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Greetings from La Salle Petaling Jaya. I take this opportunity to wish all of you the Peace and Joy of this Christmas season and join with you to pray for Forgiveness, Compassion and Love so that all that the Good Lord has generously provided will be equitably shared across the barriers of race, culture and religion for the welfare of all peoples and nations.

After our busy Summer Programme 2016, things quieten down and then schools reopened on 1st September and different universities started the 2016-17 academic year a week or two later. Weekend lessons at LSSC did not reopen in mid September as I had a busy schedule of meetings and a family reunion event. LSSC will resume its tuition activities with the Winter Programme on 16th January 2017. I plan to return to Hongkong on 8th Jan and will be back at LSSC on 13th Jan 2017.



Pomelos neatly wrapped



before harvesting.

This year we had a good harvest of pomelos in spite of the irregular and unpredictable weather. Unfortunately, once again the “die hard mind set – sell first and money is in my pocket” of some farmers resurfaced and they fell victim to middleman collectors who came early and threatened not to come again if farmers do not sell on their terms. Those who listened to my argument that they should only sell when the fruits are properly ripen, held back and they had a better deal 3 weeks later ... the price was still the same but each bag of 12-14 fruits on the average weighed 50 kathies plus while those who sold “first” each bag weighed just 40 kathies and below.



Pomelos unwrapped



for haresting.

I am still struggling to change “the cheaper the better” and “the more the merrier” mindset when it comes to buying and using fertilizers. As you know from my previous reports, I have been asking agriculture experts from Taiwan to speak to the farmers about the use of fertilizers and pesticides. It is still very difficult to convince some farmers that the use of smaller amount of more expensive but modern fertilizers and pesticides that are not chemical based is more effective and produce better quality fruits.



Carrying a bag at a time on the shoulder



or two bags with a kanda stick

I end this report with a big word of thanks to Mr Joseph Yee of Ipoh who helped put in English sub-titles to the RTHK-TV March 2016 documentary about our mission at LSSC which more or less sums up all the activities of LSSC except for not mentioning the univerty fees subsidy programe. You can access the video at <https://youtu.be/15-gN-HyE2g> . There are many TV videos about LSSC but they are all in Chinese. Anyone else who can and is willing to put in the English sub-titles please contact me at liaodavid@yahoo.com .

On behalf of the students, their parents and the villagers, I thank all of you for your financial, moral and spiritual support all these years. God willing our projected venture to poor and more remote villages can begin before the end of 2017 or in 2018.

Take care and God bless. I personally thank everyone for your interest in and your support for LSSC – in the service of youth and nation through our Lasallian mission to Touch Hearts and Change Lives.

As always with love in the service of youth and nation through DLS,

BDLiao FSC
La Salle Petaling Jaya
24th Dec 2016



Neatly stacked for sale.



Buyer arrived.



Weighing.



Recording.



Villagers working together



loading up the truck.



BD the farmer.



Harvest for 2016.



Fruits from the orchard.



Local medical lemons.



Palm size.



Passion fruits.



Oranges for CNY 2017



still green.



Our mini waterfall ...



... clean and cool water.



The pig farm in a cove.



BD walking his buffalo.