



## ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

12 May 2017

Dear Brother and Sister Josephians,

### **SJIOBA JOSEPHIAN FAMILY MISSIONS (JFM 2017) WITH ACTS, PHNOM PENH**

For the third year running, the SJIOBA will be organizing Josephian Family Missions\* (JFM), where you and your family are invited to take part in a mission with ACTS to serve the underprivileged in Cambodia.

In 2015 and 2016, many Josephians and their families benefited from the joys of giving through their encounters with the children and people of Phnom Penh, with many first-timers surprised when they received much more than they gave. These experiences are priceless and cannot be sufficiently described in words here. Many repeated their mission and returned the next year after realizing a positive personal change, a new perspective of the less fortunate, strengthened bonds within their own families, and most importantly, a renewed connection with God.

Registration for **JFM 2017** starts **13 May 2017** and ends on **27 June 2017**. Please fill out the form on the ACTS website by clicking : <https://goo.gl/80yUIK> . Anyone from any religious persuasion from 12 years to 75 years can sign up. Do it fast because places get filled very quickly!

**(IMPORTANT: When you sign-up for yourself and your family/group members, please be sure to tick "SJIOBA" for the question, "How did you hear about ACTS?" This will be our only way of identifying the JFM registrants from other ACTS registrants. If you are not sure about whether you have done this correctly, email [jfm@sjioba.org](mailto:jfm@sjioba.org) to tell us of your registration.)**

The mission will be between **9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. All participants will be required to attend **4 spiritual and admin preparatory sessions by ACTS** between July to November 2017. Details on these sessions will be found on the ACTS website and emailed to successful registrants. The SJIOBA will also contact JFM members to provide details specific to JFM and the ACTS mission.

The administration fee for the trip will likely be around last year's fee of **SGD150 per person**. The money is used to cover participants' food and local transportation. Participants will be required to buy their own return air tickets and travel insurance to Phnom Penh on either 8th or 9th Dec 2016, and may depart from 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 onwards. ACTs will allocate hotel rooms and you only have to settle the total room nights at the end of your stay. Per room night stay costs between USD\$25-45 depending on room type allocated.

**A Briefing for ALL JFM 2017 members** will be on **29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) of June 2017 at SJI Alumni Office (38 Malcom Road), 6.30pm** to share details of the mission, and plans for our usual efforts to raise funds during the annual SJIOBA Bands of Bros and Sisters event. As part of the same mission, JFM 2017 would also like to form a special group to mission to the La Salle Kindergarten in Pothum Village this year and would like to invite you to register your interest with us during this briefing. Looking forward to working with you and your families on this wonderful and fulfilling mission. Ora Et Labora!

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Ow Yong

Executive Committee Member, SJIOBA

\*Josephian Family Missions includes old boys and girls, old and current teachers, students, their families as well as staff of SJI, SJI Jr, SJI International. **Please enjoy this video** : <https://youtu.be/ehd79CjYUKM>