



Old Paulians' Association Seremban

Annual Report 2022



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1. Annual General Meeting

The 96th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) was held on 27th March 2022 at 11.30 a.m. at Paulian House, 324-1(Lot 3029) Taman Bukit Kaya, 70200 Seremban..

2. Management Committee Meetings

There were 9 Management Committee Meetings held (“Meeting”) after the 96th AGM that was held on 27th March 2022. The details of the attendance of each Committee member are as follows:

	Attendance	(%)
Steven Chan Weng Choy (“Mr Steven Chan”)	9 of 9	100
Ng Yee Tim (“Mr Ng”)	9 of 9	100
Dr Mahadevan Deva Tata (“Dr Maha”)	4 of 9	44
Gerard Chan Hon Weng (“Mr. Gereard Chan”)	6 of 9	66
Tan Kok Chin (“Mr Tan”)	8 of 9	88
Dato’ Lai See Ming (“Dato Lai”)	8 of 9	88
Lee Kok Keong (“Mr Lee ”)	9 of 9	100
Sawarimutthu Rayappan (“Mr Mutu”)	7 of 9	77
Yam Kait Wah (“Mr Yam”)	6 of 9	66
Douglas Chan Wing Hong (“Mr Douglas”)	9 of 9	100
Jeffery Leong Chin Kui (“Mr Jeffery”)	8 of 9	88
Balu a/l Konodian (“Mr Balu”)	8 of 9	88

The Association was updated on the activities, developments and affairs of St Paul’s Institution, Primary (“SPI Primary”) and SPI Secondary by their Heads, Mr Santhanasamy Amaladas (“Mr Santhana”) and Mr Kaliselvam Muniandi (“Mr Kalai”) respectively or their representatives during the Management Meetings

2.1 The Sub Committees were as follows:

Sub-committee	Head
Lasallian Liaison & Recreation	Ng Yee Tim
Sports & Games	Balu a/l Konodian
School Support	Dr Mahadevan Devan Tata / Gerard Chan
Finance & Welfare	Yam Kait Wah
Technologies & Multimedia	Dato’ Lai See Ming / Tan Kok Chin
Building & Facilities	Douglas Chan Wing Hong
Membership	Sawarimutthu Rayappan
Food & Beverages Matters	Jeffery Leong Chin Kui

3. Lasallian Liaison & Recreation Committee

During the year, no trips were organised due to travel restrictions.

4. Sports & Games Committee

The Association is affiliated to Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association, Persatuan Badminton Daerah Seremban (represented by Mr Lee Nam Yew, C77) and the Negeri Sembilan Hockey Association (represented by Mr Nantha Sabahnathan C94).

Hockey:

Nantha Sabahnathan, together with Vijayan Ramanjulu and some C94 hockey enthusiasts grouped together to try to revive the Hockey interest amongst the paulians. The volunteer coaches were Mr. Stephen V Huizen C75, Mr Kon Chen Choong C74. This initiative started back in November 2020 and has progressed since then.

The “Paulian Hockey Fund” was proposed by N. Sabahnathan, Adrian Van Huizen, R. Vijayan and Taranjit Singh. OPA will be custodian of the fund. It was launched in November 2020 and the target was RM10,000 by Nov 2021. The fund stood at RM5,420 as at Jan 29, 2022.

The main objectives of the fund were:-

- 1) Rental of the artificial turf at Stadium Hoki Seremban,
- 2) Purchase of essential training equipment,
- 3) Provide food and transport subsidies to the players,
- 4) Preparing the school teams for each hockey season,
- 5) Finance tuition for players who need help with their studies.

Nantha with the help of others has also donated for all turf bookings. No funds from OPA were used for the weekend bookings. Through word of mouth and social media, they managed to gather new Old Paulian hockey players and hope more school leavers will drop by the turf on weekends.

Some of the games held were:-

1. Triangular with Tampin, and Kuala Pilah teams.
2. 3 friendlies with NSSU
3. Played a triangular with SASER and Dato Taha Gemencheh as part of their MSSD preparation.
4. Provided RM 100 each to 3 primary SPI players who made it to the MSSM u12 and RM 150 to our SPI secondary keeper who played in Junior league , MSSM and SUKMA . Contributors were individual OPA members and the reward was handed by OPA sports chairman Mr Balu to the players.

Annual Games (OPA vs SPI):

The 2022 Annual games were held on 31st July 2022 at the secondary school. and other games at the various venues.

