



Kindies Experience Indian Culture

On 4 October, Dr. Sunil Phol (an Indian dentist who was born in Thailand and is founder and CEO of the Dr. Sunil International Dental Clinic) and his family kindly invited eleven youngsters from the Lock 1-2-3 children's centre to his home to join an Indian religious ceremony and experience Indian culture. The young children were excited to visit his lovely house and to learn about the customs of other people. They were also very appreciative of the special gifts they received from Dr. Phol and his family.



A New Era of Co-operation

On 4 October, Ms. Benja Intarawongchot, the new Director-General of the Klong Toey District Office, and her team paid a courtesy call to the Duang Prateep Foundation to meet Khru Prateep. Khru presented Khun Benja with a bouquet of flowers to congratulate her on her new appointment, after which discussions were held on ways of co-operating together to help develop Klong Toey district to improve the quality of life of the community people.



A Day of Dance

On 6 October, twenty students from Srinakharinwirot University (*Prasarnmit Campus*), majoring in Thai Dance Education, came to the DPF to entertain the members of our elderly residents group. Even better, they also got the seniors onto their feet to join in for some welcome exercise. After that, they provided lunch for them to help regain their energy. The students then visited the DPF Kindergarten to donate educational materials for the kids. Thank you for bringing happiness to two generations.



Keeping Up to Date

The DPF Sponsorship Section are organizing five days of meetings (10,11,12,23, 29 October) for sponsored students and their parents/guardians to prepare for the 2nd term of school. Section staff also talked about the principles of giving scholarships and the importance of report writing to sponsors, etc. Khru Prateep gave more information about how the DPF, community leaders and private sector representatives in the Klong Toey district are developing a policy to upgrade the primary health system for urban people in Bangkok, an initiative of the Bangkok Governor. In addition, she also recommended the “Care-Givers for the Elderly” project to students and guardians as a possible career option in Japan.



Novices from the North

On the morning of 15 October, Khru Prateep welcomed 35 monks and novices from Nan Province to the DPF and told them about the story of Klong Toey. In the afternoon, Khru Prateep, some staff and our volunteer fire-fighters visited Wat Sapan Temple to see the new novices' lives and serve them ice-cream before they go to Sampanta Meditation Center on 16 October for religious activities there until 21 October.



Peace Award for Prateep

In recognition of her contributions to society and the community towards peace and peaceful reconciliation, Khru Prateep was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation at a ceremony held at Siam University on 15 October. The award was conferred by GCS International, a non-governmental social movement directed towards constructing a spiritually beautiful, materially affluent and humanly rewarding society, and was presented by GCS President, Dr. Chungwon Choue. The occasion also offered an opportunity for Prateep to thank Dr. Pornchai Mongkolvanich, Siam University President, for providing free tuition scholarships to poor youths from the Duang Prateep Foundation for over twenty years. Khru also had the good fortune to meet Ms. Pussadee Banomyong – a National Artist. She is a daughter of the late Mr. Pridi Banomyong, a former Thai prime minister, who became a symbol of resistance against military dictatorships, as well as a symbol of liberalism.



A Time for New Robes

On 16 October, Khru Prateep and DPF staff joined with people from the Klong Toey Community to participate in an annual merit-making religious day called “Tod Krathin” (literal meaning: laying down new robes for the monks) at Wat Sapan temple in Bangkok.



A Person of Quality

On 19 October, Khru Prateep received a ‘Quality Person of The Year 2022’ award in the category of ‘Children and Youths’ from the Foundation of Science and Technology Council of Thailand. Privy Councilor, H.E. Dr. Kasem Chankaew presented the award at a ceremony at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel. This award honors individuals who have achieved success in both their personal life and working life, and have dedicated themselves to doing beneficial activities for society and the nation, in various fields. They should be a good role model and should promote this honor with pride. In addition, “Scholarships to Quality Youths of the Year 2022 were also presented during the ceremony.

