



Duang Prateep Foundation Monthly Newsletter for September 2021

Delighted DPF 43 years

On 31 August with the shower rain in the morning. Khru Prateep and staff made merit for 43 years of the Duang Prateep Foundation for our prosperous of the foundation. This year we organized small and easy ceremony by offered foods to nine monks. We hope that the foundation can drive through the obstacles and will be the brighter for the year ahead. Thank you to all kindness supporters from the past until now to stand beside us to help the poor people.



Shipping company donation



Thank you Precious Shipping Public Company Limited to donated 350 food boxes every day since 27 August until the month of September 2021 to the quarantined and affected people in Klong Toey.

Donations from Chee Chin Khor Foundation



On 2 and 3 September, the “Chee Chin Khor Moral Up-Lifting for Benefaction Foundation” made two large donations of food items to use for the quarantined people at the new “Community Covid-19 Care Center.” The donated items came from the Taoist Temple’s merit-making ceremony during the Chinese Seventh Month Festival. Included were 430 survival Bags, a wide variety of fresh fruits, such as pineapples, apples, long-gong, coconuts and bananas, and vegetables, corn on the cob and gourds. Other donated items were cartons of instant noodles, soy milk and snacks, as well as ready-to-eat vegetarian

foods. On behalf of the patients in the Care Center, the Duang Prateep Foundation would like to express its appreciation to the “Chee Chin Khor Moral Up-Lifting for Benefaction Foundation” for its kindness.



Egg-cellent Contribution

On 13 September, Ms. Thitiphan Thananunwanich dropped by at the DPF to donate a whopping 10,000 fresh eggs to support our Together Against Covid-19 program that helps families affected by the Covid pandemic. With many families struggling to earn any income with which to buy food, the eggs were a most welcome support. The DPF handed over the eggs to leaders in many Klong Toey communities to distribute to the affected people in their areas.



Covid-19 Care Center Open for Patients



With a morning religious ceremony on the auspicious date of the 9th day of the 9th month, the Covid-19 Care Center (CCC) officially opened its doors to receive patients. The first patients began arriving later in the afternoon. As mentioned in earlier Facebook posts, this center for isolating Covid-positive patients is the culmination of a joint

effort between many organizations and people. Participating in the ceremony were Khru Prateep, representatives of the Port Authority of Thailand, Boonyachinda Foundation, the Madame Pang Foundation and AIA Insurance Company, as well as Dr. Himalai Pewpan (head of the CCC), doctors from two participating hospitals, Klong Toey politicians and community leaders.



David's Timely Donation

A big thank-you to David Leon, a former DPF volunteer, who stepped forward to help a family in desperate straits due to the Covid pandemic. The family of seven with five children, including six-month-old twins, has been unable to pay for their rent, water and electricity supplies, and diapers and powdered milk for the babies for the past two months. With the onset of the pandemic, the father lost his work as a delivery driver. Then, earlier this year he and his eldest son contracted the coronavirus. Khun David has made a generous donation to help the family get through this difficult time. (13 September)



Toyota Transporters

The Phithan Panich Co., Ltd. is making available two Toyota vehicles (a Revo and a Fortuner) for two months to help transport Covid-positive people to the new Covid-19 Care Center. The DPF would like to thank Phithan Panich for its generous gesture under the project “Toyota Stay with You,” and also Khun Isara Hata for his help in co-ordinating this arrangement.



A New Life Emerges from the Covid-19 Care Center

On the first night of the opening day at the Covid-19 Care Center (CCC), 12 Cambodian people (construction laborers and their families) were admitted. Two of these were pregnant women, one of whom was displaying worrying symptoms. So, the nurse on duty had her transferred to hospital. Fearing for the safety of the woman and her unborn child, doctors decided to operate. Happily, a healthy baby girl (Kao-suay) was brought into the world. Normally, it is difficult for foreigners to access the hospital system in Thailand, but patients at the CCC – be they Thai or foreigner – have the right to immediately go to hospital in emergency situations.



Mmm! Milk for Minors



A big thank-you to Friesland Campana Fresh (Thailand) Company Limited for donating 4,100 cartons of Foremost milk on 14 September for poor children during this time of crisis, and to The Mirror Foundation for co-ordinating the donation. On that same day, Khru Prateep distributed the milk to 82 leaders of various urban slums and children's development centers to give to the children in their communities.



Aussie Support by the Bagful

On 15 September, Khru Prateep, on behalf of Australians Claire & Tim Berger and their friends, Gill & David Wealands, presented 45 Survival Bags to the families of our kindergarten students whose members had previously contracted the Covid-19 virus. The Aussies, unable to travel to Thailand at this time due to the pandemic, sent a generous donation to purchase the essential items for the Bags. Ms. Claire is a volunteer English teacher who initiated the English language program for poor children at the DPF Kindergarten.



