

## FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOLS, MALAYSIA

CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS

The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced many new norms. Even so, we must not forget the old norms of greeting one another during the Christmas season. I thank the FCMSM for the privilege of conveying my Christmas greetings to all.

Christmas is one of the three most celebrated Christian events. The other two are Easter and Pentecost. Christmas assures us that God is with us. Easter assures us that God is for us. And Pentecost assures us that God is in us. All these celebrations remind us that God has neither forsaken us nor forgotten us.

Life during this Covid-19 pandemic has become overwhelming for many people. But no matter how overwhelming life might become and no matter how confusing the circumstances around us might be, still our God is with us.

In the Gospel of Luke chapter two verses ten and eleven, we are told by Luke that the good news of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world should bring joy to everyone.

“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.’”

In his Gospel Luke uses “joy” twenty times. Joy is an inward condition of the heart that comes about as we recognise the greatness, goodness, and graciousness of God. Happiness on the other hand is the result of circumstances – something that happens. Joy is deeper, and richer than happiness. Joy is a gift from God which is also the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Although the year has been an overwhelming one to many of us, I pray that we will not allow the temporary circumstances of Covid-19 to hamper our celebrations. May we truly rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Saviour cherishing the joy that cannot be taken away by the temporary circumstances.

Joyful Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar  
Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia



The Chairman and Members of FCMSM wish YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR SCHOOL/S

A Blessed Christmas 2020

& A Joyous New Year 2021

**Winners of the National Bible Knowledge SPM Oral Quiz held Online on 1 August 2020 :**



**Champion** : SMK (L) Methodist, Kuala Lumpur: JASON CHIN YUN LOONG & ADRIAN CHAN CHI KIN



**2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place** : St Joseph's Private School, Kuching



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** : SMK Methodist, Sibul



**4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Place** : SMK Konven St Cecilia, Sandakan

The School Principal of SM Sung Siew Sandakan, Sabah, Madam Poh Siew Boon, retired on 01 Dec 2020. She is replaced by Mr Kwok Chee Yen, a former student of the school. SM Sung Siew is established by The Basel Christian Church of Malaysia, Sandakan. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Conditional Movement Control Order, we could only have a small-scale Farewell for Madam Poh and Welcome for Mr Kwok.

We praise our LORD God Almighty that through His Grace and Love, SM Sung Siew, all through these years, is blessed with School Principals whom the Mission Authority and the School Board nominated.

May All Glory, Honour, Praise and Thanks be unto the Almighty God.



*Your lifes golden phase is about to start. May God bless you to fulfill all your personal aspiration through your retirement! Live your dreams as much as you can.*

Happy retirement Madam Poh!  
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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PETALING JAYA**  
**STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2020 IN STATE, NATIONAL AND**  
**INTERNATIONAL LEVELS**

This report summarizes the students' achievements of year 2020 in state, national and international level competitions.

For Uniform Bodies, the members of our school's Chinese Martial Arts team has attended a state level online Wushu Tournament organized by Dong Bei Bei Taijiquan Wushu Academy. Three students emerged as the individual champions, with another 3 students as the first runners-up for the Taichi category. One student was awarded the second runner-up in the Changquan category. Besides that, 12 Form 4 students from the Girl Scouts have been awarded the national level *Anugerah Pandu Puteri Remaja* award by *Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia*.

For Clubs and Societies, the members of the Robotics Club have attended several National Level Competitions this year, notably the Virtual National Robotics Competition (VNRC) 2020 and Young Innovators Challenge 2020. In the VNRC, 4 lower form students and 1 upper form student have all been qualified for the International Level competition. In the Young Innovators Challenge, 3 lower form students were awarded the Silver Award. Besides that, a member of the Christian Fellowship Society emerged as the eighth place winner in the 24th National SPM Bible Knowledge Quiz.

Next, Sports and Games also saw remarkable achievements. Before the Movement Control Order was implemented, students had participated actively in MSSS Selangor badminton, squash, gymnastics and aquatic games, and had achieved numerous titles. Students participating in the Badminton Championships have won a gold medal, 2 silver medals and a bronze medal. Our representative who attended the Squash Championships has emerged as the fifth place winner in the competition.

