

St Joseph's College

The

Declassified Story

Behind

140 years of Excellence



Dear Josephians and Friends,

Welcome to our SJC Open Day 2014! This academic year we are celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the coming of the De La Salle Brothers to Hong Kong as well as the establishment of St Joseph's College. With the North Block and West Block of the school being declared monuments, I am sure you will all experience nostalgia as you walk around the campus. Yes, try to 'listen' and 'feel' this grand old lady speaking and welcoming you to SJC!

I hope all of you will enjoy the wondrous activities awaiting you and have beautiful memories of this memorable event! Have fun!

Bro Jeffrey, FSC
Supervisor



Ms Caroline Chan
Principal

Congratulations to St. Joseph's College on its 140th Anniversary. Our school started with 75 students in 1875 when six Lasallian Brothers came to Hong Kong to take over the original St. Saviour's College. Since then SJC has been thriving and contributing significantly to the social, political, cultural and economic realms of Hong Kong. It inspired and nurtured numerous leaders for Hong Kong and the world including a Nobel Laureate, Sir Charles Kao.

Our founders established St. Joseph's College with a strong educational and humanitarian vision. Throughout its 140 years this school vision has remained sound and firm, and the school management has remained reflective and committed to continuing self-improvement in the pursuit of excellence. We always put our boys in heart and offer them a whole-person, all-round education in a happy, inviting and culturally rich atmosphere. I am pleased that last year our students scaled new heights in both academic and extra-curricular domains.

None of these successes have been possible without the commitment and guidance of our Lasallian Brothers, devoted service of our hard-working staff and dedicated contributions of our loyal parents, old boys and IMC managers.



Welcome to St. Joseph's College! As we often say, we are not just a school: we are family. Through a collection of reports, interviews and interesting facts included in this 140 Special, we hope you can learn more about our history and hence our culture.

Not the product of one's effort, this special been completed with unconditional help from many Josephians, and I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have made this possible:

To Mr. Maurice Chan, Mrs. R. Wong, and Prof. Joseph Ting, for their detailed accounts and stories about St. Joseph's College, to our supervisor, Bro. Jeffrey Chan, our principal Ms. C. Chan, the OBA and our teacher advisors Ms. Wong, Ms. Fok, Ms. Lai and Ms. Chung for assisting us in every way possible, and finally to my team of editors and designers at the VEAPT, who worked ceaselessly to bring this magazine to your hands.

Thank you so much for visiting St. Joseph's College at our special 140th Anniversary. We hope you have a magical day here. Last but not least, a very happy birthday to our dearest SJC, and may it become not just a year older, but a year better.

Yours in Green and White,
Raphael Man
Editor-in-chief



MIGHTY MIGHTY LASALLIANS

The Christian Brothers, formally known as the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools played a vital role in the development of education in Hong Kong, and the schools they established remain a legacy even to this day. The Brothers first came to Hong Kong under the invitation of Father Timoleon Raimondi, who was the bishop of British Hong Kong at the time. In 1875, six Christian Brothers came to Hong Kong and took over the Portuguese St. Saviour's School. The school was renamed to St. Joseph's College and Bro. Hidulphe Marie was appointed Director of the College. This was the first Catholic Boys' School in Hong Kong.

In 1917, a branch school of SJC was opened in Kowloon due to the rapid development of the district and the demand for more school places. Later on, in 1932, Brother Aimar, who was then the Director of SJC, realized that a bigger campus was necessary and hence established La Salle College in New Kowloon, north of Boundary Road. During World War II, the schools were used as clinical depots and educational services were suspended. After the surrender of Hong Kong to the Japanese, some Brothers were locked in concentration camps and others fled to Vietnam for safety. The operations of the Lasallian Brothers came to a standstill.

After the war has ended, schools recommenced and the Lasallian Family flourished. In 30 years' time, seven more schools including Chong Gene Hang College, De La Salle Secondary School, St. Joseph's Primary School and St. Joseph's College Kindergarten were established in Hong Kong. Today, the Christian Schools are well-known for the quality education they offer and their alumni who contribute significantly to society. With the development of the Lasallian Brothers in Hong Kong stepping into its 140th year, we congratulate sincerely on their continued success.