The games and locations were held as below.

Games	Venue	Won By	Score
Badminton	Ma Hwa Hall	OPA	OPA 7, SPI 0
Football	SPI Secondary	OPA	OPA 2, SPI 0
Squash	Royal Sungai Ujong Club	SPI	OPA 0, SPI 5
Basketball	SPI Secondary	OPA	OPA 57, SPI 52
Table Tennis	SPI Secondary	SPI	OPA 1, SPI 4
Volleyball	SPI Secondary	SPI	OPA 0, SPI 2
Hockey	S2 Hockey Pitch	SPI	OPA 1, SPI 1

Overall Result:

In view of a tie with 4 games each, the overall Winner was given to SPI in good sportsmanship.

Reminder: If you wish to participate in these games, please sign up to be OPA members.

OPA Golf Tournament:

The Tournament for 2022 was cancelled due to the pandemic.

5. School Support Committee

(i) SPI Primary :

The year 2022 had been a recovery year after 2 years of the pandemic. We did many things that were not able to be done earlier.

1. There are 620 pupils with 49 teachers in one single session. There are 24 classes with 4 classes in each standard.
2. We celebrated most of the major festivals in Malaysia, namely Christmas and New Year, Chinese New Year, Ponggal Celebrations, Lantern Festival, Hari Raya Puasa and Deepavali. All these celebrations were carried out on a grand scale.
3. The Young Paulian Hockey team coached by Coach Prasath was very successful in their

- outings. They were District Champions, State Champions, Paulian 5 Invitational Champions and recently were third in National Hockey 5 a side Under 11 winners. They were also Champions at the National Level tournament of NHDP in Malacca. In honouring them, a dinner would be held on 17 th March at the school hall.
4. The English Panel produced some outstanding results at District and State level competitions. We were Champions at Public Speaking, Scrabble and Digital Story Telling Competitions.
 5. The Innovation Stem Club entered some competitions at National and International Competitions. We won a gold medal in the Social Category, Elementary Schools for our Project, The I-think Approach.
 6. In terms of developments in the school, the following were carried out:
 - A) 400 new tables and chairs were replaced for Years 4 to Year 6
 - B) All 24 classrooms were given a new coat of paint.
 - C) Lights were installed to the turf for night games to be held.
 - D) Lights and new wiring were installed at the open hall and the pavilion.
 - E) A new Seminar room was set up at a cost of RM30,000 together with a 75" Smartboard.
 7. Some big events were organized by the school including the Mega Sports Carnival, The James Macken Challenge Trophy Hockey Tournament and the Paulian 5 Hockey Tournament.
 8. A few projects are planned for the year 2023 which includes the upgrading of the canteen, fixing two big fans at the open hall and upgrading the Surau.

We hope we can do more for the school to create a better environment for our young Paulians.

(ii) SPI Secondary:

Date	Activity
23.3.2022	Registration for Uniform Units
30.3.2022	Registration for Clubs/Societies
6.4.2022	Form 1 Orientation / Uniform Units exhibition
30.4.2022	Pongal celebration
18.5.2022	Founder's Day celebration
19.6.2022	Sports Day
23.7.2022	SPI vs OPA Games Carnival
5 to 7.8.2022	Tamil language society annual camp
27.8.2022	Lantern Festival
21.9.2022	Uniformed Body Marching competition
28.9.2022	Canteen day
7.10.2022	National Sports Day Aerobics
14 to 16.10.2022	Uniform Units Premier camp
2.11.2022	SPI Inter-house Cross Country run
2.11.2022	Recycling Programme
11 to 13.11.2022	Islamic Society Prayer camp
5.12.2022	Cooperative society AGM
9 to 12.12.2022	Chinese Language society annual camp

School Profile

St Paul's Institution was founded in 1899 by Father Catesson of the Paris Foreign Missions. Its aim was to provide an English education to the boys of Seremban and the surrounding areas. "St Paul's School", as it was then called, was the first English school in the state.

Today Mr Kalaiselvam Muniandi steers St. Paul's course as Principal of the school. Its academic excellence and sporting glory have not dimmed; renovations and equipment upgrades signal continued vitality.

