

BBNEWS

2ND ISSUE
AUGUST 2019

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE
IN SINGAPORE

MCI (P) 034/08/2018

THE FOUNDER'S AWARDS

PRESENTATION CEREMONY



Guest-of-honour
Yee Yee Beng
Secretary,
Culture, Community and Youth
Ministry of Sport
Child Commission
Grand Ball
6 July

**ALSO
AVAILABLE**
ON OUR BB WEBSITE AT
www.bb.org.sg

GENERAL INFORMATION



HONORARY OFFICE BEARERS

Honorary President

LG (Ret) Winston Choo DUBC, PJG, BBM, PPA, PBM.

Honorary Vice-Presidents (Clerical)

Bishop Rennis Ponniah (Anglican)
Bishop Terry Kee (Lutheran)
Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung (Methodist)
Rev Dr Christopher Chia (Presbyterian)

Honorary Vice-Presidents (Lay)

Dr Lee Soo Ann, PBM
Mr Lee Liat Cheng, BBM
Mr Sam Tan Boon Yeow, PBM
Mr Peter Tay Yew Beng
Mr Peter Foo Chien Ho, PBM
Mr Choo Gim Kang
Mr Tan Kok Heng, PPA, PP, PBS
Dr Ho Yew Kee

OFFICE BEARERS

Brigade President

Mr Poh Leong Berg

Vice-Presidents

Mr Chong Loi Foong (Finance & Infrastructure)
Mr Patrick Koh Ley Boon (Future Operations)
Mr Wilson Tan (Strategic Partnerships)
Mr Vincent Tan Elliot (Innovation & Learning)

Brigade Secretary

Mr Jason Lim Wei Hiong

Assistant Brigade Secretary

Mr Daryl Tan Jinn Wen

Brigade Treasurer

Mr Richard Tan Chuan Lye

Brigade Chaplain

Rev Daniel Tong Wee Hwa

Associate Brigade Chaplain

Rev Malcolm Tan Thian Hock

Standing Committees Chairman

Mr Liu Lijia (Juniors Programme)
Mr Daren Hoon Wen Jie (Seniors Programme)
Mr Ang Hoe Yong (Primers Programme)
Mr Oliver Loke Jia Wen (Training)
Mr Tony Tan Tuan Tiong (Activities)
Mr Peter Leong (Facilities)

Cluster Representatives

Mr Bay Qin Yao (North 1)
Mr Daniel Lim Wei Chong (North 2)
Mr Daryl Chen Wei Ming (South 1)
Mr Joel Tan Han Rong (South 2)
Mr Low Jian Xin (East 1)
Ms Diana Thio Chui Hwa (East 2)
Mr Ho Yew Keong (West 1)
Mr Timothy Tan Jiat Meng (West 2)
Mr Edwin Lim Shun Wei (West 3)

Executive Director

Mr Desmond Koh



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade is an international movement with Companies in more than 60 territories. Founded by Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883, it is the pioneer of uniformed youth organisations. In Singapore, the movement is recognised by the Ministry of Education as an approved CCA and it is registered as a Charity under the Charities ACT 1982 (Registration No. 0067)

Object

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys; and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

Our Vision

To be the Youth Organisation of Choice

Our Mission

To nurture youth, based on Christian values, to serve and lead.

Our Beliefs

We are First for Youth
We provide fun, meaningful and challenging activities.

We are committed to serve the community.

We are served and led by Volunteers.

We are enterprising, in tune with our changing world.

We actively engage our stakeholders.

We are a Christian organisation for all Youth.

BB NEWS

The BB News is the official publication of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore. The opinions expressed in the articles are the personal view of the writers and do not necessarily represent the policies of The Boys' Brigade.

