)  
Enrique Armando Ilas (DLSZ 2027)  
Martin Rafael Isip (DLSZ 2028)

Paul Sebastian Alcantara (DLSZ 2029)  
Yuri Nikolas Javier (DLSZ 2029)  
  
Our DLSZ Taekwondo jins were coached by Ricardo Santiago, Jr., Edwardo Cruz, and Noel Almaida.

Sacho Ilustre (DLSZ 2018) and Jerard Jacinto (DLSZ 2020) Represent PH in SEA Games

Maurice Sacho Ilustre (DLSZ 2018) and Jerard Dominic Jacinto (DLSZ 2020) represented the Philippines in the recently concluded 30<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian (SEA) Games last December 2019.

Ilustre and Jacinto “secured SEA Games berth on the last day of the 1st Philippine National Open Swimming Championships in Capas, Tarlac”.

Eight GS Students Participate in 40<sup>th</sup> GradesCon



(L-R): Zoie Aldave, Gael Ilano, Sofia Pagilagan, Aniela Lesaca, Rhianna Gemora, Ms. Carol Ramos, Saisha Masirag, Julia Cruz, and Xavier Ponce

Eight Grade School students participated in this year’s 40th GradersCon organized by Children’s Museum and Library Inc. with the theme, SPARK: Strengthening Proactive Advocacy on Revitalized Knowledge of Filipino Moral Values Towards a Stronger Nation, last September 25 to 29, 2019 at Teacher’s Camp, Baguio City.

Aside from attending workshops, commission discussions and seminar-symposium, the following students represented our school in various competitions against 25 other schools:

Zoie Francesca B. Aldave (DLSZ 2027) – Extemporaneous Speaking in English  
Julia Bernadette C. Cruz (DLSZ 2026) – Champion Pop Quiz Hot Shot, 1<sup>st</sup>

Runner-Up News Writing in English and Best Workshop Member Painting Rhianna Marie S. Gemora (DLSZ 2026) – Essay Writing in Filipino Aniela Jenina S. Lesaca (DLSZ 2026) – Essay Writing in English Gael Azure M. Ilano (DLSZ 2026) – Champion Pop Quiz Hot Shot and Best Workshop Member Photography Saisha Rae A. Masirag (DLSZ 2026) – Champion OPM Solo Singing Sofia Annika Ysabel J. Pagilagan (DLSZ 2027) – Storytelling in English Gabriel Xavier Y. Ponce (DLSZ 2026) – Finalist in Extemporaneous Speaking in Filipino and Mr. Graderscon

Ms. Caroline Ramos, Head of the Student Clubs and Activities Office, led the DLSZ grade school delegation together with Ms. Jeanrose Barquilla.

Ms. Evangeline de Peralta – Lasallian Formation and Mission Department Director, Mr. Jay Diola – Learning Resource Center Head, Ms. Maria Elena Olivia Camatog – GS Principal, Ms. Janette Torrato – Grade School Vice Principal for Academics and the GS Coordinators from the different departments namely; Ms. Noemi Miculob – Filipino, Ms. Andrea Escudero – Reading and Ms. Graziella Santos – Language helped and supported the delegates. Other teachers behind the success of the delegates are Ms. Eunice Taganahan-Grade 4 Language teacher, Ms. Ariane Candelaria – Grade 6 Filipino teacher, Ms. Jazz Dy – Luntiang Binhi Moderator and Ms. Juay Perez – Young Observer Moderator.



## DLSZ BRAFENHS Triumphs in RSPC, DSPC, LIYAB

*Written by Jesus M. Sulit, Jr., Br. Rafael Donato FSC Night High School Grades 7 to 12  
Coordinator for Student Affairs and Formation*

The DLSZ Community proudly salutes Alexene Irish L. Galang (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) for bringing home the Second Place in Editorial News Writing in Filipino in the Regional Schools Press Conference held on October 8-11, 2019 at Aurora Elementary School in Manila. She will represent DLSZ in the National Schools Press Conference in Tuguegarao, Cagayan in December 2019.