SJC: THE ESSENTIALS

Founded in 1875 by the Christian Brothers, St. Joseph's College is a school with a proud history. SJC's early history is characterized by two changes of campus location in 6 short years. SJC was originally located at Pottinger Street at its founding. In 1876, the school relocated to Buxley Lodge at Caine Road. In 1881, we moved for the second time to Glenealy below Robinson Road to cater for the increasing number of students at SJC.

By 1907, SJC had nearly 500 students, who excelled in both academics and sports. For example, many Josephians participated in the then Oxford University Examinations, and they often topped the results list with outstanding results.

In 1918, the Brothers once again relocated SJC to our current premises at 7 Kennedy Road as the previous site was severely damaged by an earthquake. As the school continued to flourish, the Chapel Block was established in 1925. (The North Block and the Chapel Block were declared as Heritage buildings in August 2000.) SJC continued to expand with the addition of the New Building in 1962.

Since then, our school has continued to surpass important milestones such as its centenary celebrations in 1975, and has also produced distinguished alumni excelling in different fields such as politics, business and law. With St. Joseph's College celebrating its 140th anniversary this year, our school will continue to nurture young men bearing the school motto: "Labore et Virtute".



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An Old Boy Delves into SJC History

The Declassified Foundations of St Joseph's College: 1875, 1865 & 1843

The title of this commemorative publication, "SJC: the Declassified Story behind 140 Years of Excellence", prima facie suggests that we have little recorded history before 1875. This article seeks to disseminate what will surely be regarded by many Josephians as a rather bewildering claim, that such a suggestion is demonstrably false, and that our institutional life did not begin in 1875 but in early Feb 1843. To put this date in historical context, we should appreciate that it was only 2 years after Britain's Royal Navy under the command of **Commodore James Bremer** claimed formal possession of the island of Hong Kong, on 26 Jan 1841 at **Possession Point** (locally known as 水坑口); it was only 5 months after the conclusion of the **Treaty of Nanking** (南京條約) on 29 Aug 1842, under which Hong Kong Island was formally ceded to Britain by the Imperial Qing Government, during the reign of **Emperor Daoguang** (道光).

Evidence for the above contention lies in an internal Report dated 29 Oct 1843, of the **Franciscan Order** by **Monsignor Antonio Feliciani** (傅安當神父), who became by then the **Prefect Apostolic** of the infantile catholic **Prefecture of Hong Kong**. There, he reported in his original Latin:

"Let us take notice also of the Chinese school which was established in the first days of February, and of the strong desire of the Catholic clergy to start an English one, if they could find a good teacher."

Of the existence of this Chinese school, there can be no serious doubt. However, its institutional continuity with what eventually became **St Joseph's College** (聖若瑟書院) is open to scepticism, due to the incomplete contemporaneous records of the subsequent development of this school, known in early colonial times as the **Mission School** or subsequently the **Mission Schools**, over a sparsely documented period between Feb 1843 and 1865.

The patchy story of the Mission School(s) in this span of 22 odd years will be revealed in a detailed publication hopefully to be completed by the **Feast Day of St Joseph** on 19 Mar 2015, in time to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of our 1875 foundation, which ought to be more discerningly appreciated by all Josephians as our 3rd foundation. It will be propounded in the prospective book that in all fairness, St Joseph's College has 3 foundations: our 1st foundation of 1843 as the Mission School, our 2nd foundation of 1865 as **St Saviour's College** (聖救世主書院), and our solely commemorated 3rd foundation as St Joseph's College in its present incarnation. This unprecedented claim has never before been made in any publication, notwithstanding that the supporting evidence is compelling. However, this short article is not a suitable medium for the evidence to be presented in all its full intricacies, and the following trailer of the full picture will have to suffice for the time being.

The Autumn of 1860 is of pivotal significance to the integrity of the above thesis, for if it accepted as proven that there is sufficient institutional nexus or continuity between the Mission School founded in Feb 1843, and a string of Mission Schools founded in Sep 1860 by Fr. **Giovanni Timoleone Raimondi** (as he then was), then it must follow that the claim of our 1st foundation of 1843 is unimpeachable. This humble Mission School of Feb 1843 began life in a converted storeroom or

messenger room on the 3rd floor of an 1842 **Mission House**, which, by the standards of the time, was an imposing edifice built on the south east junction of **Wellington St** (威靈頓街) and **Pottinger St** (砵典乍街). Unfortunately, no image of that Mission House can be found today, not even at the office of the **Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Archives**.

