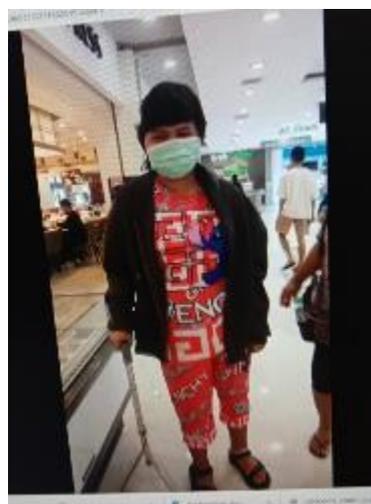




## Ms. Aurn Can Walk Again

You may remember our story last January of the 13-year-old Klong Toey girl who had a serious reaction to a Covid-19 vaccine injection. Ms. Aurn, an active girl and school athlete, developed a blood clot in her brain and required emergency surgery. As a result, she lay bed-ridden for several months while recuperating. During this time, Khru Prateep and DPF staff regularly followed up on her progress, offering encouragement to her and her family. We are delighted to report that Aurn's legs are now strong enough for her to stand, and she can walk with the aid of a walking stick. Well done, Aurn, on your brave determination to regain your strength; and thank you to all her supporters, doctors and physiotherapists for aiding her efforts to return to a more normal life.



## Young Care-Givers Head for Japan

Congratulations to the first group of six youths who completed their training in the “Care-Givers for the Elderly” project and jetted off to Japan on 15 September. After studying Japanese language before leaving, the young women are now well-equipped to take care of elderly people in Fukui Prefecture for the next three years. It will be a great opportunity for them to experience living and working abroad, and we hope this pilot group will become role models for the next group currently undergoing training in the project.



## Budding Ninja Warriors

On 17 September, fifty of our sponsorship children and youths participated in an exciting activity called ‘Move for Life Project’. The program combined movement and obstacle course training to help the participants learn the fundamental alphabet of Ninja Movement. The kids were very enthusiastic in using their energy and skills in facing each challenge. Thank you to The Movement Playground Team for giving this interesting experience to underprivileged children.



## **‘Care-givers for the Elderly’ Project Attracts More Support**

Our joint project with Fukui Prefecture to train and send young Thai care-givers to Japan to look after elderly citizens there received a further boost with a substantial donation from Yamakatsu Shoji Co. Ltd. On 24 September, company President, Mr. Yasuyoshi Kojima, led his team to the DPF to provide generous funding for the project totaling 830,000 baht. Khru Prateep, Ladaphan Phraesrithong (project director) and three students from Baan Kao School in Kanchanaburi who are training in this program were on hand to receive the visitors. The DPF and the 50 youths participating of this win-win project would like to thank Yamakatsu Shoji Co. Ltd. for its continued kind support.



## **Never Too Old to Learn**

Congratulations to two of our staff members at the Kanchanaburi New Life Project who have graduated with Bachelor Degrees in Community Development from Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University. Project Head, Ms. Kitrawee Nilchansiri, scored highly with Second Class Honors, while teacher, Ms. Komkhum Chuchana, went one better graduating with First Class Honors. Both are great role models for the NLP children and youths by their tireless work and studying, showing that ‘No one is too old to learn’ and it’s never too late to work on self-development.



### ***Towards Wellbeing for All***

On 29 September, the DPF invited 39 Klong Toey community leaders and 11 private sector representatives in Klong Toey district to discussions with officials of the National Health Commission Office (NHCO) about six aspects of developing people’s quality of life: health, economics, education, safety, elderly society and quality of life for vulnerable persons. The meeting was in preparation for participating in a future event called “Forum to Develop 100 Leaders about Health and Wellbeing,” an initiative of the new Bangkok Governor, which has the aim of developing policy and upgrading the primary health system for urban people in Bangkok. From this, the well-informed leaders will then be able to create knowledge and understanding about health at the local level for a good quality of life for community people.



### ***Belgian Bestie***

Our long-time friend and supporter from Belgium, Mr. Philippe de Fooz, is a regular visitor to the DPF. We were most recently pleased to welcome him from 29 September–2 October, when he first called in to meet with Khru Prateep and our Bangkok staff before travelling to the New Life Project at Kanchanaburi (NLPK). During his three-day NLPK visit, the children welcomed him with fun dancing before Khun Philippe toured the fruit orchards and gardens, joined in the kid’s English classes and other activities at the centre. Thank you, Khun Philippe for your continuing friendship and support for our children.