Alexene, a member of Luntiang Binhi, DLSZ BRafeNHS Official School Publication, together with the 13 members, initially hauled 14 awards in the Division of Schools Press Conference (DSPC) on September 7, 2019 at the Bayanan Elementary School – Unit 1 in Muntinlupa City. The winners of the DSPC represented the City of Muntinlupa in the Regional School Press Conference.

With the theme “Campus Journalism: Responding to Emerging Lessons of Media Practices, the RSPC was supervised and hosted by the Division of City Schools to encourage the students to hone their aptitude in journalistic writing.

Meanwhile, three LB members snatched three awards in LIYAB 2019 on October 19 held at the Philippine Normal University. Steven Nash J. Pacilan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Editorial Cartooning, Jean Carl Latayan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) landed 7<sup>th</sup> Place in Sports Writing in English, and Khert Dahryll

Gabayeron (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2020) finished 8<sup>th</sup> Place in Sports News Writing in Filipino.

Below are the winners of RSPC, DSPC, and LIYAB 2019 with their respective awards:

Regional Schools Press Conference  
Alexene Irish Galang (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) – Second Place, Editorial Writing in Filipino

Division Schools Press Conference  
Kimberly M. Dolleton (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2020) – First Place, News Writing in Filipino

Khert Dahryll P. Gabayeron (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2020) – First Place, Sports News Writing

Cecilia S. Balbido (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) – 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Photo Journalism

Pauleen Marzam (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2023) – 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Photo Journalism

Steven Nash Pacilan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2023) – 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Editorial Cartooning

Beatrice R. Carag (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Editorial Writing in English

Jean Carl Latayan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) – 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Sports Writing

Alexene Irish L. Galang (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) – 8<sup>th</sup> Place, Editorial Writing in Filipino

Maria Nizabella F. Limjoco (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) – 8<sup>th</sup> Place, Science News Writing

Mariel E. Bautista (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2023) – 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Science News Writing

Kennese Ross F. Manalang (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) – 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Copyreading and Headline Writing

Clara Jane P. Quiling (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, News Writing

Carl John A. Montemayor (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2020) – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, News Writing

Alyssa Jade T. Boncan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2023) – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, Feature Writing

### PNU – LIYAB 2019

Steven Nash J. Pacilan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2024) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Editorial Cartooning

Jean Carl Latayan (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2022) – 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Sports Writing in English

Khert Dahryll Gabayeron (DLSZ BRafeNHS 2020) – 8<sup>th</sup> Place, Sports News Writing in Filipino

Congratulations also to Ms. Jazz Lendle Dy, Luntiang Binhi Adviser, for mentoring and accompanying the student writers! Animo La Salle!

## Ibrahim Omer (DLSZ 2020) Wins in UAAP Taekwondo Juniors Tilt

Congratulations to Ibrahim Omer (DLSZ 2020) for winning an individual bronze medal in the recently concluded UAAP Taekwondo Juniors Tournament held last October 14, 2019 at the Blue Eagle's Gym, Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City. Omer won three out of five matches (against FEU, UE, and Ateneo) to garner the individual bronze medal.

Omer is a member of the DLSZ Taekwondo Varsity, under Coaches Ricardo Santiago, Jr., Noel Almada, and Edward Cruz.



## DLSZ Triathlon Team Participate in the Historic New Clark City Triathlon



DLSZ deployed its very own home-grown triathletes in the NCC TRIATHLON last October 19 and 20. The said race is the inaugural event of the world-class facilities of the New Clark City Aquatic Center and Athletic Stadium, where the Southeast Asian Games 2019 will be held.

More than 700 participants of the NCC Triathlon were the first to use the pools at the Aquatics Center and the track oval at the Athletics Stadium.

DLSZ Triathletes from several levels prepared hard for this historical race. All tri-team members finished strong with Isabel Peralta (DLSZ 2022) claiming a 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium finish in the 15-19 year-old Tri-Sprint category, completing 450-meters swim, 20-kilometers bike ride and 4-kilometers run.

