



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Message from the President, SJOBA

15 July 2010

Fellow Josephians,

There is a current SJI student –initiated project – **“HE IS ONE OF US” – Project Scubillon** which I would like to highlight for your attention and action.

This project calls on all Josephians to participate in a donation drive to help a student Tan Ser Yung who was seriously injured in a recent Judo competition.

Let's all do whatever we can to help a fellow Josephian.

Ora et Labora

Philip Seah
President, SJOBA



St. Joseph's Institution

(founded in 1852)

Our Mission

*Enabling youth in a Lasallian Community
to learn how to learn and to learn how to live;
empowering them to become men of integrity
and men for others.*

15 July 2010

Dear Josephians,

We are students from 334 writing to you with a special mission to help one of our Josephians in need.

We are carrying out a fundraising effort as part of our service-learning project under Project Scubillon, to raise funds for our fellow Josephian, Tan Ser Yung. As you probably know, Ser Yung was seriously injured in a recent Judo competition. Keeping alive the spirit of Brother Scubillon, who stood up for kindness, generosity and service to others, our class, 334, decided to reach out to Ser Yung. We have named our project, 'He is one of us', an important reminder that we as a Lasallian community will never forget or leave anyone who is in need, keeping faithful to our core school values of faith, service and community.

As part of Project Scubillon, we started the paperclip campaign to get the school community to wear paperclips on our pockets. It is our special mission to bring Ser Yung close to the hearts of all of us here in SJI. We wanted a simple but a powerful symbol to show our united stand behind Ser Yung.

We took inspiration from history. During WWII, Johan Vaaler, a Norwegian Jew, invented his own unique kind of paper clip just before World War II. When the Nazis invaded Norway, they banned the wearing of all pins and labels which had anything to do with Norwegian identity. Johan started using his paperclips as a sign of protest against the Nazi Occupation, and Norwegians wore paperclips to show solidarity with one another and as a symbol of their community.

Today, we might not be fighting against foreign invaders, but we hope that by wearing these paper clips, we stand united as a community and can bring Ser Yung close to our hearts. We want to share his burden in our hearts and to show that he does not stand alone. We have chosen colourful paper clips, a symbol of the rainbow colours to remind us of the magic of the rainbow, to believe and to keep faith that Ser Yung will make steady strides to the path of recovery.

As this letter reaches out to you, the class of 334 hopes that as old boys of the school, you will support our efforts to help a fellow Josephian, Ser Yung, by generously contributing money for his hospitalization bills. We do firmly believe that, as one community, we can make a real difference.

If you need any clarifications, please feel free to email our Form Teacher, Ms P Mara at mara@sj.edu.sg or our representative, Chua Kun Yang at chua.kun.yang@sj.edu.sg. We look forward to your kind contributions and are grateful for your support.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Class of 334/2010

'HE IS ONE OF US' – PROJECT SCUBILLON

REPLY SLIP

To: St Joseph's Institution
38 Malcolm Road
Singapore 308274

From: (Mr/Mdm/Ms*) _____

Address:

Telephone: _____ / _____ / _____
(Mobile/ (Home/Office)

Email: _____

Yes, I would like to make a cheque contribution of \$ _____

Cheque No: _____

All cheques should be crossed and payable to **St Joseph's Institution**.

We are grateful to all of your generous donation and support. A receipt will be issued to you.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Class of 334/2010