Leaving aside the issue whether the institutional links between 1843 and 1860 are tenuous or otherwise overwhelming, the evidence of the direct lineage of St Saviour's College of 1865 from the Mission Schools of Sep 1860 cannot be seriously challenged. The German missionary, Dr. **E.J. Eitel** (歐德理), who had unrivalled access to official government records as the Colony's one and only **Inspector of Schools** between 1879 to 1897, had this to say in an 1891 published article, regarding the chronicled year 1860:

"The R.C. Society de Propaganda Fide commenced, in September 1860, an English Boys School in Staunton Street, under a Mr. Rowland, who had an average of 25 boys under instruction at a cost of \$960 to the Mission. The Propaganda Society started at the same time also a Portuguese Boys School .. in Staunton Street, under the tuition of Vincento Pereira at a cost of \$600. This School .. was attended by 35 Portuguese boys. To provide for Chinese Catholic youths, the same Society now re-opened also a Chinese Boys School in Wellington Street, taught by Jacobus Leang, and attended by 30 boys .. at a cost of \$144."

"This extraordinary revival of the Roman Catholic educational movement, though stimulated no doubt by the reviving energy of the Protestant Mission, is .. principally due to the educational zeal and energy which ever distinguished the newly arrived Father .. Bishop .. Raimondi, who at once occupied among Catholic Educationists about the same prominent and fruitful position which Dr Legge .. occupied among the Protestants."

Eitel's reference to "Propaganda Fide" meant the Roman Catholic sacred congregation headquartered in Rome, then responsible for catholic missionary work in all pagan lands beyond the dwindling political influence of Portugal and Spain; for this reason, Hong Kong and Imperial China came under the jurisdiction of the **Sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide**, and not the neighbouring ancient **Diocese of Macau** of 1576. "Staunton Street" (士丹頓街) refers to the street of the same name in present day **Little Soho** through which our **Central to Mid-Levels Escalator** now passes.



"Father .. Bishop .. Raimondi" (see above) refers of course to Fr. Raimondi, more well known by his

anglicized name, **John Timoleon Raimondi**, who in Nov 1874 became **Bishop Raimondi** (高主教) of the **Titular See of Acanthus in Macedonia** - by then already long lost to Islam - just 1 year before he relinquished ownership of St Saviour's College to the Christian Brothers. And "Dr. Legge" refers to **James Legge** (理雅各), headmaster of **Ying Wah College** (英華書院), and the celebrated collaborator of the 5-volumed **Chinese Classics** with **Wang Tao** (王韜) and others.

For the year 1860, Eitel did not designate the "English School", the "Portuguese School" and the "Chinese School" generically as St Saviour's College. However, for 1865, he wrote this in his chronicle:

"The Roman Catholic Mission made, in the year 1865, a great step in advance, by amalgamating, on the principle of the Government Central School [ie, Queen's College], their several English, Portuguese and Chinese Schools, hitherto located under separate management in Wellington Street, into one institution thenceforth known as St Saviour's College (in Pottinger St). This new School assumed, however, a novel and, having regard to the peculiar educational demands of the Colony, most appropriate feature in constituting itself expressly as a Commercial School, especially designed to supply clerks for the commercial offices of Hongkong and the ports of China. Bishop Raimondi evidently took a leaf out of Dr. Legge's book, but it is equally evident, from the actual results obtained by St. Saviour's College, that it was an improvement upon Dr. Legge's creation. This new College, the rival of St Paul's College as well as of the Central School, .. commenced with a strong staff, consisting of Messrs. T Terry, J Mayer, V. Pereira, J. Baptista and C. Wagner, and with an attendance of 152 boys, costing \$1,440."

