

## 26<sup>th</sup> National Lasallian Leader's Convention

The 26<sup>th</sup> National Lasallian Leader's Convention was a journey of growth – growth as a Lasallian, growth as a leader, and perhaps most importantly, growth as a person. The numerous sessions conducted on topics such as spirituality and youth realities really opened our eyes to the realities of today.

We often take what we have for granted, and may even complain about our “first world problems”. I believe the exposure program where we visited Kampong Pawong really got all of us thinking. For me, it was a potpourri of emotions. On one hand, it was extremely heartwarming to see the Orang Asli so happy and contented with what little they had, but at the same time, it genuinely tore at my heart to hear their stories of abuse, mistreatment and discrimination.

Of course, the Convention wasn't just one where we got around to discuss depressing topics; we had our fair share of lighthearted moments too. Arguably what made the 26<sup>th</sup> NLLC so great for me was the people involved – from the facilitators, the OTs and the delegates. Spending six days together, getting to know each other was a wonderful experience, and I sincerely wish we had more time together.

Lastly, I would like to say that I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> NLLC. I will forever remember and cherish the lessons I learned, the people I met and the memories that I shared with them

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