Staff and Students Enrolment

As of December 2022, there were 76 teachers with 8 support staff. Student enrolment was at 964 :

Form	No. of students
Remove	20
Form 1	192
Form 2	184
Form 3	178
Form 4	179
Form 5	211

Development Projects for the Year 2022

Several development projects were completed. Among them :

- a) The Pavilion : benches were installed and the floor tiled for students to rest
- b) The Chapel was refurbished for students and teachers to pray in comfort
- c) The surau was given a face-lift with air conditioning upgraded, among other amenities
- d) A new Gallery was designated near the office for easy access and maintenance
- e) The Hall : the flooring of the badminton courts was upgraded
- f) Benches were built along the fence near Gate B for students waiting to be picked up by parents.
- g) A roofed walkway was built from Gate B to protect students from the elements especially on rainy days.

6. Finance & Welfare Committee**(i) Brother Felix Donohue Student Welfare Fund.**

No payment was made in 2022.

With the cessation of Form 6 classes in SPI, the C70 donors that initiated the programme agreed to channel the fund to the needy and deserving Form 5 students.

The management committee has also agreed to continue supporting Paulians who will be pursuing Form 6 in other schools. Miss Helen Paul was asked to help identify these Paulians from Kolej Tingkatan Enam Forest Heights. This fund now helps the needy and deserving students in Form 5 & Form 6.

(ii) C78 Students Welfare Fund

This was started by a group of generous donors from the Class of 1978. The objective was to provide monthly allowance to needy students in both SPI Secondary and Primary schools.

A charity dinner was held on 25th June 2022 at Lucky Palace Restaurant, Seremban2. RM17,560 was raised from the auction of items. The highest being a badminton racquet, personally autographed by Dato' Lee Chong Wei. Other items were a few bottles of liquor and a T-shirt from class of 88. The net proceeds from the dinner was RM133,883.47.

A sum of RM12,000 and RM24,000 was disbursed to needy students in SPI Primary and SPI Secondary respectively. The Secondary students received RM100 per month while the Primary students received RM50 per month.

(iv) Bro James Macken Fund BJMF

This fund was managed by the Primary school PIBG.

7. Technologies & Multimedia Committee

The OPA website, (<https://paulians.my>), as well as OPA Facebook (OPA SEREMBAN) were being updated to create a platform of communication for all Paulians from the oldest class to the present.

8. Building & Facilities Committee

The Building subcommittee is pleased to report that building maintenance at Paulian House are constantly in progress. Defects issues on areas which are identified are carefully assessed and concurrence with the Exco Committee sought before remedial work is carried out. However, normal wear and tear items are replaced urgently whenever possible. The premise and compound are kept clean and tidy at all times and in this respect our appreciation and thanks go to Mr. Ng Yee Tim for his voluntary hard work.

It has been a subject of discussions that mold and moss on the rooftop and peeling of paints on external walls of the building needs cleaning and repainting. In certain sections the fascia boards also need repair or replacement. Based on an enquiry made by us, a quotation has been received from Messrs. Hoong Fa Hardware Sdn Bhd for the cost of materials and separately for labour charges on repainting. The estimate for the project is around RM12,000 to RM15,000. The exact total cost for completing the job will depend on cracks and damaged roof tiles that may be discovered during progress of work and on the fascia boards replacement and timber cornices at various points that are damaged.

There were numerous complaints regarding frequent short circuit and electricity outages at Paulian House especially during rainy weather and thunderstorms. A query has been directed to TNB and their technicians have visited our premises to investigate the matter. The fault has been traced to a loose neutral cable coming from the main TNB power source causing excessive power surge. The matter has since been rectified. We have subsequently raised a claim against TNB for damages to our Electrical Fuse Box, lightings, and electrical appliances. TNB has settled our claims for damages.

Paulian House has received donations of Power Tools, Electrical Appliances, and various items from the following generous donors. We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks for their generosity and continuous support to us: -

1. MR. KEITH CHAN
 - a. TOTAL P20S Industrial Blower x 1 unit
 - b. Fast Intelligent Charger x 1 unit
 - c. Lithium Re-chargeable Batteries x 2 units
Total Price: RM 1,259.00
 - d. IWACHI LED SOLAR 150w FLOOD LIGHT x 3 units
Total Price: RM 840.00
 - e. MACHETE Knife x 2 units
Total Price: RM 100.00
2. MR. LOO (Union Poly)
 - a. MACHETE Knife x 1 unit
Total Price: RM 50.00
3. MDM. AMY BEH
 - a. AIR COOLER x 1 unit
Total Price: RM 1,160.00
4. MR. DOUGLAS CHAN
 - a. BOSCH High Pressure Jet Cleaner Machine x 1 unit (USED item)