Design and Layout

Lemographic

Colour Management and Printing

Refine Printing Pte Ltd

Please address all correspondence and article contributions to:

The Editor, BB News
The Boys' Brigade in Singapore
BB Campus 105 Ganges Avenue
Singapore 169695

Tel: 6737 0377 Fax: 6737 1676
Email: bbhq@bb.org.sg
Website: <http://www.bb.org.sg>

CONTENTS

AUGUST 2019



04

Sustainable Rhythm

06

Right Choices at Right Times

07

Camp Hope

08

At the Istana for The President's Award

10

NP Primers Orientation Camp Z.E.O.

12

Primers Challenge 2019

14

Company Snapshots & Social Media Features

16

Founder's Award Presentation Ceremony

18

West 2 Cluster S3A Simulation

20

Celebrating the Leading Companies

22

Kite Flying Day

23

Archery Shoot 2019

24

Practicing Values-In-Action Overseas

26

Representing BB On A Regional Level

SUSTAINABLE RHYTHM

PATRICK KOH, VICE PRESIDENT (FUTURE OPERATIONS)

Once, there were two superb timber loggers. To determine who was the better logger, they decided to have a competition. The one who cuts down the greatest number of trees from sunrise to sundown would be the winner.

At the first light of day, they lifted their polished axes and skilfully began to chop at their first trees. Both kept close timing with each other. Each logger would shout "TIMBER!" as a final stroke of his axe brought a tree down. By mid-morning the young logger was leading far ahead. As the crowd roared with their cheers, adrenaline rushed through the young logger, driving him to log even faster. Meanwhile, the older logger trailed behind. His pace seemed almost leisurely in comparison, as he took time to grind his axe after felling every tree.

At mid-day, the young logger began to show signs of slowing down - his axe had become less effective. Still, he pushed on relentlessly. The older logger maintained his rhythm - felling one tree, sharpening his axe, felling one tree, sharpening his axe.



It was now late in the afternoon, the young logger could no longer cut even a single tree, while the older logger steadily soldiered on. By the last light of day, the older logger had chopped down every single tree in his path - he had emerged the stronger logger and was the winner!

It is not difficult for us to realize what the winning factor was - the older logger took time to sharpen his axe. But how often, like the young logger, we fall into the trap to push on with our blunt axes.

As I write this article, I am mindful that I don't always live out the much-needed tempo that I (and the young logger) so desperately need. Living a hectic city life; shouldering countless responsibilities; managing multiple projects along the same deadlines...sounds familiar? That's my life too.

I am convinced that all Officers and teachers similarly need a rhythm in their lives. As BB Officers, we wear many hats. We juggle work, ministry, family and other personal commitments. We run camps and host myriad BB activities to give our Boys an enriching experience. By the same token, are we fulfilled? Or are our palpating hearts crying out that we need a sensible pace, a breathing space?

The irony is, we often get so caught up with ministry that we have no time to care for ourselves. **Sharpening our axes begins** with self-care. Perhaps we need to start by re-calibrating our understanding: self-care **is not** self-centredness. Self-care is what we deliberately do to take care of our personal mental, emotional, physical and for us believers, spiritual health.

Just as we tend to leave the house with a convenient piece of bread, we often hustle into our over-scheduled days with a perfunctory reading of a verse. Let's not forget that Jesus needed to take solitude time with His Father, to sharpen His axe. By spending unhurried, alone time to speak to God about our lives, our feelings, we are inviting Him in turn, to reveal Himself, His encouragement, His plans, and inevitably, to fill us. This precious uninterrupted time sharpens our axes.



Perhaps to some, our busy-ness is formed by a falsehood - if we slack off, we do injustice to those under our charge. Guilt plagues us, and guilt is corrosive and draining. It leaves us exhausted and depleted.

late into the night. That formed his routine every day, week, and month; this went on for a few years. The residents soon noticed that the baker was gradually getting thinner. He finally collapsed one day and neighbours found him in his home, very ill. He was severely fatigued and highly malnourished. While the baker strived to feed the town, he forgot to feed himself.