Two afternoon session students who attended the Gymnastics Championships have also won several gold medals for different categories. Students have also won 6 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in the Aquatic Championships hosted in *Pusat Akuatik MBSA, Shah Alam*. In the online MSSS Selangor Ping Pong Technique Competition through video submitting organized by the Ministry of Education, two afternoon session students emerged as the first and second runners-up respectively. Meanwhile, two Form 4 students that joined the competition emerged as the champion and second runner-up respectively.



Lastly, subject departments have also achieved outstanding results. Students have been actively participating in math competitions in all levels. Students namely Ang Xing Yi and Chai Chang Yik attended competitions such as Asia International Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO), Hong Kong International Mathematical Olympiad (HKIMO), World Mathematics Invitational (WMI), and Thailand International Mathematics Olympiad (TIMO) and have won honourable achievements. 93 students have also participated in the National Level Kangaroo Maths Competition (KMC), with 10 winning the gold medal, 25 winning a silver medal and 19 winning a bronze medal.



It is so good to read of Catholic High School PJ's amazing achievements but we understand that many schools face various challenges during the pandemic. Our God knows each one of us personally and intimately, better than we know ourselves. He sees our cares and anxieties but He also invites us to bring them to Him. Our God created the Heavens and the Earth, everything is under His control. All He asks of us is to believe and put our trust in Him.

This Christmas, which will be like no other, let us put our hand in the hand of Jesus the Christ who was born in a way like no other.

# Do you know who is the Mission Authority (MA) of your school?



All Mission School land and property in the country are owned by **25 Mission Authorities** which are members of FCMSM.

## MISSION AUTHORITIES IN SABAH

- Anglican Mission of Sabah
- Basel Christian Church of Malaysia
- Catholic Mission (Archdiocesan Education Commission of Kota Kinabalu)
- Catholic Mission (Diocese of Keningau)
- Catholic Mission (Sandakan Diocesan Education Commission)
- Protestant Church in Sabah

## MISSION AUTHORITIES IN SARAWAK

- Anglican Mission (Diocese of Kuching)
- Catholic Mission (Archdiocesan Education Council of Kuching)
- Catholic Mission (Diocese of Miri)
- Catholic Mission (Sibu Diocesan Education Commission)
- Methodist Church Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference
- Methodist Church Sarawak Iban Annual Conference

## MISSION AUTHORITIES IN SEMENANJUNG MALAYSIA

- Anglican Diocesan Education Board of West Malaysia
- La Salle Brothers
- Infant Jesus Sisters
- Canossian Daughters of Charity
- Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
- Marist Brothers
- Brothers of St Gabriel
- Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur
- Diocese of Melaka-Johor
- Diocese of Penang
- Christian Brethren Education Board
- Methodist Church in Malaysia Council of Education
- Presbyterian Education Board

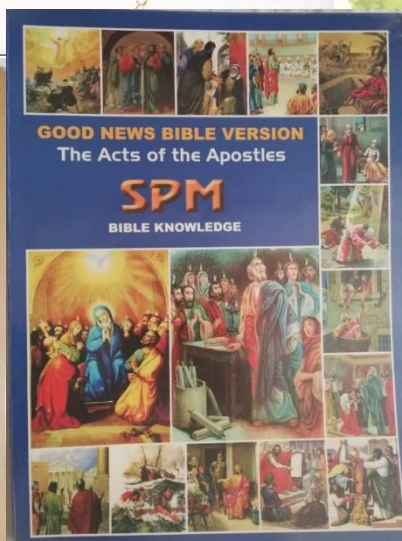
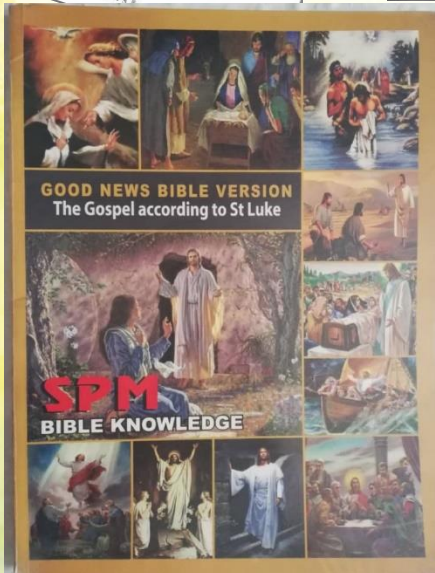
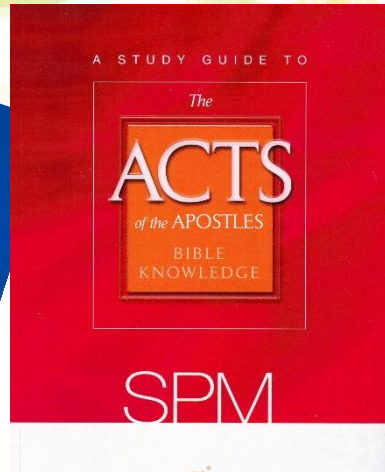
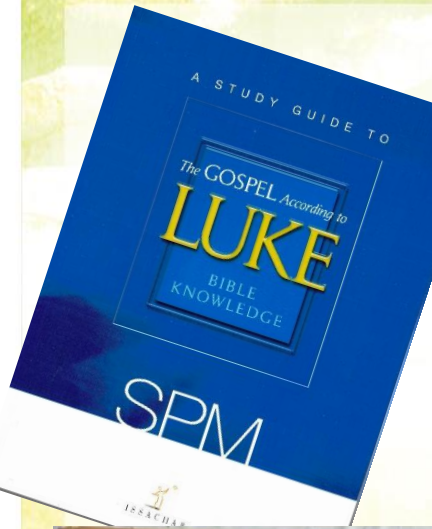
The Mission Schools are government-aided schools or Sekolah Bantuan Kerajaan Mubaligh. They consist of more than 400 schools of various categories:

1. Sekolah Kebangsaan
2. Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan
3. Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina
4. Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil
5. Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan.

These schools are governed by Boards of Governors (for Secondary Schools) or Boards of Managers (for Primary Schools) appointed by the Mission Authorities. Every Mission School should have a School Board with its own Bank Account. All changes to school land and property must have the approval of the MA.

Once the land title lapses and is not renewed, the school will become a Sekolah Kerajaan, no more a Sekolah Bantuan Kerajaan Mubaligh.

# SPM Bible Knowledge 9221



## PROMOTING BIBLE KNOWLEDGE IN SCHOOLS

BK Quizzes  
Postal Bible Quiz  
Written Bible Quiz  
Oral Bible Quiz

BK Training Seminars

Database of BK Teachers

Creating and Sharing of BK Resources

MCSC & FCMSM are on a project to produce resources for the teaching and learning of SPM Bible Knowledge (BK) 9221, to be ready in 2021.

This will help teachers and students in the study of these 2 books, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, and in their preparation for the school exam. The materials will be produced in multi-media. It is hoped that students will be able to access the reference materials easily to guide them in their study, especially if there is no BK teacher nearby.

Presently only about 400 students in the whole country offer this subject in SPM. We want more students to take up this subject so that we do not lose this heritage.

### Constraints and Challenges

1. Unknown or not valued by the Christian community
2. Considered to have no economic value
3. Discouragement by school authorities
4. Lack of student interest and motivation
5. Already too many subjects to study
6. Less and less Christian teachers to teach the subject
7. English Language is an obstacle
8. Unforeseen events and circumstances:
  - a) transfer / retirement of BK teachers
  - b) late registration of students
  - c) absenteeism
  - d) disruptions

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We praise God for a very successful **ONLINE Mission School Board of Governors/Managers Seminar**



The Seminar was held online on 19 September 2020 with 275 participants from 117 schools. The Deputy Education Minister, YB Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon graced the occasion and addressed the seminar with an encouraging speech on video. He emphasized the important role that Mission Schools played in the past and is still play today.

The Panellists and Participants had a great time reminding ourselves again of the Role and Responsibilities of the School Board in present day Malaysia.

An important take-away is to ensure that every board member must be registered and has a licence to function from the Registrar of Educational Institutions.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
- Isaiah 9:6 -

Do you know that the FCMSM website contains a lot of important documents and information?

- [Government Circulars](#) like ...
- [Appointment of Mission School Heads](#)
- [Non-Muslim Activities in School](#)
- [Teaching of Bible Knowledge in Schools](#)
- A Sample [Instrument of Government for Boards of Governors/Managers](#)
- [A Handbook for Boards of Governors/Managers of Mission Schools](#)
- [Ethos, Special Character and Traditions of Mission Schools](#)
- And Various [FCMSM publications](#)
- Check out <https://www.fcsm.org>



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