Last but not least, mention must also be made of the ample eco-friendly good quality crockery sets and utensils which are already in good use. The aim is to complement a comfortable and enjoyable dining

experience for functions and gatherings of our various year groups at Paulian House.
 These items are from Compliments and Well Wishes of: -

1. MR. STEVEN CHAN
 - a. Coffee Mugs

2. MR. DOUGLAS CHAN
 - a. Dining Plates
 - b. Stainless Steel Fork and Spoons
 - c. Stainless Steel Teaspoons
 - d. Whisky Glasses
 - e. Water Glasses
 - f. Ice Bucket and tongs
 - g. Cake Knife
 - h. Loaf and Meat Knife

9. Food and Beverages Matters Committee

This new committee will look into the liaison with the caterer. Rules of regulations on the operations of the Paulian House will be determined and approved by the management committee.

OPA members can make a booking to use Paulian House through the Hon. Secretary. There is currently no fixed rental fees but members who book and use the Paulian House are encouraged to make a donation to OPA for the maintenance and upgrading of the place. The place should be cleaned after the session.

Some events held in 2022 were as follows

- 9th Jan Class 1971 50 years gathering, 63 pax
- 5th Feb Class 1974 gathering
- 11th Feb Class 1978, Free & Easy
- 27th March 96th AGM, 40 pax
- 13th May Class 1978 -20 pax
- 14th May Lee KK and Scout's meeting
- 2nd June Gerard/Loh YS Class 78 SWF meeting
- 4th June Lee KK and Scout's meeting
- 19th June Class of 1959 and 1961 visit to Paulian House 8 pax
- 12th July Food Tasting for Saturday Breakfast
- 16th July Trial Breakfast @ Paulian House Limited to 30 pax
- 22nd July Badminton Group Gathering after the OPA vs SPI Badminton Games
- 30th July Class 1979 60th Birthday Bash 40 pax
- 30th Sept Mutthu's Gathering 20 pax
- 29th October Class 1974 -Deepavali & Christmas gathering
- 20th November Lee KK- Scout's meeting
- 10th December - Carolling

10. Membership Committee

The Association had recruited 63 (2021:14,2020:38; 2019: 39) from Jan to Dec 2022. The number of members as at Dec 31, 2022 was 1102.

The Membership is open to all former students of SPI Primary and SPI Secondary as well as serving and past teachers of both schools. Kindly update the Association of any changes in members' address and contacts etc. Below are the Membership Fees structure.

Membership	Fees (RM)
Entrance Fees	5.00
Ordinary Membership	30.00
Associate Membership	20.00
Life Membership	150.00

Associate Membership is open to former students of other Lasallian Schools.

11. OPA's 96th Annual Reunion Dinner

As usual, the Annual Dinner was held on the first Saturday of September. With the SOP restrictions removed, the Annual Dinner was able to be held on 3 September 2022 after a 2 years hiatus.

The 25 th Year Group (Class of 1995, 1996, 1997) and 50 th Year Group (Class of 1971, 1972) celebrated their anniversary at the dinner. This was the first time that 5 groups celebrated together, all thanks to Covid-19.

Tan Sri Dato Chan Choong Tak Award 2022 (Presented to the best all-rounder student of the year.) was presented at the Annual Reunion Dinner to Sameer Monn a/l Suresh.

The prize includes a Plaque, certificate, cash amount donated by Chan Choong Tak's family. OPA Life membership is given to the winner after leaving school. Mr Gerard Chan made the presentation.

Mr Francis Siow was awarded the Outstanding Paulian 2022.

12. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Alumni Associations ("MFOLSA")

The Association sends representatives to annual dinners of other members of Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Alumni Associations ("MFOLSA") as well as to MFOLSA meetings regularly.

For the information of new members, MFOLSA was launched in 1976 by 5 Alumni Associations viz. Old Xaverians' Association Penang ("OXA"), Old Paulians' Association, Seremban ("OPA"), Old Georgians' Association, Taiping ("OGA"), Sacred Heart Old Students' Association, Sibul (SHOSA) and St. Joseph's Old Boys' Association, Kuching ("SJOBA").

