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A Word from The President

It gives me great pleasure to share with you a message of exciting journey that my fellow Exco members and I embark on in BB Asia. I once heard someone said that resolutions are made to be broken. Yes, if we are honest to ourselves, many of us who make resolution at the beginning of the year ended up disappointed when none of what we set out to achieve fail. Due to past failures, some decided to take a vow not to make anymore resolution in their lifetime.

Nevertheless, there are some who make the same resolution year after year and continue to do so religiously and ritually regardless they are able to achieve it. These people were illustrated by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:24, when he said: *“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get the crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I*

myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

In the passage we are told not to run like a headless chicken. Paul exhorted us to be goal focused. Whether we will win the race or not, we are to run in such a way that we will win the prize. In a game of soccer, on paper and even in reality Arsenal players may seem to be technically more gifted and superior than Birmingham, but both team are treated as equal when they enter the stadium with a single minded GOAL - to win. If you are a soccer fan, you would know by now who won the 2011 English League Cup final – it was a technically inferior team that won the match – BIRMINGHAM FC!

How about us? Do we start the year with a GOAL to win? If we do not have a GOAL we don't have anything to win. If we do not have a GOAL we don't have a PLAN to win either. Therefore let us be reminded by the apostle Paul that we are to start the year with a GOAL and subsequently set out your plan and work on it “in such a way as to get the prize (GOAL)”. Let us not be discouraged if we have failed to achieve what we have set out to do last year. The apostle Paul also reminded us that we are to continuously train our body SPIRITUALLY, PHYSICALLY and MENTALLY every year particularly this year.

Similarly, it is important that every BB countries including BB Asia must also do the same. In BB Asia we have an important CALLING! The calling is the great commission that is enshrined in the BB OBJECT. Our GOAL is very clear – that is to drive The Boys' Brigade vehicle in to countries that do not have the ministry of The Boys' Brigade so that the gospel may be preached. Our TARGET is also very clear – that is to reach out to children and youth in Asia.

The BB Asia work is expanding and we need to rally all the resources we can to work towards that GOAL. Those of you whom God has put a seed of burning desire in your heart to look at Asia as a mission field, I pray that you will respond to the calling. How? Firstly, ensure your spiritual footing with God is on the right path; second, identify your gifting and vocational expertise; third, make a commitment of availability to serve and lastly talk to your Company Captain and your country BB HQ relevant staff about your desire and availability. You can also talk about it with our staff at BB Asia Secretariat.

**Resolution is not
Made to be broken
When we put our
desire and passion to
achieve it.**

Blessed



from
**The President,
Executive Members &
Staff
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HONG KONG



Sichuan, Beijing Social Service and Exchange program 2010

After the earthquake incident in 2008, BBHK raised financial support in 2009 for students in Sichuan schools to resume their normal life. The BBHK members of Executive Committee and International Relations Committee visited 6 school buildings which were completely destroyed. From the funds collected, they were able to purchase desks and chairs for the classrooms, beds for the school's hostels, recreational equipment for their playground and steam cookers for their kitchens. They also promised the school another visit them again and it will be with the Brigaders.



So one year later on 22-29 December 2010, 21 Brigaders and 2 Officers visited Sichuan and Beijing for an 8-day social service and exchange program. The objective of this program was to sharing the love from God to the Sichuan

students and to experience the difference between old and new China.

They visited four schools in Sichuan, conducted some games for the students and presented them with Christmas gifts. After the social service program they also visited the Earthquake Memorial Village



The Brigaders shared that they learnt many valuable lessons during this exchange program. Now they have a better perspective of life. They were all deeply impressed with the passion and courage displayed in the students in Sichuan despite the recent traumatic experience. As they compare themselves with these students, they realise the importance of cherishing what they have and be strong when facing difficulties.



Official Visit from

Guangdong Provincial Christian Council & TSPM Committee



Nine pastors of churches from three cities, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Shantou, in Guangdong Province of Mainland China made an official visit to BBHK on 30 October to 1 November 2010. Their objective was learn more about the BB ministry.

On the first day arrangement was made for them to visit different Companies and meet with the Brigaders and Officers.

The visitors were also invited as special Guests at our Founder's Day Parade which was held on 31 October 2010.

The study tour concluded with a visit to the Anchor House at Noah's Ark. There a seminar was organised to discuss the topic on "How BB movement can help the development of youth of the churches in China".

The visitors were impressed by the Brigaders' performance in parade and the whole-hearted involvement of the Officers.