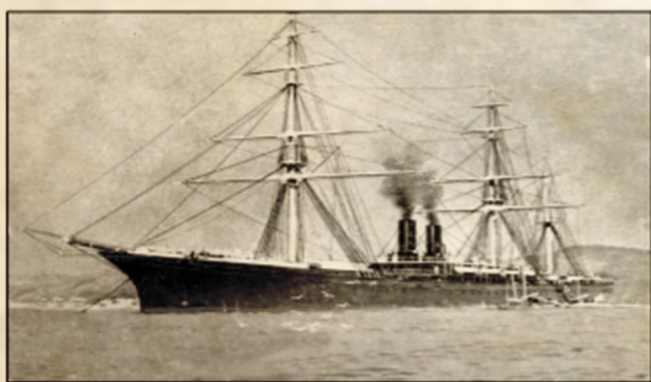
This merged St Saviour's College was housed on the Pottinger St side of the 2nd **Mission House** completed in 1864, but built on the same site of the demolished former Mission House of 1842. Fortunately, images of this building have survived, and one of the better ones of 1872 is illustrated here (see below) where Pottinger St is shown on the right running up to Wynham St (雲咸街), near what is nowadays the disused Central Police Station (currently under revitalization), and Wellington St on the left running down to D'Aguilar St (德己立街), near what is nowadays bawdy Lan Kwai Fong (蘭桂坊), where thirsty alumni of our **St Joseph's College Old Boys Association (SJCOPA)** flock together every now and then for Drinks Night.



Generations after generations of the larger family of **Lasallians** had all been told (but only too briefly) in various extant school publications down the decades, starting from our 60th anniversary publication, the **Diamond Jubilee Book of 1935** (see the next column), how our 1st Director, **Br. Hidulphe-Marie**, caused an important piece of our institutional heritage to be irreversibly changed.



The story goes, that upon the arrival in Hong Kong of the **Six Pioneering Brothers** on board the French vessel, the **Hougli** (below), they swiftly sought on the very next day (8 Nov 1875), the blessing of Bishop Raimondi to abandon the cognomen of the school that His Grace himself had founded and nurtured.



Regrettably, there is no contemporaneous account detailing how well it went down with our venerable

Bishop, or how forcefully the Brothers had to argue their case, considering that the name change had never been made a contractual term of the Parisian agreement concluded earlier in 1875, between our tireless founding father and the newly elected **Superior General, Br. Irlide**. However, the drastic action that the Brothers took could well have been justified on the ground that **St Joseph** has been perpetually memorialized in the **Bull of Pope Benedict XIII** of 1724 as the Patron Saint of their congregation, formally institutionalized with papal recognition therein as "*Fratrum Scholarum Christianarum*" (F.S.C.).



The name "**La Salle College**", could not have been nearly as attractive, because **St Jean-Baptiste de La Salle** (1651-1719) (above left) was not beatified as a Blessed until 1888, and not canonized as a Saint until 1900. So by the time the **St Joseph's College Kowloon Branch** - the precise location of which was only discovered by the author in 2011 - moved lock, stock, barrel and students from **Chatham Rd (漆咸道)** to **La Salle Rd (喇沙利道)** in Dec 1931, it must have been irresistible to our then Director and retiring Principal, **Br. Aimar Sauron** (above right), to change the name of the new and grander school to "**La Salle College**" (**喇沙書院**) instead (see next column).



The significance of Sep 1860 is also confirmed by a publication of even greater antiquity than Eitel's, in a semi anonymous book printed in 1877 at our beloved Brothers' very own press in **St Lewis Reformatory on Battery St in Sai Ying Poon (西營盤)**, now the site of **St Louis School (聖類斯中學)** on **Third St (第三街)**. It was penned by an author who only wished to be esoterically known as '**J.T.**'. This meek writer managed to keep modern historians speculating in vain on his identity until only a decade or so ago, when **Fr. Sergio Ticozzi (P.I.M.E.)**, (**田英傑神父**) stumbled upon a Roman find that J.T. is our very own English teacher recruited from Dublin, and not the "John Timoleon" whom he had once publicly postulated. For posterity, this invaluable Irishman recorded:

"In September of [1860] was opened the .. School for European boys .. in Staunton Street, with two teachers. [It] turned first into St. Saviour's College and then into the present St. Joseph's College".

The rest of the story after 1875 is of course inhouse history, classified and declassified, as we know it.

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Inheritance – An interview with Mrs Regina Wong

English writer G. K. Chesterton once said, "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." What he meant by this phrase is inheritance, the passing on of knowledge. Mrs Wong had been working in the education field for 40 years, and she had quite a lot to share when we interviewed her about her life's work in SJC.

Mrs Wong started working in SJC on 16th January 1973 when she was one of the invigilators during the Half-Yearly Exam. "The thought of coming in the middle of the year to teach a class of most probably very smart boys scared me," she recalled. Nonetheless, she got over her first year, and since then her teaching career had been smooth and enjoyable.