It was a pride-filled moment as the triathletes who competed in NCC Tri-Kids: Luis Gaspar (DLSZ 2023), Joaquin Rivera (DLSZ 2023), Gabriel



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Torreda (DLSZ 2023), Nico Suarez (DLSZ 2024), Cjeshyl Tuppil (DLSZ 2024), Giro Gito (DLSZ 2027); and Tri-Sprint: Frans Go (DLSZ 2021), Ryan Vasquez (DLSZ 2021), Joshua Cervantes (DLSZ 2022), Roberto Kanapi (DLSZ 2022), Lorenzo Solda (DLSZ 2022), and Isabel Peralta (DLSZ 2022) wore the the Lasallian colors in

their suits and raced to bring honor to their beloved De La Salle Zobel School.

Capping off the historical event is the 1st place podium finish of the team's coach and veteran triathlete, Noel Salvador in the NCC Tri-Full category.

## DLSZ BRAFENHS Trium Taekwondo Varsity Wins in Various National Tournaments PHS in RSPC, DSPC, LIYAB

Our very own Taekwondo Varsity competed and brought home medals in several national competitions. These competitions were participated in by more than 2,000 taekwondo athletes from all over the Philippines. The competitions featured both forms (poomsae) and sparring (kyorugi) in different belt, age and weight categories.

The winners are:

1. Batang Pinoy Championships held last August 25-30, 2019 in Puerto Princesa, Palawan; Jhon Lorielay Perez (BrafeNHS 2023) – Bronze, Juniors Boys Blackbelt
2. MVP Best of the Best Championships held last October 20, 2019 at Ayala Malls, Manila Bay, Pasay City; Ezekiel Vincent Joson (BrafeNHS 2021) – Bronze, Juniors Boys Blackbelt
3. 2019 National Taekwondo Championships held last November 9-10, 2019 at Ayala Malls, Manila Bay, Pasay City.

James Emmanuelle Macasaet (DLSZ 2021) – Gold, Juniors Girls Blackbelt  
Chelsea Lianne Gomez (DLSZ 2023) – Silver, Cadet Girls Blackbelt  
Sandro Blardony (DLSZ 2025) – Bronze, Cadet Boys Novice 1



Nicolas Aaron Castillo (DLSZ 2023) – Bronze, Cadet Boys Blackbelt  
Ryu Hizume (DLSZ 2023) – Bronze, Cadet Boys Blackbelt  
Carlos Martin Valencia (DLSZ 2022) – Bronze, Juniors Boys Novice 2  
Amanda Reign Ramos (DLSZ 2028) – Gold, Grade School Girls Novice 1; Bronze, Grade School Girls Poomsae  
Enrique Armando Ilas (DLSZ 2027) – Silver, Grade School Boys Novice 2  
Maria Natalia Ilas (DLSZ 2028) – Bronze, Grade School Girls Novice 1, Semi-Finalist, Poomsae  
Paul Sebastian Alcantara (DLSZ 2029) – Bronze, Grade School Boys Novice 1

Other participants were:

Ezekiel Vincent Joson (BrafeNHS 2021)  
Jhon Lorielay Perez (BrafeNHS 2023)  
Ezio Miguel Valencia (DLSZ 2024)  
Martin Rafael Isip (DLSZ 2028)  
Luis Oscar Caguiat (DLSZ 2026)

Our Taekwondo jins are coached by Mr. Ricardo Santiago Jr., Mr. Noel Almada, Mr. Edward Cruz, and Ms. Bella Cesista.

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### Spark Museum Opens Kulay Noypi



(L-R) Lynette Feliciano, Rikka Gonzalez, Lander Blanza, Thomas Daquioag, Ireland Jill Diano, Eli Demition, Carol Ramos, Evangeline De Peralta



Spark Museum opened Kulay Noypi last September 10, 2019, a group exhibition of local artists headed by Lander Blanza with other young artists – Allan Brando Gonzales, Reuben Gool, Eli Demition, Faye Nielsen, Bernice Cruz, Tanya Suratos, Ireland Jill Diano, Quino Reyes, Michael Manzanillo, Rafael Forbes Cortes and Sophia Antonio. With special works from our Advance Art Club and BRafeNHS students, the collection expresses the Philippine culture through color, places and people and reveal

artists' impressions from their childhood and daily life in various places in the Philippines. Various subjects were harmonized in a colorful display of everything that makes us Pinoy.

