



DUANG PRATEEP FOUNDATION

Duang Prateep Foundation Monthly Newsletter for June 2022

'Care-Givers' Project Expands

The co-operative project between the Duang Prateep Foundation and Fukui Prefecture of Japan – 'Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan' – received recent support to expand the program. A June 14 meeting between Khru Prateep and Ms. Ladaphan Phraesrithong (project coordinator) and the Director of the Secondary Educational Service Area Office Kanchanaburi and the Director of Provincial Administrative Organizations resulted in the provincial officials agreeing to promote the project to students at 29 other high schools under their supervision. Thai students are taught the Japanese language before going to Japan to work taking care of senior citizens in that country, giving them a potential new career path for a better future.



And More Support for 'Care-Givers' Project

Thank you to KPMG (Thailand), led by CEO Mr. Charoen Phosamritlert, which recently donated 30 Notebook computers for Baan Kao Vitthaya High School students who are participating in the project "Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan." Khru Prateep presented the computers to the school's director on 13 June.



Schools Reopen at Last

All Thai schools physically re-opened their doors recently after being mostly closed since April 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To facilitate the students' return to the classroom, DPF Sponsorship Section staff disbursed sponsorship funds for Term 1 to the parents/guardians from the Lock 1-2-3 community on 13 June, so they could purchase essential school supplies for their children. Further disbursements will be carried out for another seven communities until 25 June.



Dreams Can Come True



This is a story about a young poor girl with a dream, whose nickname, quite coincidentally, is *Dream*. Sarika Klinsawang was born into a very poor family in a small village in Phetchaburi Province. When she was growing up, she relied on her grandmother and her aunt for everything in her life, although her grandmother survived on only the old-age pension and her aunt, as a general laborer, had no regular income.

Dream has faced loss and sadness many times in her young life. When she was 2 years old, her mother died in a car accident. Then, when she was 12, she lost her father from acute heart failure. And when she was 14, she lost her grandfather as well. Due to *Dream's*

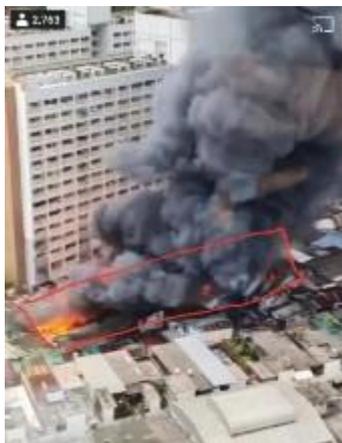
family's poverty, continuing her education was difficult for her. She was constantly on the lookout for any financial support she could apply for to fund her studies through primary and high schools. During this time, she was not only studying, but also helping another aunt (who lives elsewhere in Phetchaburi) on weekends to pack vegetables for sale in the Bangkok markets. However, *Dream's* dream was to continue her education at university to help her escape the poverty cycle. So, a DPF staff member, who knows her and the family well, told Khru Prateep and our Sponsorship Section about her story. And, that dream came true on 27 May when Khru Prateep took her to enroll to study for a Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Marketing at



iam University, which has generously granted free scholarships to poor students each year. We look forward to watching *Dream's* dream take her on to a better real life in the future.

Devastating Fire in Bonkai Community

At 14.34 pm on 21 June, more than 30 houses in Pattana Bonkai Community on Rama 4 Road were razed to the ground by fire, affecting over 100 people. Fortunately, there were no deaths and only one person was injured. The Bangkok Metropolitan Authority and the Pathumwan District Office have provided a temporary center where the victims can stay. The DPF fire-fighting team joined with other teams to extinguish the blaze. The DPF also helped with 400 food boxes and drinking water for the victims, and we will continue with further assistance in the weeks ahead.