Mrs Wong taught English and Religious Studies to Forms 1 and 2 during her 33 years in St. Joseph's. "Most of the students I taught were attentive in class but playful outside class," she said. "Academically, our students have attained good results. I remember the years (editor's note: 2002 and 2010) when we had 4 boys who got 10 distinctions in the HKCEE. In terms of ECA, our students are typically involved in different posts for different clubs."

As an experienced teacher, Mrs Wong witnessed a lot of milestones that took place during her teaching life at SJC. "The most memorable event was of course when St. Joseph's celebrated the Centenary of the La Salle Brother's arrival in Hong Kong in the year 1975. The then Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, was the guest of honour. It was a really great occasion for me since I was a new teacher then," she said. When we asked her what the most significant change was during her employment, she accredited it to the sea change in information technology. "We started to have IT equipment in around 1999 – 2000, but it didn't really aid me a lot in my teaching. There were training courses then, yet my IT knowledge and skills remained very limited even after I took them. I think IT in teaching is better suited for science subjects," she noted. "Furthermore, with IT, students nowadays are more creative in that they can use it for better planning and designing."

Mrs Wong played an important role when St. Joseph's College joined the School Management Initiative in 1991, and subsequently when the Parent-Teacher Association was formed in 1995. "It used to form closer links between parents and teachers," she recalled. Mrs Wong was elected teacher representative (1995-2006) and served in the SMI and PTA. She was also the first Teacher Counsellor in our school.

There have been rumours that Brothers in the past were quite strict. When we asked Mrs Wong about this, she gave us her perspective on the issue. "When I first came to St. Joseph's in 1972 for my interview, I found Brother Alphonsus particularly kind and friendly." She went on to say that she felt the same warmth and friendliness when Brother Patrick and Brother Thomas were principals of the school, and she considers all Brothers to be devoted and dedicated to their way of life.

As some may know, Mrs Wong is the mother of Mr T Wong who is also a current teacher of our school. When asked about this special relationship, Mrs Wong gave us some background information about it. "Mr T Wong studied in both SJPS (P.1 – P.6) and SJC (F.1 – F.7). I remember I taught him Religious Studies when he was F.1," she recalled. "He then went on to study in the HKUST. In 1997, he came back for substitution lessons, and in September the following year, he joined the school as a teacher and has worked ever since." So it seems that there was a time when Mrs Wong and Mr T Wong worked together as colleagues. "I don't think there's much inconvenience in his teaching career but people are curious about this mother – son – student – colleague relationship. This happened only for a short time, and soon we got all used to it. Nowadays, people refer to me as Mr T Wong's mother. I think I am losing my popularity and identity," she remarked.

Looking back, Mrs Wong has had quite a long-term relationship with SJC. "I feel very privileged that I was once attached to St. Joseph's College," she said. "Can I take the liberty of quoting St. Joseph's my Alma Mater, to where I spent 33 'Wonder Years' of my life?" To Mrs Wong, SJC is more than just a school. It is her second home.

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與丁新豹博士的訪談

KEEP CALM AND BELIEVE CHADWICK

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為何你大學的時候會主修中國文學、中國歷史及中國美術考古呢？選修這些科目的原因是因為自己的興趣，還是朋友家人推動影響呢？

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其實我小時候的志願是做一個天文臺臺長，可是限於自己的數學和物理很一般，最後不能圓夢。另一方面，我同時也對文學和歷史有興趣，於是就選擇了現在這條路。我覺得讀書最重要的就是不但要讀自己有興趣的科目，同時也要考慮自己的能力。

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如果你對一些科目很感興趣卻沒有能力，最後祇會拉牛上樹，適得其反。我的家人對於我大學選科沒有什麼管制。雖然有很多家長會認為讀理科較好，幸而我的家人沒有給我施加壓力，因此能夠入讀自己喜歡的科目。

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其實我們小時候能夠進入大學已經心滿意足，因為那時候祇有兩間大學，而且當時的中文大學的地位還沒有現在那麼崇高，所以香港大學是一個必然的選擇。再者，那時候大學提供的科目很少，連法律，商業等現在的熱門科目都沒有，祇有英文文學、歷史等，選擇真的不多。