The Grade School Advance Art Club attended the opening and the Art Talk with veteran artist, Lander Blanza. The exhibit, which ran until Oct 11, 2019, aimed to promote nationalistic values and appreciation for Filipino art.

### SHS Department Presents Lilok, A Contemporary Art Exhibit

From October 23 to 25, 2019, the DLSZ – Vermosa SHS Department opened the contemporary art exhibit entitled "Lilok: A STEAM Exhibit" that featured 30 different sculptures created by the school's very own Senior High School students from the five Grade 12 STEM sections. The students conceptualized, created, and presented their artworks to show the integration and application of arts and design to traditional STEM concepts. The exhibit was held on the Ground Floor Lobby of the Senior High School Building.

The exhibit was officially opened for viewing on the morning of October 23 with a ceremony hosted by two students from 12C and 12D. Included in the program were five short speeches given by a representative from each class that conveyed themes such as the importance of contemporary art, the various processes used in sculpting, and the timeliness of the exhibit in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The opening program concluded with the cutting of the ribbon by

the Contemporary Philippine Arts from the Regions (CPAR) subject teachers, Mr. Roy Badocdoc, Mr. Marlon Fernandez, and Ms. Mariko Camacho, whose guidance and support towards all their students made this event possible.

The sculptures themselves revealed a great variety of ideas, materials, methods, and representations. Students were able to turn found objects and recycled scraps such as cardboard, used pens, wood scraps, cans, cartons, stones, and





more into beautiful and intricate works of art including dioramas, vehicles, animals, and artifacts. Lights, sounds, designs, and images were also incorporated in order to enhance the effects of the sculptures. Each sculpture's label also had a QR code that could be scanned to access their respective website, which contained information and details about the sculpture's creation and representation.

To truly appreciate the beauty that contemporary art holds, one must not only view the exhibits but also experience them with one's heart in order to act upon the social issues in our modern world that are reflected in these artworks. Only by doing so can one truly communicate the positive impacts these exhibits convey for the betterment of the world.

Thank you to all those who made time to attend this one-of-a-kind STEAM exhibit!

## Antonio Montemayor Anievas' 53<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary



De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) celebrated the 53<sup>rd</sup> death anniversary of Antonio "Tony" Montemayor Anievas with a Memorial Mass and short program last September 16, 2019 at the Our Lady of the Star Chapel in DLSZ Alabang Campus.

Past AMAFI (Antonio Montemayor Anievas Foundation, Inc.) awardees attended this event along with the family of Tony, guests, and our Grades 5-6 students.

Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, in his Lasallian Message, hopes that young Lasallians will be able to look

back and reminisce the wonderful time they had in DLSZ. Br. Bernie expressed his gratitude to the family of Tony and also to the students who attended the Memorial Mass.

After the message, Julia Bernadette Cruz (DLSZ 2026) led the opening prayer followed by an intermission

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number by Academic Year 2015-2016 AMAFI awardee for Art, Allegra Fatima Genuino (DLSZ 2022).

Mr. Gregorio M. Anievas, AMAFI President and older brother of Tony, delivered the closing remarks. The program ended with a prayer that was led by Layel Karisma San Pedro (DLSZ 2026).

*The Antonio Montemayor Anievas Foundation, Inc. confers AMAFI awards to qualified Grade 6 students chosen by the board from the nominees entered by the different La Salle Grade Schools nationwide. These are given in recognition of their well-rounded development in the fields of Art, Music, Rhetoric, Athletics, Leadership, and Spirit of Faith from Grades 4-6. A student who shows proficiency in all areas is conferred the Achievement Award.*

## Two MOUs Signed with Go Negosyo to support the Sail for Sulu Project



De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) entered into two Memorandums of Understanding with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship Foundation Inc. ("Go Negosyo"), DLSZ Batch 2020 on September 18, 2019 at the DLSZ-Vermosa Campus.

