

# FCMSM NEWS



## PARKING LOT PRAYERS

First of all, Blessed Christmas and New Year to everyone!

We drive around the parking lot of a shopping mall, an office block or a hospital and we pray for a parking lot. And hey presto, an empty lot appears somewhere for us to park our car. We are grateful for the answered prayer. Our prayers sometimes appear to just bounce off the ceiling and we are simply grateful for answers to such minuscule requests. But is our God just a parking lot attendant?

I do not believe our God just handles small prayers. We have read of big prayers answered in the Bible. We have heard of big prayers testified of in the church and cell groups. We have witnessed big prayers granted in our individual lives. We have seen God move in a big way in our country and the world. And we raise up hallelujahs to God for all these.

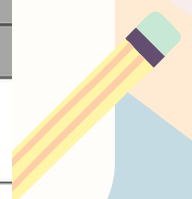
Is FCMSM still relevant? We have appeared to be redundant and toothless. We are losing ground – consultation, acknowledgement, adherence to circulars are lacking from the authorities. We need more Christian teachers, Christian principals and headmasters. We need our young to be concerned about safeguarding Christian interests in the education sector. Let us continue to bring our big prayers for Mission Schools to our big God and expect Him to answer in a big way.

# Sumbangan Bantuan Penyelenggaraan

## Allocations as reported (up to 31 Dec 2022)

(Please note that the table is not very accurate as many schools did not fill in the details.)

	Mission Authority	Applied by all MS	Allocations Received				
			SK, SMK	SJKC	SJKT	SMJK	SK
1	Anglican Diocese of Kuching	3,215,000	569,792				
2	Anglican Diocese of Sabah	708,315	119,711				
3	Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia	774,061	379,886	0			
4	Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur	346,771	0	70,000		269,191	
5	Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (BCCM)	1,476,323	314,597	190,047	126,698		
6	Brothers of St Gabriel (SG)	0	0				
7	Canossian Daughters of Charity (FDCC)	386,354	0				
8	Catholic Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu	2,184,708	0	59,763		0	
9	Catholic Archdiocese of Kuching	1,623,525	0	0			
10	Catholic Diocese of Keningau	1,159,061	0				
11	Catholic Diocese of Miri	450,746	0				
12	Catholic Diocese of Sandakan	642,000	237,067				
13	Catholic Diocese of Sibiu	1,441,310	309,068	54,480			
14	Christian Brethren Education Board	0	0				
15	Diocese of Malacca Johore	685,054	0	0		0	
16	Diocese of Penang	252,000	0	0	0	0	0
17	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary	257,569	62,000				
18	La Salle Brothers	1,802,983	765,046	0			
19	Marist Brothers	373,700	0				0
20	Methodist Council Of Education	5,744,524	0		0		
21	Methodist Sarawak Chinese Annual Conf	551,072	63,349		74,180	0	
22	Methodist Sarawak Iban Annual Conf	515,138	60,000				
23	Presbyterian Education Board	481,000	0	175,750			
24	Protestant Church in Sabah (PCS)	195,000	0				
25	Sisters of the Infant Jesus	3,042,044	208,349	80,000	0	63,349	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,308,258</b>	<b>3,088,865</b>	<b>630,040</b>	<b>200,878</b>	<b>332,540</b>	<b>0</b>



# Sumbangan Bantuan Penyelenggaraan

We understand many schools did not receive their allocations with no reasons given. We understand the frustration and many unanswered questions. The MOE was not forthcoming with answers or their answers were unsatisfactory. The fault may lie with the other party but it might also be ours. We hope things will improve this year in 2023.

The method of distribution of allocations for 2022 was different from the previous years. This was probably as a result of the National Audit Department's report for the 2020 allocations. Below is a list of findings of the department:

1. Technical evaluation and market research (pricing) was not carried out leading to a difference in price amounting to RM1.25 million spent on procurement as compared to current price estimates. The contractor was appointed directly.
2. Confirmation of work done and monitoring was not carried out leading to RM0.13 million being paid out for work not done.
3. RM0.39 million was paid for unapproved scope of work carried out.
4. RM0.41 million was paid for shoddy work or work which did not fulfil required specifications

As a result of the report, the following recommendations were suggested to the BPA by the Audit Department:

1. Follow current procedures to ensure that all applications and disbursement of funds be done through the Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri/Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (JPN/PPD) and NOT directly by the schools so that technical evaluation and costs can be examined and vetted by the JPN/PPD;
2. Check all applications thoroughly to ensure that the scope of work is only for maintenance purposes as outlined in the approved Guidelines. Any other work outside of the scope must obtain special approval from BPA;
3. Improve the guidelines and enhance understanding of the officers involved and all stake holders in order to ensure proper management of funds for better monitoring towards ensuring better value; and
4. Ensure a monitoring mechanism is set in place like the Laporan BPA-6, which is to be submitted by schools for the purpose of continuous assessment of project implementation.

# BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

## SPM BIBLE KNOWLEDGE (Code: 9221) results

Year		2021	2020
Excellent	A+, A, A-	34	27.8
Credit	B+, B, C+, C	34	33.8
Pass	D, E	13	17.8
	A+ - E	81	79.4
Fail	G	19	20.6
No of candidates		285	370
Average subject grade		4.58	4.95

Students will sit for the 2023 SPM Bible Knowledge paper on Tuesday, 28th Feb 2023. Above is a table of SPM BK results (in percentage grades) over the last two years.

Do encourage your students to sign up for the above quizzes. It is not about getting extra cocurricular marks. It is about knowing what and why you believe. It is about building faith and character.

If a student wishes to sign up for BK as a private candidate, check out:  
<https://eduadvisor.my/articles/how-to-register-for-spm-as-a-private-candidate>

BK videos are available on:  
<https://www.fcsm.org/bibleknowledge/bible-knowledge-in-video/>

"Those who do not find [God] on earth are unlikely to find Him in space."

C.S. Lewis

"Seeing is never believing. We interpret what we see in the light of what we believe."

Oswald Chambers

## 27th National SPM Bible Knowledge Quiz 2023

### BK23 Online Quiz

Date: 24 June 2023, Saturday  
Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am (1 hour)  
Text: Acts 1 - 18  
Open to all secondary school students.  
Form 1 to Form 6 / Year 7 to 11

### 27th National SPM BK (Online) Oral Quarterfinals Quiz 2023

Date: 22 July 2023, Saturday  
Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am (1 hour)  
Text: Luke & Acts  
Target: Form 4 and 5 students taking BK for SPM

### Semifinals & Finals

Date: 12 August 2023, Saturday  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 am (3 hours)  
Text: Luke & Acts  
Target: Shortlisted teams

## 24th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2023 (online)

Date: 13 May 2023, Saturday  
Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am (1 hour)  
Text: Genesis 11-15 and Acts 22-28

# Mission Authorities and Mission Schools 2023

	Sek Bantuan Kerajaan (SBK)							Sek Kerajaan (SK)	
	Total no of schools (2023)	SK	SMK	SK + SMK	SJKC	SJKT	SMJK		SJKC + SJKT + SMJK
<b>MISSION SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF SABAH</b>									
1	Anglican Diocese of Sabah	7	4	11				0	
2	Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (BCCM)	7	0	7	5		3	8	
3	Catholic Diocese of Keningau	12	6	18				0	
4	Catholic Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu	21	12	33	9		1	10	
5	Catholic Diocese of Sandakan	5	5	10				0	
6	Protestant Church in Sabah (PCS)	3	0	3				0	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>MISSION SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF SARAWAK</b>									
1	Anglican Diocese of Kuching	45	5	50				0	
2	Catholic Archdiocese of Kuching	28	2	30	2			2	
3	Catholic Diocese of Sibü	17	4	21	2			2	
4	Catholic Diocese of Miri	6	1	7				0	
5	Methodist Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference	0	1	1	5		1	6	
6	Methodist Sarawak Iban Annual Conference	8	0	8				0	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>MISSION SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA</b>									
<b>MALAYSIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL</b>									
1	Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur	0	0	0	1		1	2	
2	Brothers of St Gabriel (SG)	0	1	1				0	
3	Canossian Daughters of Charity (FDCC)	3	3	6				0	
4	Sisters of the Infant Jesus	29	17	46	4	2	3	9	1
5	Diocese of Malacca Johore	2	0	2	3		1	4	
6	Diocese of Penang	1	4	5	5	1	3	9	2
7	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)	3	1	4				0	
8	La Salle Brothers	16	12	28	1			1	
9	Marist Brothers	0	0	0			1	1	
10	<b>ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA</b>	8	4	12	1			1	1
11	<b>CHRISTIAN BRETHERN EDUCATION BOARD</b>	1	1	2				0	
12	<b>METHODIST COUNCIL OF EDUCATION</b>	31	23	54		1		1	
13	<b>PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD</b>	1	0	1	3			3	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4</b>

	SK	SMK	SJKC	SJKT	SMJK	SKER	Total
Dec 2022	254	106	41	4	14	4	423
2021							439

# Heartiest Congratulations



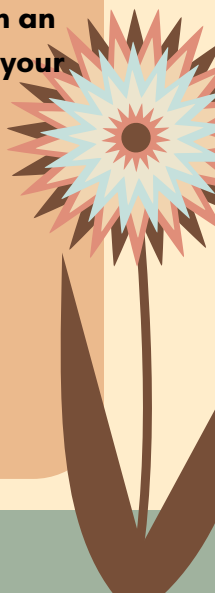
to our beloved Sister Enda Ryan FMM on being  
conferred Honorary Doctorate of Humanities 2022  
by Taylor's University



I was delighted to receive an invitation to witness the convocation of Sr Enda for her special convocation on 14th September 2022 at Taylor's University, on behalf of the FCMSM. As the founder of the Assunta Girls Schools, and for your spirit and strong convictions for the education of girls in Malaysia, you deserve this honour of being bestowed the Honorary Doctorate in Humanities award. For me, having known you in MCSC (Malayan Christian Schools' Council) 15 years ago, Dr Sr Enda, you have been an inspiration to me, just by being you, a spritely bubbly loving Franciscan nun right to your senior years.