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求學時，有想過能成為歷史博物館的總館長嗎？

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哈哈，當然沒有。坦白說，我讀中學的時候都沒有想過可以進大學。我祇是摸著石頭過河，行一步走一步。其實如果你從少立志要做博物館館長，你最後未必會做到，因為要做到館長其實祇是機緣巧合。

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博物館裏有很多員工，而館長卻祇有一個。館長的任命是根據年資，如果上任館長卸任的時候你剛好是年資最長的人，那麼你就會成為下任館長了。但是這些不由你我控制，可以說祇是因緣際遇。當然，我自己必須有真材實料，可是很大程度上當上館長都是運氣。

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你認識的新中國是怎樣？

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新中國是一個只有集體、沒有個人的政權。每個人只是這個集體當中的零件 -- 要是壞了，換另一個就可以。然而，這些零件要是脫離了它的機器，便會變得一無是處 -- 所以爲了黨，每個人都是可以沒有地位、沒有尊嚴的。這或許就是共產主義的特色吧。

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由於我從中學開始便常常回大陸探親，所以我是看大公報這些左派報章長大的。看左派報章的好處就是能夠培養十分強烈的民族意識。當然，最初你會認同他們的說話；但是當你閱讀其他報章，或是親身到大陸看看，便會有自己的一套看法。因此，我自己是不怕洗腦這件事的。

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特別是在香港，資訊發達，什麼東西都可以看，怎麼可能洗腦呢？對於過去的六十年，我會把它分為兩半。前三十年是共產黨剛開始建立統治機器的時代。他們採取高壓手段，以階級鬥爭為綱，比現在中國更沒有個人的自由。那時候，要是你是資本家、地主等，就會落得被批鬥的下場。

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這些都是非常違反人性的事。說起文化大革命，我認為革命並非好事，因為一場革命只會被另一場更激烈的革命推翻；改良才是最好的辦法。總而言之，前三十年是很悲慘的。後三十年，改革開放，情況好了一點，卻又走上了貪腐的道路，現在就要看看習主席怎麼處理這些貪腐問題了。

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現今香港其實也相對注重對文物的保育，那麼您認為在發展與保育之間如何取得平衡？

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保育與發展之間是必定存在矛盾。至於平衡點在哪裏，我認為這是個人見人殊的問題。對於那些商家，他們當然認為發展比較重要；但那些讀文科的人或許會比較重視保育。因此，平衡點並沒有一個客觀的標準。

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以沙中線一事為例，那個古蹟其實蠻有意思，對於歷史研究有很大的幫助；但從居民的角度看，保育會延遲工程，使他們期待已久的列車夢落空；與此無關的人會覺得這是難得的發現，能印證帝昴來港的歷史。

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我認為如果他們發現的文物十分重要的話，比如說把整個宋城掘了出來，那就需要保育；但若果只是兩個井，需不需要保留呢？這真是很難定奪。轉過頭看看澳門，他們的保育工作其實做得好，當中的原因有兩個：

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其一是他們樓房長期不值錢，不會有人把他們拆掉重建；然而香港寸金尺土，把古蹟拆掉的誘因比澳門大得多。其二是政府的取態。葡萄牙人重視文化，甚至引以為傲；英國人則比較實際，所以不惜把建築都拆掉。

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現在，香港私人物業保育又是另一個難題。香港是資本主義社會，尊重私人財產。要是你今天到深水埗，你會看到不少舊建築。為什麼？因為那裏的樓價相比其他地區低，拆掉古蹟的誘因也較為低。所以在香港保育古跡十分困難，最後還是要看看市民願意為了保育付出多少金錢。

Matthew Wong

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你認為讀歷史對一個人有什麼好處？

丁新豹

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讀歷史能夠培養人們的歷史觸覺，我們會從不同的角度去看待一件事情。比方說對於一件事，我們會先從時序上來追溯它發生的原因，然後我們又會從地理因素來考慮地理對它的影響。

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就以現在具爭議性的政改為例，如果我們從中國歷史的角度來看，就會知道中國共產黨是不會讓步。幾千年來，中國都是一個專權社會。中國的專制并不是沒有原因的，中國土地龐大，擁有數十種不同民族，專制乃最容易管理人民的制度。

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所以讀歷史并不是要擁護專制政權，而是通過理解歷史去明白問題的原因。此外，讀歷史也能訓練我們客觀評價正反立場。我的博物館和中華文化促進中心合作，從80年代開始每年都會舉辦校際歷史報告比賽。

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在每一次頒獎禮致辭的時候，我都會說：“我們舉辦這些歷史比賽并不是要所有人都成為歷史學家，而是希望學生能夠掌握如何尋找資料，分析資料，解決問題，最後還要用文字書寫出來。”其實這個技巧不論什麼行業都能夠用到。

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Best Wishes...

