



Duang Prateep Foundation

Monthly Newsletter for July 2022

Royal Recognition for Khru Prateep



His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan recently conferred on Khru Prateep the Japanese royal decoration 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon' in recognition of her long and meritorious service to Thai society, especially her outstanding and invaluable contribution for underprivileged children, and for promoting mutual understanding between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan. On 6 July, the Japanese ambassador to Thailand, H.E. Mr. Nashida Kazuya, presided over the conferring ceremony at his residence with scores of well-wishers on hand to witness the event, including the newly elected governor of Bangkok, Dr. Chadchart Sittipunt. Khru said it was not only a great honour for her personally, but it was also recognition for the staff and volunteers at the Duang Prateep Foundation and the people of the Klong Toey communities, without whom it would not have been possible.



Relief for Fire Victims

Following the devastating fire in the Pattana Bonkai Community on 21 June, the KPMG 'Care & Share' team, led by CEO Mr. Charoen Phosamritlert, sprang into action to help the families who had lost their homes and possessions. Khru Prateep accompanied the team to the Bonkai Children's Center (set up by the DPF over 30 years ago) on 7 July to distribute 49 Survival Bags and 49 school uniforms, as well as packs of infant powdered milk and mosquito nets for the affected babies. Thank you once again to KPMG, who have been very active in helping poor communities through recent crises, such as the Covid-19 pandemic and destructive fires.



CP Shares Food' Program



On 18 July, we were pleased to welcome back the team from the Charoen Pokphand (CP) Group of companies – led by Dr. Teerapon Tanomsakyut (CEO Strategies for Information & Communications) – as part of their "Krua Pan Im, CP" program (CP Shares Food), which is a program to distribute food and other essential daily items (sourced from their own group of companies) to people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. On this visit the CP team donated 5,100

freshly cooked food boxes and 2,000 bags containing dry food and other daily necessities such as protective face masks, drinking water, dishwashing liquid and bread. Sponsoring lunch for our kindergarten kids was also on the day's menu. And joining the event to lend a hand was Mr. Chartsak Mahatha, who grew up in the Klong Toey slum and who has now risen to become a famous transgender beauty blogger.



Two 'New Life' Girls Down Under



Congratulations to Ms. Supatcha Hin-on (an NLPK girl) and Ms. Jutharat Senachum (former NLPK girl and now a staff in our Sponsorship Section) who have received a wonderful opportunity to improve their English language skills in Australia for six months. They are being sponsored by The Seek Fund and hosted by Ms. Claire Berger and her family. Ms. Berger is a specialist English teacher at a prestigious Australian school, and Ms. Jutharat will assist her as an assistant teacher, while Ms. Supatcha will be a full-time secondary student. They flew from Bangkok to Australia on 14 July.



Egg-selent Neighbors

The nearby Thai Customs Department has once again come to the aid of the Klong Toey community people. This time it was the combined members of their Golfers Club and Customs Club who arrived on 11 July to donate 21,000 eggs, 700 5-kilo bags of rice and a whopping 4 million face masks. The foundation invited 23 representatives from the various slum communities to pick up the donated items and distribute them to the people in their areas. Once again, the Thai Customs Department showed what good neighbors they are.



Montessori Study Tour



On 11 July, Mr. Suchai Pongpienchob (Bangkok Council Member for Klong Toey District) led a team of Bangkok Council Members from various districts to observe the Montessori teaching system at the DPF Kindergarten. DPF Manager, Ms Penwadee Saengchan, and Director of the kindergarten, Ms. Sasinun Nilchansiri, briefed the visitors before they went to watch the teaching in action in the classrooms.



Handling Money Wisely



On 23 July, a team from KPMG (Thailand), led by Associate Director Ms. Sithakarn Anuntasilpa, organized a training session at the DPF for 24 of our older sponsored students and six former New Life Project (Kanchanaburi) youths who are now on staff at the DPF. The session organized fun activities to promote knowledge in financial management to achieve the objectives of ESG (Environment, Social and Governance). It is the current global trend in society, with the idea of

promoting key Future Workforce skills, including financial literacy that can also be used to develop Lifelong Learning for our youngsters.



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