



Duang Prateep Foundation

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Mothers' Day for Slum Children



On August 11, the DPF kindergarten organized a “Mothers’ Day” ceremony for students and their parents and guardians. The event kicked-off with DPF manager, Ms. Penwadee Saengchan, giving a talk on how parents can demonstrate their love to their children and how to take good care of them in the proper way. Students also gave a heartfelt rendition of a song about a mother’s love. All children then presented a Mothers’ Day card to their mother/guardian and showed their respect with a garland of flowers. Three outstanding mothers were also presented with certificates. The ceremony finished with tears of happiness.



39 Years Young



The DPF celebrated 39 years of service to Thailand's poor with a ceremony at their centre on August 31, the date of its founding by Khru Prateep in 1978. Scores of community residents and leaders joined current and former staff members for the occasion. Also on hand were representatives of local government organizations and NGOs.

The morning began with merit-making activities by offering alms to Buddhist monks and a special remembrance of former friends and benefactors who have since passed away. In talks by the participants, earlier struggles over evictions and housing problems, etc. were recalled. And the many victories were also relished, such as for the one-baht-a-day school and organized relocations instead of evictions.

To commemorate these struggles and victories the DPF will publish a book next year entitled, **4 Decades of the DPF – Poor Children's Education & Development of the Poor**. Initially penned in Thai, English and Japanese versions will follow.



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