The first MOU that was signed by Mr. Jose Concepcion III, the Founding President and Chairman of Go Negosyo, Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, DLSZ President, and Ms. Sofia Andal, Batch 2020 Level Representative and Prom Committee Head during AY 2018-2019 will support the "Sail for Sulu" Project for the Panaud Fisher Folk Association. The students have donated to this project the P200,000.00 that they raised during their Prom.



The second MOU, signed by Mr. Concepcion, Br. Bernie, and this time, with the Parents Association Batch 2020, will benefit the Model Farm Program. Matching their children's social orientation, the parents of Batch 2020 have donated P250,000.00 to the said beneficiary.

Both the "Sail for Sulu Project" and the Model Farm Program are under the Mindanao Development Program, an undertaking of Go Negosyo.



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### Let's do the WAK! (Wonderful Acts of Kindness)

*Written by Ms. Emilie Ocampo, JHS Counselor*

Compassion is one of the core values of De La Salle schools. To further strengthen De La Salle Zobel School's thrust in value formation, specifically on compassion, an action research on kindness was initiated by this writer, which brought about a program entitled "Let's do the WAK!" (Wonderful Acts of Kindness).

Last September 25, 2019, the entire JHS faculty and students—all wearing yellow shirts in support of the program, witnessed the "Let's do the WAK!" launch at the Sports Pavilion. Yellow, being the color of sunshine, represents hope, positivity, and optimism which are all offshoots of kindness. To ensure that students and faculty would easily imbibe this new program, several WAK Activities were conducted by the JHS counselors: Mr. Jack Lord dela Cruz, Ms. Wilma Blas, Ms. Lyca Diesta, and this writer in collaboration with the JHS Faculty and parents, the Administrative Services Department, and the Coordinators for Student Affairs and Formation. Activities included the Lasallian Core Value lessons on kindness, poetry writing on "Kabutihang" which was spearheaded by the Filipino teachers: Mrs. Steward Amon and Ms. Geneva Ballao, the Kindness Definition contests for all JHS students, the Kindness Quote contest for the faculty, the guidance classes, "The Power of Kindness" talk of Fr. Christopher Salonga, the WAK Exhibit at the Courtyard, the Kindness Pledge, the Kindness song which was rendered by Ms. Ninabelle Gavan, and the Kindness Projects of the JHS parents for the agency-hired DLSZ personnel. During the launch, the DLSZ Dance crew led all teachers into dancing through the song, "We're All in This Together" to signify the JHS's commitment to enliven kindness in campus.

Moreover, prior to the launch, a number of Grade 10 Faculty and students similarly initiated a WAK activity where students cleaned up their classrooms for a day, thus giving a little rest time to



*JHS teachers with Grades 9-10 students*



*36 finalists at the Kindness Definition Contest*



*Kindness Project for the Agency-Hired employees*

the janitors and the teachers treated the janitors with snacks.

Surprisingly after the WAK launch, a Grade 10 teacher prompted the students to stack up the chairs at the Sports Pavilion and the Grade 9 students followed suit. Kindness immediately took effect right after the WAK launch.

Beaming with this good start, this program aims to sustain this enthusiasm and challenges everyone to practice kindness and compassion to propagate goodness in our environment and help create a better world!

Everyone, let's do the WAK!

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# Lumin41re: One Light. One La Salle.

De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) celebrated its 41st Vision Mission (VM) Week with the theme Lumin41re: One Light. One La Salle. held last November 18-23, 2019.

This week-long celebration was filled with various exciting activities for all Lasallians and friends. Some activities include Gimmick booths, Food/Dry Goods booths, Timezone, Film Viewing, Inflatables, Battle of the Bands, Collaboration Night, Gym Demonstration, and various fun-filled events.

The Lower Grades, Upper Grades, Junior High School and Senior High School students watched the performances of our very own administrators, faculty, administrative service personnel, staff and agency-hired personnel during the annual ICONS. Dubbed as “Stronger than YesterYEARS”, the performers showcased their talents in singing and dancing to the community. Students showed their enthusiasm through their loud cries of cheers and applause.