What hobbies or activities did you used to enjoy? Was there someplace you had thought of visiting? What about going back to those books that are neither management nor self-help? Today, would you indulge in a simple walk to enjoy God's creation - to be amazed by cloud formations or just to smell the flowers?

My fellow brothers and sisters, my earnest prayer for all is that we would serve God in a **rested** posture. That would ultimately be most satisfying to us, most glorifying to Him, and most effective in our outreach.



There once lived a baker extraordinaire in a small town. Every morning the townsfolk would be awakened from their sleep by the aromatic breads hot out from his oven. Long queues would snake across the streets even before the bakery opened, and these freshly baked loaves would feed all the families in that town. By noon, the breads would sell out and the baker would start his preparation for the next day's bake, working



Right Choices at Right Times

REV DANIEL TONG, BRIGADE CHAPLAIN



Primers Challenge 2019

WE live in a society that encourages the drive towards productivity and excellence, yet to such an extent that many of us are often stressed by these good traits. Why?

In Luke 10:38-42, we read of the happy occasion of Jesus visiting the sisters, Martha and Mary, resulting in some unhappiness. Jesus' presence had drawn many to the sisters' home; and as a good host, Martha was busy providing one and all with refreshments. Mary, on the other hand, simply sat at Jesus' feet enjoying His presence. When Martha complained of this to Jesus, she was not rebuked for doing anything wrong – she was after all fulfilling her duties and being an excellent host – just gently reminded that Mary had on that occasion made a better choice in deciding not to miss the opportunity of simply being with Jesus.

I can relate to this as I remember my mother, while she was with us, busying herself every Chinese New Year preparing a feast for our reunion dinner only to say when the time came down for us to sit and eat together that she was too tired to eat.

In our pursuit of excellence, choices have to be made. The choice to be the best we can be in all we do, while ensuring that none of our mates are left behind. The choice to push a little harder and go the extra mile in ensuring that responsibilities and tasks are carried out, while incorporating some time to chill with our mates, and to step back to listen for Jesus' guidance. The choice to know when and where busyness and quiet reflection, physical exertion and physical rest is required.



Imperfect as we are, we will on occasion make the wrong choice. With time and experience, an openness to be corrected and learn, as well as good relationships with mates and mentors, we will grow better at making the right choices at the right time, for the right occasions. Jesus being our help and Redeemer.



"Camp Hope taught me that everyone is gifted in different ways and I enjoyed the games with my friends."
Junior Samuel Foo, 81J Coy

"I learnt practical life skills such as outdoor cooking and packing items into my backpack. I even enjoyed sleeping in the sleeping bag on the hard floor."
Junior Kelvin Jiao, 41J Coy



Camp Hope

THAM XUE TING, VOLUNTEER

41J (TAO NAN SCHOOL) & 81J SINGAPORE COMPANIES (TOWNSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Forty-two Boys from 41J Coy and eight Boys from 81J Coy had their first combined camp with three Girls' Brigade Junior Programme Companies from 6 to 8 June. Riding on the camp theme, the organising committee planned a 'Hope Race', where participants used basic navigational skills to locate activity stations. The race also incorporated self-discovery segments where they learnt more about themselves, particularly their own strengths.



The camp highlight was the Honour Parents segment, where participants served their parents lunch and took part in a trivia questions game to get to know their parents better. The BB Chaplain, Ps Roland Lee, shared on the 7As of Good Parenting: Acceptance, Appreciation, Availability, Affection, Accountability, Approach and Affirmation. The session ended with the parents and children exchanging notes of affirmation and gifts.



At the Istana for The President's Award

THE President's Award Presentation Ceremony at the Istana was the finale of a long BB journey of six to 10 years for Primers. It is the highlight of every Boy turned Primer. On 9 July, five Primers were conferred the prestigious The President's Award by Mdm Halimah Yacob, the President of Singapore.