Privy Councilor Visits

On 22 June, Privy Councilor H.E. General Paiboon Koomchaya visited Baan Kao Vitthaya School in Kanchanaburi, where he was welcomed by Khru Prateep, representatives of educational Institutions and governmental organizations in Kanchanaburi, as well as a representative from Fukui Prefecture in Japan, Mr. Minowa Katsuhiko (Director on Health and Welfare for the Elderly). General Paiboon came to discuss about the policy to network schools in Kanchanaburi under the educational fund. He also expressed interest in the vocational project 'Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan' (a joint venture between Fukui Prefecture, the school and the Duang Prateep Foundation). In addition, he also observed the project's Japanese language classes in progress.



Protecting More Little Heads

On 22 June, we once again teamed up with the Siam Solvay Foundation to promote children's safety on the road, a project which had been in abeyance during the Covid-19 pandemic. This time the target was Watkileepawanaram School in Rayong Province. The topic for the little ones was the importance of wearing protective headgear when riding on motorcycles and bicycles. The Siam Solvay Foundation donated 176 custom-fitted helmets to the kindergarten and primary students at a presentation ceremony presided over by the Governor of Rayong, representatives from Siam Solvay Foundation and the Director-general of the Primary Educational Service Area Office. Also on hand were local community leaders, other local organizations and DPF Chairperson, Prof. Sant Hathirat. The seven-year collaboration between the two foundations has so far resulted in over 6,000 helmets being distributed at schools in Rayong province – averting injury and the loss of innocent lives.



Relief for Fire Victims

On 23 June, Khru Prateep and DPF field staff went to visit victims of the recent fire in Bon Kai community to offer support and to find out their needs, especially those of the babies and children. After talking with the community leaders, the DPF donated two sets of school uniforms each to 58 children, replacing those lost in the fire. In addition, the foundation also provided formula milk for infants and babies, children's diapers, baby mosquito nets and children's clothing.



Family Relationship Day at New Life Project Kanchanaburi (NLPK)

In normal times, the NLPK organizes 'Family Relationship Day' each June and invites the children's parents, guardians or other family members to come to see the children and participate in activities together. However, we have not been able to hold the event for the past three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the virus still a concern in Thailand, NLPK decided to hold a 'Family Relationship Day' this year in which the children would pay respect to just Khru Prateep, Khru Mingporn and the NLPK staff – on the day of Director Khru Mingporn's birthday. In addition, Khru Prateep gave monetary awards to children and youths who gained grade 4's in their school studies (100 baht for each subject) and for children and youths who gained grade 4 in English and Japanese languages (200 baht).



Support from Japan

On Tuesday, 28 June, Mr. Yuma Muranushi, founder of the Nippon Donation Foundation, and his team visited the DPF and contributed a substantial donation towards the operation of our two New Life Projects at Chumporn and Kanchanaburi. Also joining the presentation ceremony was former Thai prime minister, Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, who gave a talk of encouragement to the assembled school students. By way of thanks to the Nippon Donation Foundation and Khun Abhisit, the children put on two dance performances, after which our guests went to observe our Montessori classrooms and the English language lessons. A big thank-you to the Nippon Donation Foundation for its kind understanding and support.



Family Relationship Day at New Life Project Chumporn (NLPC)



Unfortunately, our New Life Project in Chumporn has been unable to hold its annual Family Relationship Day for the past three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This meant that the children’s parents, guardians or other family members could not come to see their children and join them in activities. This year, however, Mr. Anu Sangarungrit (Head of NLPC) decided to invite representatives of local schools and local governmental officers to be “substitute” family

members for a Family Relationship Day at the center, on 26 June. We would like to thank our guests for their kind cooperation and for helping make this special day possible for the boys. This event is traditionally organized in the month of co-founder Khru Mingporn’s birthday (25 June). The event raised the spirits of the boys and youths, who were also rewarded for helping in social activities and for gaining good grades in their studies.



Survival Packs from Packaging Company

On 30 September, a representative from Inter-Trend Global Packaging Co. Ltd. visited us for a second time to distribute 150 Survival Bags of essential daily items and packs of eggs that the company had sponsored. Grateful recipients included Klong Toey slum residents and members of the DPF’s volunteer fire-fighting team. Thank you, Inter-Trend Global Packaging Co. Ltd., for your generous support for the people in their time of need.



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