Certainly, this celebration will not be complete without the students performing for their parents and guests. One of the highlights during the Family Fun Day was the Gym Demonstration where the Pre-Kinder to Senior High School students performed to well-loved Filipino songs.

To officially conclude the VM Week, the annual lighting ceremony dubbed as Luminare was held.

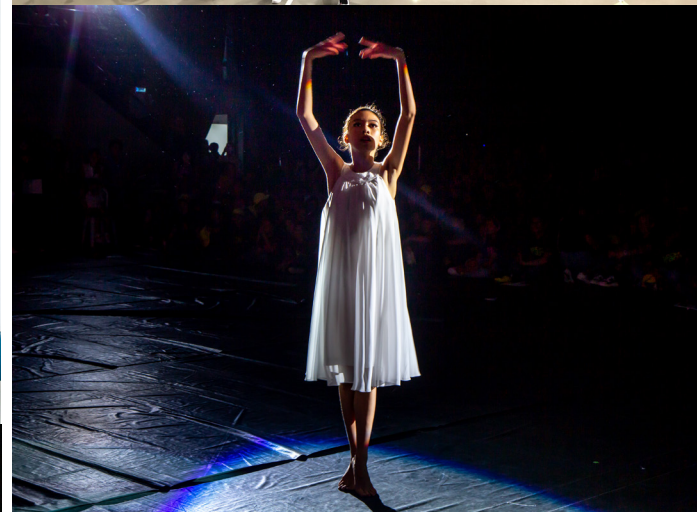
This year’s ceremony focused on seeking the light of Christ this Advent Season.

Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, in his reflection, expressed his happiness to see many parents watch their child perform. While some are blessed to experience the sense of family, there are others who do not feel this kind of blessing. Br. Bernie encourages the community to keep the faith even if they experience loneliness or darkness in life.

“Let us keep our faith, that deep down inside, there is Jesus who lives in our hearts and there is this Jesus who will dispel the darkness that may come in our world. He will overcome this darkness,” he continued. “In this season of Advent, the message is clear that God is going to be with us. The greatest gift that God has given to us is His son, Jesus. And we await him and we know that Jesus is going to be with us for all time. Just like in our Lasallian prayer when we say, Live Jesus in our Hearts, let Jesus be born there everyday so that his light will be with us not only now but forever.”

Br. Bernie signalled the lighting of the campus by saying the word, “Luminare” at the end of his reflection.

Congratulations to the Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC), the DLSZ Parents Association, the DLSZ Alumni Association, the administration and the DLSZ offices for a very successful celebration.





## The Power of Connection

Written by Ms. Leah Marie Tumlos-Castillo

In this digital day and age, there is no denying the impact of powerful connection. An opportunity to connect to the world through technology is indeed a wonderful breakthrough. It is but astonishing that a click of a finger can enable infinite possibilities of learning.

### Skype in the Classroom in Social Studies

Over the years, the Junior High School Social Studies Unit has been actively engaged in Skype collaborations. We regularly join Skypeathon, an annual global activity sponsored and organized by Microsoft. Microsoft believes that such collaborations are a concrete way of advocating inclusive education and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On November 29, 2017, Grade 9I (now Grade 11 students in Vermosa) experienced a dynamic collaboration with Microsoft Corporation's Vice President for Education, Mr. Anthony Salcito. Our students shared how technology is applied in their Economics class. They also inquired about the importance of cyber security, the issue of the Bitcoin, and how Microsoft is helping developing countries have access points to education technology. I saw how Mr. Salcito's face light up at 9I's queries and responses. Our students definitely care about how technology is being used in the classroom. Relatedly, he expressed a big challenge that many countries are currently facing: "The countries with the least access to technology are the ones facing a big challenge – teacher shortage."

A year later on November 14, Grade 10D, 10G, 10H and 10I (now also



9I's Skype collaboration with Mr. Salcito

Grade 11 students in Vermosa) participated in Skypeathon 2018. Our unit was honored to conduct worthwhile sessions with distinguished resource speakers: Mr. Don Carlson, Microsoft APAC Director; Ms. Felicia Brown, Education Programs Manager for APAC; and Ms. Nuzrat Jabin of Hearts on Fire. The main topic for exchange was the relevance of gender equality, the current lesson of our students in Contemporary Issues at that time.