SCL Aaron Heng Tee Yoong, 121 Singapore Company, Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)



SCL Elijah Tan Jing Kiat, 93rd Singapore Company, Yuying Secondary School



SCL Gareth Pang, 60th Singapore Company, Raffles Institution



SCL Samuel Wong Jia Qi, 33rd Singapore Company, Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary)



SCL Pan Jia-Cheng Jason Timothy, 121 Singapore Company, Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

Jason was honoured to be featured in The Straits Times. He shared that he was grateful for the opportunity to serve in community service projects such as the BB Share-a-Gift. As he is fluent in Mandarin and Malay, which is his third language in school, he found it helpful when liaising with beneficiaries.



The five Primers were elated to be celebrating the occasion with their family, friends and stakeholders of the BB. They were most excited for the opportunity to interact with the President at the reception.

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS OF 2019!

NP Primers Orientation Camp Z.E.O.

RACHEL TOH, OFFICER

NP PRIMERS COMPANY, Ngee Ann Polytechnic

WE organised a Primers Orientation Camp at the brigade headquarters from 10 to 12 May. The theme was Z.E.O., which stands for Zest, Excellence and Overcome.

The camp started with ice-breakers and team games. We also introduced 'Warm Fuzzies' to encourage Primers to write simple encouraging messages to one another. Envelopes with names were placed on a wall for them to stuff secret notes.



For the second day, an amazing race around Singapore was organised. We also planned a 'murder mystery' game for the camp so that the different teams could work together in uncovering clues to solve the mystery. The Primers even acted out their version of how the 'murder' happened, which added laughter and fun to the night activities.



"I felt lost initially as I didn't know anyone. Through the activities, I learnt to be a bit more selfless and to work together as a team."
CLT Lim Jia Hui (pictured left)



"The camp was better than I expected. Everyone was friendly and we appreciated the heart-warming notes that were penned. I've learnt to adapt well with new people, to keep persevering and to always do my best."
CLT Siti Nurlyasa Binte Roslan (pictured middle of back row)

PRIMERS CHALLENGE 2019



An adventure race was organised where they had to attempt the high ropes and were given maps to navigate their way through the caves in the fastest time possible. Their social and communication skills were enhanced as they worked in teams with new friends. In addition, they acquired new skills such as starting their own fires to make tea.



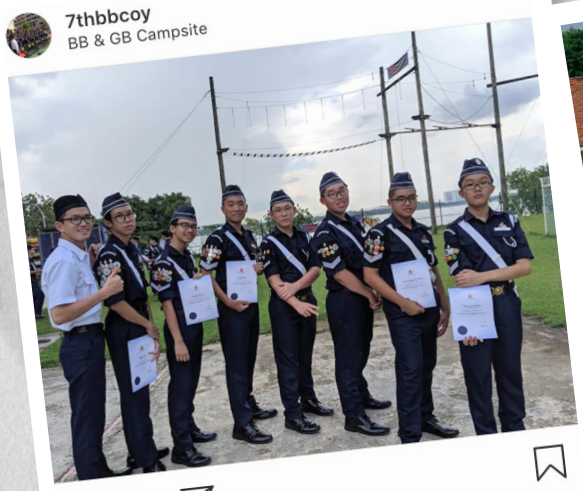
Forty-nine Primers from 17 BB Companies set off to Perak, Malaysia on 10 June, accompanied by their Officers. The 4-day 3-night camp exposed them to adventure activities not found in Singapore, such as waterfall abseiling and white-water rafting.



Throughout the camp, the Primers were stretched both physically and mentally. But they enjoyed the trip tremendously and benefited from the debrief sessions conducted by the Officers on teamwork, leadership and communications.