Sister Enda Ryan's full speech can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/j\\_aCF9CDXw0](https://youtu.be/j_aCF9CDXw0)  
<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/education/2022/10/02/assuntas-sister-enda-honoured-with-doctorate>

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# 115 years of Excellence



**SMK CONVENT, IPOH**

**1907 - 2022**



**On 7th January 2022, Convent Girls Alumni ( CoGA) celebrated the Grand Old Lady's 115th anniversary with a mass in the school chapel. Despite the strict SOPs in place due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the chapel was filled with loyal, faithful past students from Ipoh and those who had travelled from other states to attend this joyous occasion. Rev Fr Edmond Woon, from St Joseph Church, Batu Gajah, conducted the celebratory mass. Puan Foo Mei Mei, the school principal was also in attendance. The short but meaningful gathering ended with the singing of the original school song in English and also a cake cutting ceremony.**

**Convent Girls Alumni (CoGA) would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all who attended and helped make this celebration a success. We hope to see everyone again and more alumni during the next celebration.**





## • IN THE NEWS ...

### **Changing lives**

<https://joanfoomahony.substack.com/p/changing-the-lives-of-millions-the>

### **Funds for mission schools in Sarawak**

<https://dayakdaily.com/premier-funds-to-repair-all-mission-schools-in-sarawak-from-state-govt/>

### **Bullying in schools**

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/191067/11-terengganu-teens-held-for-beating-up-schoolmate/>

### **Teacher quality**

<https://forum.lowyat.net/topic/5193105/all>

### **70 pct SPM student dropout?**

<https://www.sinardaily.my/article/179114/malaysia-national/academy-of-sciences-malaysia-to-verify-findings-on-70-pct-spm-student-dropout>

### **Muslim-only class monitor?**

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2022/03/23/muslim-only-class-monitor-issue-at-kl-school-resolved/>

### **Vernacular schools**

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/12/29/court-rules-vernacular-schools-constitutionally-protected-throws-out-malay/2031761>

### **DLP classes in secondary schools**

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2022/04/28/were-studying-issue-of-dlp-classes-in-secondary-schools-says-radzi/>

### **Revamp history textbooks**

<https://www.malaysiakini.com/columns/649989>

## • OUTSTANDING ISSUES ...

- FCMSM not recognised by MOE as the voice and representative of all Mission Schools in the country.
- Number of Christian teachers taking up NPQEL is wanting.
- Intake of Christians into teacher training courses is insufficient.
- Allocations hiccups – schools not getting their allocations, not knowing the status of their applications, missing out on notifications from the BPA, not having anyone in BPA to answer queries and so on.
- All Mission Schools to be categorised as Mission Schools even though they may be SJKC, SJKT or SMJK.
- Maximum consultation with Mission Authorities on the appointment of principals and headmasters not adhered to by certain JPNs and PPDs.
- The right of BOGs to select and emplace 10% quota of students into Year 1 and Form 1 of Mission Schools not recognised by certain JPNs and PPDs.
- BOGs not given the right to collect rental of school premises eg canteen, book shop.
- To review FCMSM's 10-year RoadMap (2018 – 2028).







## • ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### **New BOG Handbooks**

*The softcopy is ready on our website. You can access it via this link:*

*<https://www.fcsm.org/resources/handbook-for-governors-managers/>*

*There is also a link for FAQs there.*

### **New Directory**

*The latest updated FCMSM Directory is available on our website. If there are any corrections, please do update me.*

*<https://www.fcsm.org/directory/>*

### **Subscriptions & Contributions**

*The beginning of the new year also marks the collection of subscriptions and contributions from Mission Authorities and Mission Schools for 2023. For those Authorities which have yet to settle contributions for earlier years, please do so. Thank you.*

### **Allocations**

*Please do continue to update the online Allocations 2022 table so that we can have the latest information. Click on this link:*

*[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uqm3v9k9JwD5zEeiqMNIe43cEL\\_S-EpCcxuBb6TNssI/edit#gid=1784388402](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uqm3v9k9JwD5zEeiqMNIe43cEL_S-EpCcxuBb6TNssI/edit#gid=1784388402)*

## • 10-YEAR ROADMAP ...

1. To **establish a 'Consortium of Colleges'** that may lead to a University at a later stage. These Colleges may include:

- a. Teacher Training Colleges (for Kindergartens, Primary, Secondary, TVET)
- b. TVET Colleges
- c. Theological training Colleges (at Diploma levels to link w existing Seminaries)
- d. Technologically Advanced Colleges (programming, robotics, AI, STEM)

2. To adopt a three-prong approach for mission schools:

- a. **Strengthen Board of Governors** of Mission Schools
- b. Mission Authorities to **identify Mission Schools to be closed down**
- c. **Establish Private Schools**

3. To encourage **more young people to enter teaching** as a profession (ongoing)

4. To **raise biblical literacy** among young people through teaching of Bible Knowledge

5. To plan for **leadership succession** for regional councils (MCSC, Sarawak Council, Sabah Council)