Ms. Emelita Baylon, former Education Technology Coordinator and Grade 10 Social Studies Teacher and now History Teacher in the Vermosa campus, spearheaded the said Skype activities together with her level partners, Mr. Jeremias Daniel Picaña and Mr. Lorenzo Ma. Velasco. Ms. Baylon is recognized as a Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE), a Microsoft Innovative Educator Fellow, a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE), and a Microsoft Education Ambassador (MEA). She is also an Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) and a Google Certified Educator (GCE 2). On the other hand, Mr. Picaña is a Microsoft Certified

Educator (MCE), a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE), a Microsoft Education Ambassador (MEA), and an Apple Teacher.

### Mystery Skype 2019

This year on July 11 and 12, the World History Teachers Mr. Jeremias Daniel Picaña, Mr. Lorenzo Ma. Velasco, and I made history by initiating



Skypeathon 2017

the first ever Mystery Skype activity participated in by all Grade 8 students in the Alabang campus. Mystery Skype is an educational game connecting two classrooms from different parts of the globe. The learning targets of our activity included locating another classroom from other countries using Yes/No questions and formulating questions based on



8I's Mystery Skype Experience



Skypeathon 2018

the five themes of geography. After the Skype activity, we tasked our students to write a short reflection using Padlet about what they learned and their overall experience how

Mystery Skype can be a tool for learning in the classroom. In effect, it was a delight that our goal to build our students' cultural awareness, critical thinking, and geography skills was reached by incorporating this extraordinary activity

in the lesson on world geography.

### My Experience as a Skype Guest Speaker

I collaborated with Mr. Ravi Meshram, Headmaster of ZPHS Sakoli in Nagpur, India on August 29, 2017 for a Skype conference with his Grade 9 class. I can attest that India experiences teacher shortage. The first thing I observed as soon as we got connected was the size of his class in a tiny classroom. If I am not mistaken, the teacher-student ratio was 1:50. As Mr. Meshram, the class, and I engaged in meaningful conversation, I realized that it was not just the class size that was an urgent concern of their school; it



My Skype collaboration with ZPHS Sakoli

was also the general design of their curriculum. At present, they are having a difficult time implementing blended learning because their students cannot afford to purchase a mobile learning device and they are short of teachers who have training in education technology. Truth be told, Mr. Meshram's concerns are the exact same concerns of many Filipino schools – lack of access to technology and teacher shortage. I am thus grateful that DLSZ is blessed to have the means to obtain such material resources as well as have enough competent teachers and technology training prospects.

### A Teacher's Role in 21st Century Education

Teachers are first and foremost the key to understanding and appreciating this new trend in education. As facilitators in the classroom, they are instrumental in the foundation of

authentic learning – in the acquisition of knowledge, in making meaning of such knowledge, and in transferring it in real-life situations and contexts. Hence, connection is made powerful when teachers have open minds and willing hearts to

embrace 21st century education. Not only will they help make it prosper, they will also provide a bright future for the generations to come.

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## Our Memorable Journey To The Ancient Country - China

Written by Mr. Jose Avelino Goroy

At first, it was just a dream that I would someday visit a historical place that I only see in movies, read in books and learn from my History class during my primary years; but all of these came to reality when my friends asked me where to go during the term break. "Why not try to go to China and climb the famous Great Wall and invite other colleagues to join us so that it will be more fun," I suggested.

Then I invited six of my colleagues who were interested to join. Then we started to plan the trip and looked for a travel agency to process our Chinese Tourist Visa. Together with me were Ms. Ruby Rodriguez, Music Teacher; Ms. Candy Oliveros, Science Teacher; Mr. Tomas Oandasan, Christian Living Teacher; Mrs. Becky Oandasan, Retired Faculty; and Ms. Grace Cabrito, LRC Archivist. We are very thankful that our visas were approved. This is where it all began.