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INDONESIA



Expedition Camp for Jakarta BB Companies

For the first time 68 BB members and 17 Officers from 6 Companies in Jakarta scaled the 3019-meter Gede Pangrango Mountain as part of the Jakarta District Expedition Camp held for the first time on 24-26 September 2010



The mountain boasts of a hot spring waterfall because its 700-celcius water comes out of the cliff rock and falls into the valley below. So we can say that this is hot spring waterfall. There the participants were able to cook their

instant noodle and boil the eggs they brought with them.

Besides climbing a long and challenging route, the participants had to face stony path, heavy downpour for three whole days. They also had to set-up tents in the rain and on muddy grounds. The participants who completed the entire program should be complimented because even the officers considered it tough.

It was indeed a worthwhile experience everyone!

Leadership Training



for Jakarta Companies

On 11-13 February 2011, about 100 Senior Section Members from 6 Jakarta BB Companies gathered at Tunas Bangsa School in Serpong, Jakarta for a 3-day basic and advanced Leadership Development Course. Now who would dare to put a cricket in their mouths? The participants did it!



Reported by
**Saud
Tanamassa**
Executive Director of
BB Indonesia

BB Indonesia celebrates

25th Anniversary
this year



To celebrate this special occasion BB Indonesia invites all BB members who are 11 years above from all over the world to join us.

12th Camp Bersama
("Bersama" means *together*.)

Date
25-28 June 2011

Venue:
Gelora Kasih, Sibolangit,
Medan, Sumatra

Cost
USD60

Theme
Faith in God

Scripture Text
Colossians 1:9-12

Programme
National Singing Competition
Culture and Art Night
National Drill Competition
Team Building or Cross Country
Anniversary Dinner Celebration
Campfire

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MACAU



10 years

BB Macau

BB Macau celebrated their 10th Anniversary on 10 Oct 2010 with Grand Parade, Joint Enrolment Service and Thanksgiving Dinner. BBHK President, Rev. Dr. LI Ping-Kwong, was invited to be the Inspection Officer.

About 50 boys and girls and Officers including Mr. Allan POON, BBHK Chairperson and BBHK Exco members joined in the events. The BBHK Band and the 35th Company also participated in the programme.



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THAILAND

BB Thailand Acquiring a New Headquarters!

Warm greetings from The Boys' Brigade in Thailand! As you may have probably known, BB Thailand has been established in Thailand for more than 16 years and all these while it has used a rented premise in downtown Bangkok to serve as its headquarters.



Current Premise

At this point of time, BB Thailand is facing the challenge of rising rent on its current headquarters. In addition, the current rented premise also presents other challenges such as limited space, frequent floods and difficulty in keeping pests such as rats at bay. In view of the above, the BB Thailand Committee has decided that it is time for the ministry to acquire a permanent site for its headquarters

After months of research, the BB Thailand has chosen a shop-house located in Rangsit (north of Bangkok) as it best meets the needs of the ministry. The

estimated cost of the property (including some minor refurbishment) is 2,500,000THB (approximately S\$110,000). BB Thailand has organized its first fund-raising movie screening on 9 December 2010. The event has successfully raised a total of 199,296THB for the new headquarters building.



Proposed New Location

As the amount raised is still quite far off from the actual cost of the property, BB Thailand is appealing to all to give toward this worthy cause. Your giving in whatever the amount will help BB Thailand write a new chapter of its development. It will also give the headquarters staff a more conducive environment to work and live in.

For more information or contribution
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BE PARTNERS in The BB Ministry

We believe that the BB ministry is worthwhile and God-inspired for our young people in Asia. Let's be a blessing to them and make a **difference** to their lives **TODAY!**

Therefore we would like to appeal to the generosity of each and every one of you reading this newsletter to

support our cause by...

...**making** a personal pledge or contribution.

...**encouraging** as many friends as possible to support.

...**speaking** to your church leadership to consider BB as one of their mission pledges.

...**introducing** corporate or commercial companies who might give regularly as part of their social commitment.

For more details, please visit our website at www.bbasia.org or contact the BB Asia Secretariat. We will be most happy to hear from you.

The First Valentine

For God so loved the world
that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

John 3:16

**The first Valentine message is
still the best one ever sent**

Taken from DaySpring Devotion.

Announcing...

3rd BB ASIA Academy

Host Country
BB Thailand

Date
15-20 November 2011
(Tuesday-Sunday 6D/5N)



Venue
Sida Resort, Nakhon Nayuk,
(Located at the foot of a mountain in a
forest reserve about 2 hours drive
from Bangkok.)

Christian Guest House, Bangkok
(Located in the heart of Bangkok city.)