Bangkok Governor Visits the Klong Toey Field Hospital

On 17 September, Pol. Gen. Aswin Kwanmuang, Governor of Bangkok, and his team visited the Klong Toey Field Hospital (previously called the Covid-19 Care Center) which can accommodate up to 300 patients. Khru Prateep and the administration team of the field hospital were on hand to welcome them. During the visit, the governor also authorized the BMA's "BKK Mobile Vaccination Unit: BMV" to be available to service people living near the field hospital over a three-day period.



Total Care

The medical team from the Kasemrat Hospital taking care of patients at the Klong Toey Field Hospital believes that the patients' mental health is just as important as their physical health. Our photo shows nurses organizing a small "celebration" for the birthday of one of the patients to raise spirits. They also keep a constant watchful eye on the patients via closed-circuit cameras, and give constant care for patients from the time they are transported from their homes to the field hospital and during their stay there. In fact, it is a real team effort involving community leaders, the administration team and medical staff at the Klong Toey Field Hospital.



Support from MEA

In the morning of 20 September, Khru Prateep welcomed to the Klong Toey Field Hospital (KTFH), Mr. Boonlue Phanakthan (Director-General of the Metropolitan Electricity Authority's Klong Toey branch) and his staff, who came to donate essential items such as bottles of drinking water, cartons of instant noodles, boxes of tissues, beverage packs (Milo), etc. The MEA also kindly set up the electrical system for the field hospital. Yet another example of how many kind-hearted people and organizations are joining hands to keep the KTFH running smoothly.



Simple Comforts for Isolation Patients

Thank you to Mr. Willie Gregg for his kind donation of three electric urns to make hot drinks plus shelving for the “Happy Corner” (snacks for patents) installed at the Klong Toey Field Hospital for Covid-19 patients. The 300-bed field hospital was officially opened to receive patients on 9 September. Khun Willie, founder of “Willie’s Orphan Fund,” has a legion of supporters who contribute to the fund’s philanthropic activities, and we send them our appreciation too.



Lazada Largesse



On 25 September, the popular e-commerce platform Lazada donated 16,000 boxes of consumer goods to the Duang Prateep Foundation as part of its project “LazadaCARES” to help Covid-affected people. Each box contains products from Dettol, Harpic, Knorr, Purra, Singha Lemon Soda and Drinking Water, Lay,

Mirinda, and Sino-Pacific. In total, the Lazada project will donate 99,999 boxes to nine different organizations.



Cool Support

On 24 September, the British Dispensary Group, the Thammasathan Vongvanich Foundation, the Vongvanich family and the Chokchainarong family kindly donated 120 Cooling Hygiene product sets to the medical staff and the Covid-affected people at the Klong Toey field hospital. The sets include cooling body sprays, alcohol gels, hands gels, cooling wipes and soaps. Thank you for your generous support.



Another Century of “Care” Boxes



On September 25, our friends from AustCham Thailand graced us with another visit, and this time they were accompanied by their counterparts at the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand. Chris McLoughlin (president) and Brendan Cunningham (executive director) represented the former, and Chris Cracknell (chairman) and Greg Watkins (executive director) the latter. The visitors came to jointly donate another 100

“Care” boxes to provide relief to Thai people in the slum communities suffering from the Covid pandemic. Each Box contains food packs and snacks, beverages, medical products, toiletries, vitamins, laundry products and kitchen utensils. The visitors also made an inspection of the Klong Toey field hospital facilities. A Big Thank-You to all those Chamber members who sponsored a very helpful “Care” Box.



AIA Sharing a Life

On 29 September, Mr. Boonchai Tohsuwanwanich (Executive District Director Numthong Agency from AIA) and his team were welcomed to the Klong Toey field hospital by Khru Prateep, Ms. Penwadee Saengchan (DPF manager) and Mr. Suchai Pongpienchob (Advisor to the Bangkok Governor). The AIA team came to donate 110 food boxes, 1,000 bottles of drinking water and 6 dozen packs of fruit juice for the patients as part of their “AIA Sharing a Life” program. During the visit, the visitors were also briefed on the background story of the field hospital.



Care Boxes from AustCham and BCCT

On 29 September, Khru Prateep and DPF staff took 100 Care Boxes, which were kindly donated by Australia-Thai Chamber of Commerce and British Chamber of Commerce Thailand, to distribute to Covid-affected residents at Wat Tai slum. Residents of the slum had issued an appeal to us for help. This is the third occasion we have been entrusted by the chambers of commerce to distribute their Care Boxes to the poor people.



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