COMPANY SNAPSHOTS & SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURES



7thbbcoy BB & GB Campsite
Liked by 16j_bb and 59 others
7thbbcoy The 7 Boys from 7th coy who attended the LDC2 camp this weekend!
7th Coy on 10 Jun



17th Coy Annual June Camp (1 - 4 Jun)



48th Coy on 9 Jun at LDC2



25th Coy on 4 Jun



bb58coy 30/5/19
Today, our boys were engaged in various activities with the elderly at Ju Eng Home to give them company & company. 'This opportunity has really helped us get a pleasant experience of giving back and serving to those who played a part of developing us.' -BB 58th com

58th Coy on 30 May



bb99.coy Canberra Secondary School
Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 88 others
bb99.coy 1st June 2019

Our Warriors had the privilege to be part of school VIA's project where we get to see over 1000 underprivileged students being blessed with assessment books sponsored by community partners.
There was also a chance for our Warriors to share with Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for Transport on our BB's own VIA Project.
Well done Warriors!
99th Coy on 1 Jun



bb77thsg
Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 41 others
bb77thsg Fun camp 2019
77th Coy on 4 Jun



bb99.coy The Warriors Council was at Challenge Cubes this morning, we put ourselves in an uncomfortable environment where we had to trust and depend on one another to get out of the cave. It was total darkness and we spent around an hour to conquer this activity. During the debrief, the boys mentioned that it was a very positive experience for them and they felt they bonded from this activity too!
99th Coy on 25 Jun



12th Singapore Company
Liked by 16j_bb and 64 others
...wo!!! After a nourishing breakfast, we headed to Glasgow Battalion HQ where we had an enriching interaction with the boys from the 93rd Glasgow St West Parish Church and the 2nd East Kilbride South Parish, East Kilbride full of games, a special tour and a time of fellowship. We then went to a beautiful castle with a 9 century long history. After a walk along the royal mile, a stretch of cafes showcasing the rich history of Scotland, we headed to Nando's for a delicious meal.
12th Coy on 16 Jun

Founder's Award Presentation Ceremony

ON 6 July, the proud parents of 117 Boys gathered at the Orchid Country Club to celebrate their sons' achievements. These well-deserving Boys received the Founder's Badge, the highest award in the Seniors Programme. Gracing the occasion was Mr Baey Yam Keng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.



SSG Ethan Wu (pictured left) from Raffles Institution provided a glimpse of his BB journey as the Company Sergeant Major of the 60th Singapore Company. He shared that he had made many mistakes when leading; by not being clear enough, not following through and not being able to motivate his batch. But on his leadership journey, he was guided by Officers and learnt that as a leader, he must always keep the purpose in mind. And what mattered more was his desire to serve the Company with passion and his willingness to learn from mistakes and improve. Thus, despite how burnt out he felt at times, he would still garner renewed energy and motivation to give his best to lead and serve others.



A pop band from 12I Singapore Company in Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) captivated the audience with their acoustic renditions of two songs, including one entitled "Carry on This Journey" composed by their Officer.



Another highlight for the Boys and guests that night was the photo booth and frozen yogurt stations.

WEST 2 CLUSTER S3A SIMULATION

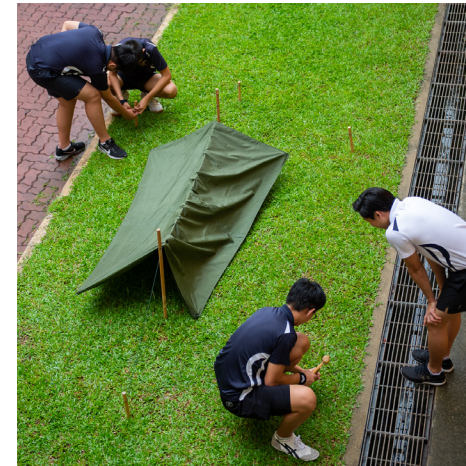
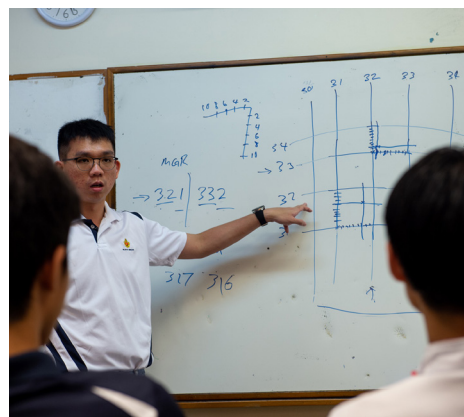
TIMOTHY TAN, WEST 2 CLUSTER REPRESENTATIVE



