

Salesian Cooperators China Province – Provincial Report



Part 1

I. The statistics of the Province

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Centre & Members

	2018	2022	Number↑	Percent↑
No. of centres	19	22	3	16%
No. of new centre erections	3	0	-3	-100%
No. of centres with <10 members	2	4	2	100%
≥ 10 members	17	18	1	6%
No. of affirmed members	395	429	34	9%
No. of new members	13	15	2	15%
No. of aspirants	22	19	-3	-14%
No. of apostolic projects	10	9	-1	-10%

The China Province consists of three District, having 12 centres in Hong Kong, 4 in Macau and 6 in Taiwan, The member count is 429.

II. Overview of the Province's current situation

Hong Kong District

- The "Youth Member Committee" (YMC) was established and sent for mission in an annual meeting. The goal of the YMC is to develop young members of the association and promote the unique vocation of the Salesian Cooperators. This is achieved by serving the youth group of the association, responding to their needs, and introducing them to Don Bosco and his Salesian family he founded. The activities are organized by YMC in the period.
- Formation Camp: Held on September 11-12 in 2022 at the Salesian Retreat House in Cheung Chau. The theme was "We learn from the youth." It was the YMC's first provincial activity and the first event held in collaboration with the youth group. The aim was to strengthen our understanding of the needs of young people, to act out of love for them, and to walk alongside with them.



- YMC Rosary Month Activity - Ave Maria Light My Fire: In the form of a candlelight evening, attendees sing, pray, recite the rosary, and share food prepared by Salesian Cooperator.



- YMC Vigil and Adoration - Fever Night with Jesus: Held on December 30-31 in 2022 at the Salesian House of Studies in Chai Wan, featuring a sharing by Fr. Lanfranco Fedrigotti, with the topic, "What is prayer". And the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was held.



Macau District

- Mass in the morning of the 24th of every month to commemorate Our Lady, the Help of Christians.
- Visiting members who are residing in elderly care homes periodically.
- Organizing festive activities or gift-giving for families on special occasions.
- Collaborating with Escola Santa Maria Mazzarello to organize parent-child activities for parish families.
- Participating in youth programs organized by the Salesian Youth Service Network and recording daily scripture readings for Maria's Voice.
- Participating in annual Lenten retreats, Salesian Spirituality Days, and other spiritual events.
- Assisting the work of Salesian Youth Ministry Macau: planning to hold unit-based catechism classes in 2023, providing opportunities to children and parents to learn about God. Launching long-term/ongoing services in 2023-2024.

Taiwan District

- Centre of Blessed Michael Rua ~
Care Program for Underprivileged Youth in Rural Areas: Rua Center in Taipei conducted 14 outreach programs from October 2021 to September 2022 to cultivate and nurture young people in need.
- On October 16, 2021, 20 pairs of athletic shoes was obtained from a manufacturer and donated to underprivileged youth at the local church.
- In 2022, a pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Wulai District and participated in an

inclusive summer camp. Additionally, secondhand ping pong tables and related equipments were donated to a youth group for education and training purposes.

- Participated in the 70th-anniversary celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Keelung.

Continuous Formation

a) Leadership Formation

EAO First Formation Workshop was held in Cambodia in 2019

- for provincial councillors, local coordinators, vice coordinators and potential successors.
- was organized by Philip Yu, CIN supported and had x members and 1 delegate participated in collaboration with competent facilitators.

b) Initial formation

- for aspirants and new members, they were constantly accompanied by the local formators or members of the respective centre;
- was organized by Provincial Formators in collaboration with other provincial councillors;
- was held every quarter, followed by subsequent formators' meetings for evaluation, adjustment, and planning for the future gathering.

c) Ongoing formation

Local delegates are the focal contact in addressing issues in specific centres throughout the province. We had reached out to World Delegates for general guidance. And we would actively organize in the 10th EAO Regional Congress.

10th EAO Congress 2023

At the end of 2022, China Province had committed to hold a small-scale Congress which would allow mainly for the Provincial Delegate, Provincial Coordinator plus one more Provincial Councillor to join in person. It could provide an occasion to hold face-to-face Congress to elect the new World Councillor.– In the past EAO , there had been over 200 participants, so limiting attendance to 50 participants would be relatively adequate in scale. Ultimately, a small Congress would be held from May 26-28, 2023, with fewer than 50 participants from outside having only four months to prepare for the event, which was a shorter timeline than the typical three-year preparation and one-year advance notice given by host provinces. Thanks to God, the situation regarding the COVID pandemic had significantly improved since the commitment was made.

“Youth as the Yeast Fermenting Today’s Family” would be the theme of the Congress. In addition, the Congress would be formed upon the initiatives launched during the Tokyo Congress of 2017, with a specific focus on the "For the Young" project in each province of the EAO. This project would be aimed to support and empower young people in the region, and we would be eager to continue this important work in the years ahead.

The Organizing Committee (COC) had already developed a program for the Congress, which

would include a dedicated youth session overseen by the Young Member Committee (YMC). The YMC is a new sub-committee established last year, reporting directly to the Provincial Council. In addition to the parallel session specifically designed for young people, the COC would also subsidize the participation costs for youth attendees (ages 16-35) from both overseas and local areas. All participants would be encouraged to support the event both financially and spiritually.

Given that the scale of the Congress would be relatively small, the COC was making extra efforts to ensure that the online join in would be well-executed and facilitated for overseas attendees.

Part III Ongoing development

A. Apostolic Works

- Don Bosco Learning Centre
- Catechism
- Oratory services at Tung Chung Catholic School
- Serving single parent families in Macau
- Talent show in Macau
- Summer Carnival at St. Louis School, Hong Kong
- ‘Slow down, It’s Christmas’ evangelization

B. Continuous improvement of the Local Centers

- Annual planning workshop
- Quarterly provincial meetings
- Quarterly formators meetings

C. Relationship with the Salesian Family

Visit ~ We had the honor of the visit of some important people in November 2018

Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime, Rector Major



- Year of Francis de Sales
- Canonization of Artemide Zatti

D. Communication

We had established a digital publication called "Family Letters" that is shared among co-operators. This publication, along with our daily prayers and the Salesian Bulletin, would provide a platform for more instant and detailed news and sharing amongst co-operators. By increasing communication, we were aimed to promote greater understanding and communion among members of our Salesian community.

E. Youth Services

- After-Class Oratory
- Don Bosco Learning Centre Formation of Young Member Committee

III. Mission for the Province

To serve the young and poor, in collaboration and communion with the Salesian Family.

To promote the Don Bosco Spirit, in the Church worldwide, and with creativity and flexibility to live out his preventive education system, through Reason, Religion, Loving Kindness, Family Spirit, Positive and Joyfulness to be with the young, care about the young, particularly those needy ones. Help them become a good Catholic and honest citizen.