Oct. 30 (Day 1) I was the first to arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) Terminal 3 at 1:45 A.M. While waiting for the arrival of my colleagues, I roam around the airport and was so amazed by its grandeur and architecture designs. My companion arrived at around 11:00 A.M. We were welcomed by our tour guide and accompanied us to our bus waiting outside the airport and then we headed to a restaurant for lunch. After lunch, we went to our first tourist spot destination the TEMPLE OF HEAVEN. It is one of the most visited historic places in Beijing. It is located in Dongcheng District at the southeastern part of the city. Also called "Tiantian" in Chinese. It is a huge imperial complex of religious buildings built



in the year 1420. It is considered as the most important Imperial Temples in Beijing and said to be a place for emperors to worship the Heaven in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Here you can see the Circular Mound Altar (Huanqitian) the Imperial Vault of Heaven (Huangqiongyu) and the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest (Quiandian). After the visit we proceeded to our hotel, The Lakeside Hotel, in Changyang District for our siesta and dinner.

Oct. 31 (Day 2) After our buffet breakfast in the hotel, we headed to THE GREAT WALL – A UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Great Wall of China is definitely one of the must-see attractions in China. Spanning a total length of about 21,000 kilometers, it is a series of fortification walls built along the historical northern border of China that is a product of thousand years of arduous labor. Recognized as one of the most impressive and amazing architectural feats in history. It is built in 220 B.C. under Qin Shi Huang, section of earlier fortification were joined together to form a united defence system against invasions from the north. The construction

continued up to the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), when the Great Wall became the world's largest military structure. Its historic and strategic importance is matched only by its architectural significance. Your trip to China won't be complete without visiting The Great Wall. After The Great Wall, we went to a Jade Factory. It is a huge place where people can see the real workers carving Jade. You can get much information about jade culture, material, and symbols or how to tell jade from marble or glass. Some of my colleagues bought jade for their own personal use and investment.

Nov. 1 (Day 3) TIANANMEN SQUARE, PALACE MUSEUM AND FORBIDDEN CITY

Tiananmen Square – At the north end of the square is the Tiananmen Tower. Initially built in 1417 during the Ming Dynasty (1368 A.D. - 1644 A.D.). It is the front door of the Forbidden City where the emperor and the empress were declared. The west of Tiananmen Square is the Great Hall of the People. This building, erected in 1959, is the site of the China National



People's Congress meetings and provides an impressive site for other political and diplomatic activities. On the south side of Tiananmen Square is the Memorial Hall of Chairman Mao where his body lies in a crystal coffin in one of the halls surrounded by fresh bouquets of various famous flowers and grasses. At the east side of Tiananmen Square is the China National Museum that came into existence in 2003. It houses Chinese History Museum and Chinese Revolutionary Museum. Chinese History Museum shows a large number of cultural relics illustrating the long history and glorious culture of China from 1,700,000 years ago to 1921 when the last emperor left the throne. While the latter exhibits the development of modern China.

Nov. 2 (Day 4) Green Village for Beijing Olympics 2008

In 2008, China was the 22nd country to host this huge event right at the capital of Beijing. The Olympic Green Village accommodated 11,000 athletes from 204 participating nations and more than ten million domestic and foreign tourists. Most events were held and organized in Olympic Green Village where the world class stadiums, National Aquatic Centre, Beijing Olympics Tennis Centre, Beijing Olympics Archery Field, Beijing Olympic Green Hockey Stadium, Olympic Sports



Centre Stadium and Sports Centre Gymnasium are.

NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTER – Also known as the Water Cube, is located on the west part of the Olympic Green. This centre held most of the water competition such as swimming, diving, and synchronized swimming. It covers approximately 207,000 sq. ft. and comprises 4 floors with various functions. This was designed by Australian and Chinese Architects showing gigantic bubbles that envelops the whole exterior building.

NATIONAL STADIUM – Known as the Bird's Nest – this was used as a main stadium of the 2008 Olympics from day one until the momentous events ended and currently the stadium is usually holds national and international sporting events and other activities.

Indeed, this trip was a memorable learning experience because it exposed me to China's diverse culture and arts. Through this trip, I became more knowledgeable and aware of the importance of exploring the world.. As they say... experience is the best teacher.

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