PARTICIPATING WEST 2 CLUSTER COMPANIES

- 25th (Hillgrove Secondary School)
- 39th (Swiss Cottage Secondary School)
- 53rd (Bukit Batok Secondary School)
- 63rd (Kranji Secondary School)
- 70th (Fajar Secondary School)
- 77th (Teck Whye Secondary School)
- 84th (Unity Secondary School)
- 91st (Regent Secondary School)

ON 7 June, the West 2 Cluster gathered some 60 Secondary 3 Boys to practice their adventure and orienteering skills in preparation for the Stage 3 Assessment (S3A) for Adventure Badge. Passing the S3A is part of the requirements for the Founder's Badge, the highest award in the Seniors Programme.

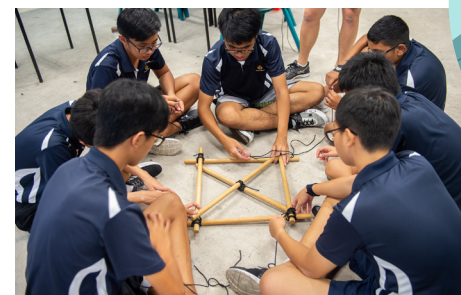


The Boys were put to the test as they had to use the compass and a map with MGR (Military Grid Reference) coordinates instead of the usual standard guide map with checkpoints already marked out. Using the concept of pacing, the Boys had to identify and make their way to the checkpoints. Different Company Boys were grouped together to help them make new friends in the process.

To plan for this event, the Officers and Primers had met regularly to pool their expertise and resources. A Train-the-Trainer half-day workshop was conducted by Brendan Chang, President's Man 2017. He served in 53rd Singapore Company formerly and is presently serving his National Service in a Commando unit.



It is certainly heartening to see how Officers from each Company took the initiative to teach others and know that all the Companies are now better equipped than ever to guide their Boys in the years ahead!



Celebrating the Leading Companies

The annual J M Fraser Awards Presentation Ceremony was held on 1 June, Saturday at the University Cultural Centre. The Guest-of-Honour, Ms Indraneel Rajah, Minister for Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and Education, arrived with the accompaniment of the melodious bagpipes band.

The audience was then treated to an exciting combined pipe band performance by Boys from the 47th (Serangoon Gardens Secondary School), 49th (St Hilda's Secondary School), 60th (Raffles Institution) and 94th Singapore Companies (Nan Hua High School).



Sharing about his experience, Junior Christian James Tan (pictured left), 12BR (J) Coy, said, "I was honoured to go on stage to receive the award. And I was thrilled to meet Minister Indraneel Rajah. I enjoyed our chat and was pleasantly surprised when she wished me, "Happy Birthday". I am thankful to my Officers for teaching me leadership, self-discipline and how to be more considerate of others."



The Best Seniors Programme Company, 2nd Singapore Company in Victoria School, received the Sim Kee Boon Challenge Trophy.



The Best Juniors Programme Company, 12BR (J) Singapore Company in Anglo-Chinese School (Primary), received the Lim Siong Guan Challenge Trophy.

Informative displays on the BB's Intentional Mentoring Programme, Family Engagement Programme, revamped Seniors Programme curriculum, the BB Alumni Grant and 90th Anniversary celebratory events were set up at the foyer.



