

## President's Report

### 12<sup>th</sup> Asia Oceania Congress

Thailand Federation of Don Bosco Past Pupils

Alumni association of Salesian family in Thailand were established for over decades. Many alumni associations are over 50 years old. One of the main purposes of alumni associations is to support a network of former graduates who will, in turn, help to raise the profile of the school. Alumni activities also build up the school reputation, creating the helpful society in the area, aiding the poor/handicap for the better living. Just like most other school student organizations, alumni associations aim to bring together like-minded individuals. Some of the activities that most alumni associations in Thailand were successfully conducted can be elaborate and describe in the followings.

- Invited former graduates, who success or well known in their business field, to give speech and advise students in school. Making the inspiration for students to set their career goal in the future.
- Held the annually on August 12<sup>th</sup> parade. The date is set to be officially Thailand Mother's Day. This holiday marks the birthday of the current queen mother of Thailand, H.M. Queen Sirikit. Ceremony held followed by country-wide candle lighting ceremony to pay for the royal respect and fireworks displays at the end of the event.
- Organized blood donation program annually to the Thai Red Cross

Society for saving many lives.

- Set up ordination process for young monastic boy during summer for the purpose of practicing purity of mind, discipline, and grateful to their parents.
- Held up for donation aid to flood victims every year. Led caravan carrying survival bags and deployed to flood victims in the region.
  - Distributed survival bags for the poor and jobless people during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Organized alumni traditional football event every year. Over 30 alumni classes participated in this event.
- Participated school sport day and academic events with teachers and students. - Organized alumni homecoming annually to bond the greater friendship and harmony.
- Expressed respectful condolences to the loss of alumni or their parents and attending their funeral.
- Yearly provided scholarships aid to poor and honorable students.
- Organized alumni 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary homecoming and banquet dining annually. - Invited experience life coaching speakers to lecture students at school when available.
- Contributed alumni network sticker pads to post in front of their business stores/shops for the beneficial of supporting the Salesian alumni family in trading and discounting of their products.
- Helped alumni to search for their lost/missing friends so they can meet and gathering together.
- Established alumni Facebook page to promote their products, announcing events/exhibitions, creating widely possible

jobs and link business opportunity.

In conclusion, alumni associations in Thailand provide a variety of benefits and services that maintain connections to their school, fellow graduated, teachers, and current students. This bond will be maintained and strengthened. The formation and development of alumni associations should be viewed as a long-term process. First, alumni associations need to achieve their own sustainability, which will primarily be achieved by recruiting members, actively and continuously managing the association, and offering interesting and engaging activities. In result, all succeeded activities brought back the profit recognition to their school reputations.