Qualities / characteristics / highlights representative of the SJC culture and legacy :

S for studies
A for ambition
I for iconic identity
N for novelty
T for talents

J for joy
O for outstanding
S for sports
E for eminence
P for professionalism
H for honour / high hopes
S for strength

C for catholic culture
O for openness
L for leadership
L for love
E for education
G for glory / goals
E for extensive ECAs

Miss Bonnie Lau
French Teacher

It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome all of you to this special 140th Anniversary Grand Open Day. Not many schools in Hong Kong can celebrate 140 years of history. Today we are reminded of our past achievement and celebrate our present glory, hoping that the energy and enthusiasm of today will lead to a brighter tomorrow.....
In this 140th anniversary year, I encourage us all to be ambassadors of the Josephian spirit, as we continue to meet the challenges ahead and strive for a brighter future.

With best wishes,
Wu Wan Kwok
Vice Principal

黃錦華 一戊 (29)

春風化雨百四載，
關懷備至育人才。
欣迎校慶齊歡聚，
桃李滿門四方來。

Wallace Fan 5E (6)

The Green and White spirit has stayed ablaze with zeal and vibrancy for 140 years. May it continue burning inside every Josephian's heart for the ages to come!

Colin Lam 4C (15)

Home of geniuses
Nurturing the giants,
Hundred and forty,
St Joseph's the mighty.

蘇浩澄 四丙 (25)

聖言孕育桃李廣，
若靜若動全發展，
瑟奏瑟音百四載，
書傳博學建棟樑，
院校師生慶盛宴。

陳希朗 五丙 (5)

聖言學府百四載，
若遵明訓導人才，
瑟夫桃李人傳頌，
校譽光輝傳千里，
慶得良師育英才。

Arthur Tsang 6F (18)

May the spirit of de La Salle be in the minds and hearts of all sons of St. Joseph's.

I wish to convey my warmest congratulations to St. Joseph's College on its 140th anniversary. Indeed, the school has truly continued to excel in providing its students with a wide variety of learning experiences and exposure. Congratulations once again on achieving this memorable milestone.

Rosanna Chan
Principal
St. Joseph's Primary School

鄧家昌 六已 (21)

綠舟揚帆百四載，
白花翻騰無懼礙，
百年樹人桃李滿，
四海齊賀生辰來。

Lam Ka Chun 3A (11)

St. Joseph's one forty.
Labour et Virtue never dies.
Spread our names just like stars.
Let this year be in all our hearts.

Ian Wong 2C (34)

School is like a lighthouse, it guides our lost minds, with its beams of knowledge. I hope that this light will never go out.

Warmest congratulations on achieving this landmark Anniversary! It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to be associated with the current and future progress of this glorious historic institution. Wish SJC all the success for the years to come.

Ms Windsor Pang

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I am truly delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Supervisor Brother Jeffrey; Principal Ms. Caroline Chan; the Administration; all Old Boys and Parents; and, of course, to the entire student population of St. Joseph's College on the 140th Anniversary of our school. As always, it is our students that speak most eloquently for St. Joseph's College. Now, as then, they are exceptionally well prepared for all that they will face on life's remarkable journey.

Sir David K.P. Li,
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It is my great honour to be entrusted the role of the President of SJCOPA this year. The 140th anniversary of our alma mater is yet another milestone that does not only symbolises the extraordinary legacy of the school and its students, but also signifies a promising future for St Joseph's College. I hope all old boys would join us in making SJC not only the best school to study (as it has always been) but even better.

Mr Peter C.W. Choy
OBA President

On behalf of SJCPTA, I offer my best wishes as we gather to celebrate 140 wonderful years of St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong. This is our year – a year of celebration; optimism; with great and justifiable pride. Looking forward, we seriously look for ways to help make our school a much better healthy learning environment.

Peter Yip, PTA chairman

Warmest congratulations to St. Joseph's College on its 140th Anniversary and wishing the College every success in the decades to come.

Millie Tam
Supervisor
St. Joseph's Primary School

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