KITE FLYING DAY

JOHN SEET, ACTING CAPTAIN
36th Singapore Company, Compassvale Secondary School



A total of 23 Boys, three parents, two Teachers, one Officer and nine volunteers participated in our outdoor activities event on 25 May. We assembled at the bike rental shop near the Lagoon Hawker Centre bright and early at 8am. We then pushed off towards the Marina Barrage, where we put our creativity to the test by designing fanciful kites to fly in the sky!



"I had a blast today as I persevered from start till end. The most difficult part for me was cycling back to East Coast Park from Marina Barrage. I was super tired after flying kites, but my good friends Jaaziel and Enson kept encouraging me!"
PTE Emanuel Yau (pictured left)



Five BB Companies each from the Juniors and Seniors Programmes gathered in Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School on 25 May for the BB Archery Competition. The participants ranged from Boys in Primary 3 to Secondary 4. It is our hope that more Companies would take up this sport and compete in the archery competition next year!

ARCHERY SHOOT 2019



DIANA THIO, EAST 2 CLUSTER REPRESENTATIVE



Juniors Champion team - 49J Singapore Company, St. Hilda's Primary School

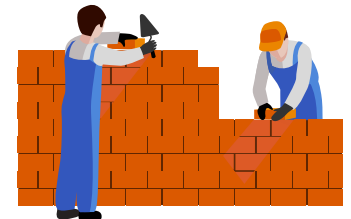
Seniors Champion team - 47th Singapore Company, Serangoon Gardens Secondary School



PRACTICING Values-in-Action Overseas

DOMINIQUE CHAN, OFFICER

2nd Singapore Company, Victoria School



The 2nd Singapore Company ventured forth to Chiang Mai, Thailand from 7 to 11 June for our service learning exposure. The team comprised of 18 Boys, five Officers and two BB teachers. The participants engaged children from the local village and government school through games and the teaching of first aid. Pipes and drums performances were also put up at various venues to the delight of the locals.



The Boys helped out in simple construction work within the compounds of Water-of-Life Methodist Church. Through this trip, they gained invaluable insights on community life in the village and having a spirit of service, especially for those living in developing countries.



REPRESENTING BB ON A REGIONAL LEVEL

ON 1 and 2 June, seven BB Companies participated in the 12th Singapore & Southeast Asian Pipe Band Championships. They performed in the solo and band segments which was held at St. Joseph's Institution. Mr Nat Russell GC and Mr Andrew Womersley from Victoria, Australia served as the adjudicators for the Championships.

PARTICIPATING COYS:

- 2nd (Victoria School)
- 11th (Christ Church Secondary School)
- 121 (Anglo-Chinese School (Independent))
- 27th (Presbyterian High School)
- 32nd (Damai Secondary School)
- 49th (St. Hilda's Secondary School)
- 60th (Raffles Institution)



Our Boys and Primers did well in some segments of the competition. For the Novice Solo Piping section for first-time participants, a Primer from 2nd Coy and three Boys from 60th, 32nd and 121 Coys swept the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th placings respectively. And 60th Coy emerged as Champions in the Juvenile Band section!



“Being able to play these unique highland instruments is a truly unforgettable experience. I have forged some of my strongest friendships within the band community.”

SSG Jaden Rabind Charles, 60th Coy



“I am really thankful that the band’s spirit of striving for excellence is being passed on from batch to batch. We are deeply committed despite our heavy workloads and conflicting schedules.”

CLT Gan Zi Heng, 60th Coy (Pipe Major) receiving the Champions Award.

*Photos courtesy of Singapore & Southeast Asian Pipe Band Championships' Facebook

Trade US market at USD 8.80* flat

One more reason for you to stay up late at night!



Gain insights about stocks using POEMS Stock Analytics



Complimentary US Live Price Quotes#



Execute your trades quickly with US Market Order



Set up automatic investments with our Recurring Plan



For more information, scan the QR code or visit <http://bit.ly/2Nm0Uc4>

globalmarkets.poems.com.sg | 6531 1555 | talktophillip@phillip.com.sg

Follow PhillipCapital on      