Presently, there are 18 alumni associations in the MFOLSA. Besides the above mentioned, the others are: St. John's Alumni Association, Kuala Lumpur ("SJAA"), Old

Michaelians' Association Ipoh ("OMA"), St Michael's Institution Alumni Association ("SMIAA"), St. Francis Association, Malacca ("SFA"), Franciscan Club – Kuala Lumpur ("FC-KL"), Xaverians' Club-Kuala Lumpur ("XC-KL"), La Salle Sentul, Kuala Lumpur ("LSSOBA"), St. Andreans' Association, Muar ("SAA"), Muar Andreans' Association, Kuala Lumpur ("MAA"), Old Lasallians' Association, Petaling Jaya ("OLAPJ"), Persatuan Alumni St. Anthony, Teluk Intan ("PASA"), Old Lasallians' Association Klang ("OLAK"), La Salle & Sacred Heart Kota Kinabalu ("LSSHKK").

Inter LaSalle Games: After 30 years, since the last LaSalle Games, it was held on 14/7/2018 at the La Salle PJ school for U14 boys from 8 La Salle schools in Selangor, Malacca & Seremban. The following games were played i.e. Badminton & Table Tennis (SPI Champions), Hockey & Basketball (SPI runners-up), Football & Road Run event (SPI 4 th placing). Overall Champion – SPI. The next Games is under planning to be hosted by SPI Secondary. Schedule to be confirmed by MFOLSA.

13. Obituary

Our sincere condolences to the families of the following ex Paulians who passed away:

- Tan Kim Chin
- Yap Ooi Beng
- Ong Yoke Choon
- Michael Tam Choong Yew (Demised in 2020)
- Pajan Singh Kapoor Singh
- Vincent Lee Yeow Pong
- James Kingham (Demise date unknown to OPA-upd on 2022 07 08)
- Lee Heng Foo (Demise date unknown to OPA-upd on 2022 07 08)
- Khong Mun Kong

- Dr. Chen Man Hin
- Chung Wai Foo
- Major (R) Colin Lim Hoong Hoom
- Robert Chan Chong Beng
- Low Beng Yen

In 2023 till 18 Feb 2023

- David K Madhavan
- Brian Alfred Schelkis (C1954)
- Dato' David Wee Toh Kiong (C1969)
- Francis Yeow Beng Soo (C1960)

The families of Former teachers / Priests / Staff

- Fr. Christopher Lee (Class 1982)
- Br. Augustine Julian, Senior La Sallian Bro and former teacher of SPI
- Rev. Father Joachim Tan Kah Chye, a Paulian who served at Church of Visitation (and many other places)
- Ex SPI Secondary Teacher Puan Shantini on the demise of her beloved mother, Mrs. Parkiam Lingam
- Thamby Rajah Soke, retired clerk of SPI Primary, the Father of Aikido in Malaysia

Our sincere condolences also to our Life member:

- Dato' Seri Lee Tian Hock on the demise of his beloved mother, Mdm. Ah Sam
- Bernard Ng Kuan Poh on the demise of his beloved mother Mdm Song Sew Yeat, spouse of Late Mr Bob Ng Weng Fook (Former SPI Secondary Teacher)
- Dato Peter Lai Yit Fee on the demise of his beloved mother.
- Ong Guan Beng on the demise of his beloved father, the late Ong Yoke Choon.
- Albert Lee Khien Khoon (C1969) and family on the demise of his beloved wife
- Tai Kek Kong (C1978) on the demise of his beloved father in Sydney
- Dr. Denis Nyam (C1978) on the demise of his beloved father, the late Mr. Andrew Nyam (Former SPI Primary Teacher).
- Ramali Ramalingam on the demise of his beloved father, Dato M. Ramalingam.
- Winston Chong on the demise of his beloved father the late Chong Chin Leong
- Mr Siva Kumar (C1999) on the demise of his beloved father the Late Senderakasin A/L Kanniappan
- Edward Ng Siew Kow (C1978) on the demise of his beloved mother, the late Mdm Chan Yee Mooi
- Sawarimutthu Rayappan (C1969) on the demise of his beloved sister, the Late Theresa A/P Rayappan
- Mr Woo Thong on the demise of his beloved wife (Mdm Yap Kok Chan) who was the mother of Mr Woo Yew Kong and Woo Yew Ming.

14. Important Announcement

If your child has performed well in SPM (Minimum 7As) and STPM (Minimum 3A), please submit your application for the OPA's Scholastic Award to the Association. The application form can be downloaded from the Association's website, <https://paulians.my/>. Please note that the applicant must be an OPA member for at least one year to be eligible to apply for his/ her children scholastic award.