Cost
SGD220 per person
(Inclusive of accommodation, meals,
local transfers, entrance fees, training
materials and academy T-shirt.)

Theme
A Heart For Mission



Scripture Text
1 John 3:18

*"Let us not love in words and
tongue but with actions and in
truth."*



Programme
Training & Workshops, Country
Presentations, Community Centre
Observation, Visit & Conduct
Program for BB Company,
Fellowship Campfire.

Registration forms will be
released in April 2011. For
more details, please visit
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Prayer Points

THANK GOD

for His wonderful blessings upon our BB work in Asia in 2010.

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him." - 2 Corinthians 2:14

- All our generous partners and supporters.
- For the unity and cooperation of our member countries
- An office space and the employment of our second staff for the BB Asia Secretariat.
- The success of our 1st Full Time Workers' Conference
- Progressive extension work in the Philippines and Cambodia.
- The positive response towards our BB work from the churches in mainland China.

PRAY FOR

BB Asia

- the newly elected Executive Committee for 2011-2012 as they endeavor to bring the BB ministry in Asia to the next level.

- The continuing support of generous financial contribution to keep our work going.
- Preparation for the BB Asia Academy – to find suitable speakers, logistics and good responds from the BB countries.

Secretariat

- the work of the Secretariat in fulfilling its responsibilities.
- the travels of the staff with protection, good health and fruitful effort.

BB Brunei

- to call upon rank and file members to answer His calling to serve as leaders in BB Brunei.

BB Hong Kong

- their work with the churches in mainland China.
- That the BB ministry will find favour among mainland China governmental agencies.

BB Indonesia

- the final approval of the registration of BB Indonesia as an organisation.
- for their 25th anniversary celebration.
- The preparation of Camp Bersama.
- Their growing work in Jakarta, Blora, Semarang, Bandung and Surabaya.

BB Macau

- for their membership and companies growth and development.
- That the BB members and officers will stand firm and make the difference.

BB Malaysia

- their 65th Anniversary in 2011.
- Their Brigade Council Meeting on 14-16 April 2011. This year will be their election year.

BB Singapore

- wisdom and strength as they face new challenges ahead.

BB Thailand

- Pray for God's provision for the remaining 2,300,000 THB which BB Thailand needs for its new headquarters building.
- Pray for a smooth execution of plans for the renovation of new headquarters building (currently on-going) and shifting to the new location in the first quarter of 2011.

BB Cambodia

- Pray for the new BB Company 1st Phnom Penh.
- Christian leaders to dedicate their lives to raise God's fearing leaders among children and youth for Cambodia.

BB Philippines

- The registration of National BB Philippines with the government.
- Sustainability and leadership of the 7 new established BB companies. (1 in Baguio and 6 in Metro Manila).
- National Officers Equipping Conference 11-13 April 2011.



*...pray for each other...
(James 5:16)*

In prayer, it's better to have a heart without words than words without heart.

(Taken from ODB Jan-2011)

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Thanks, Lawrence!

We wish to announce that with effect from 1 February 2011, Mr. Lawrence Tay, our first staff of BB Asia will no longer be in our employment. He began serving in BB Asia as a part-time staff in 2006 and later was employed on a full-time basis in 2008.

We thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Editor's Note: Lawrence can be contacted at lawtay@hotmail.com.

CONTACT US

If you wish to receive or send Across Asia to a friend or friends, just drop us an email stating the individual's name and email address.

We gladly welcome comments, news, announcements, prayer items, articles, photographs etc.

Kindly note that BB Asia reserves the right to edit or not to publish any contribution deemed unsuitable.

Disclamation:

Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of The Boys' Brigade Asia.

Executive Secretary's DIARY

February 2011

2-11 – On leave

10-14 – Jakarta, Indonesia

- Leadership Development Course

April 2011

8-13 – Manila, Philippines

- Officers Training Course

14-17 – Sibul, Malaysia

- 47th Brigade Council Meeting of BBM

30 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- 1st ECM 2011-2012

BB Asia Secretariat

Executive Secretary

Mr Francis Chiong

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BB ASIA

Purpose

BB Asia has been formed out of a desire to maintain the unity, purpose and specific character of The Boys' Brigade everywhere. It came into being to give The Boys' Brigade an international organisation which would advance its growth, interest and cause.

Objects

The objects of BB Asia are:

- to promote the development and extension of The Boys' Brigade to new fields and territories.
- to strengthen the work of The Boys' Brigade internationally and within each member country
- to help its members to develop and adapt their respective programmes to the needs arising out of the conditions in which young people live and work
- to develop sympathy, understanding, and cooperation among all its members.

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