



Duang Prateep Foundation Monthly Newsletter for December 2022

Prateep Gives Talk in Japan

While in Japan, Khru Prateep was invited to give a talk at the headquarters of Shanti Volunteer Association – parent body of Sikkha Asia Foundation – on “The Inequality of Thai Society” (translated by Dr. Tatsuya Hata) on the occasion of its 41-year anniversary. Many participants also offered their congratulations to Prateep on being honored by His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, with the royal decoration ‘Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon’. Thai Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Ms. Prangtip Kanchanahattakij, also kindly joined this event. (10 December 2022)



Practicing Saving Lives

On the evening of 14 November, the DPF volunteer fire-fighters held a training drill to practice rescue techniques of people trapped in a house or building experiencing a fire. Staying low to avoid smoke and becoming familiar with the necessary equipment were strong focuses. Head of the DPF Fire Relief Project, Mr. Anan Wangpreuk, said he was pleased with his team’s enthusiasm to hone their skills, and they are well-prepared to assist people in danger.



Young Care-Givers' Bright Start

On 13-14 December, Khru Prateep went to meet four of the first graduates of our 'Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan' project, who are already working in retirement centers in Fukui Prefecture. They are doing well, and feel fortunate to have this opportunity for good experience, good income, good welfare, and a good chance to practice Japanese language for self-development.



Governor's Welcome

On 14 December, Mr. Sugimoto Tatsuji, Governor of Fukui Prefecture in Japan, his Human Development staff and representatives from the Rotary Club of Maruoka gave an official welcome to Khru Prateep, before sitting down to discuss ongoing cooperation to build good futures for Thai youths coming to work the prefecture's retirement centres.



Joining Hands with the Japan Foundation

On 16 December, a delegation comprising Ms. Ladaphan Phraesrithong (director of the ‘Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan’ project) and three Kanchanaburi school directors from Chalermprakietprasrinakaran School, Saiyokmanee Karn School, and Nongtakyatang Vitthayakom School met with representatives of the Japan Foundation to discuss a proposal for Japanese-language teachers to teach Japanese in the three schools. The proposal would benefit students who are interested to work in the Japan in the future. At the meeting, the progress of the care-givers project and the continued cooperation of all parties was also discussed.



Elsereine 1% Club + 3 Thai Students

While in Japan, Khru Prateep was delighted to personally deliver the annual report of DPF activities to the president and members of the Elsereine 1% Club, a long-term benefactor of the DPF Kindergarten and other foundation projects. Also at the event, our three sponsored students who are studying under a three-year scholarship at a Japanese high school, came to meet Khru Prateep and to address the Elsereine gathering. The girls spoke about their life in Thailand and their current life in Japan, as well as the wonderful educational opportunity they have received in Japan. Khru Prateep later spent some recreational time sightseeing with the girls. (A special thank-you to Ms. Nobuko Yoshida and Mr. Keisuke Yoshida for their coordination and translation support). (16 & 17 December 2022)



Festive Season Feast

With Christmas fast approaching, Mr. Robert Wilson kindly hosted a festive season dinner for his 13 sponsored students at the DPF on 19 December. The students are all engaged in tertiary-level studies, which are generously supported by the Robert Bruce Wilson Scholarship Fund. President of the Fund, Ms. Pornsant Hathirat, who is holidaying in Thailand from the US, was also a welcome guest at the event, as were Khru Prateep and other DPF staff and volunteers. Thank you Ajarn Bob, we wish you good health and happiness in 2023.



Field Trip for Kindies

Excited children from the Duang Prateep Kindergarten left their classroom behind on 19 December to set out on an adventurous field excursion to the fresh market, where they gained real life experience about the vast array of vegetables, fruit and other items on offer, and how to make purchases from the vendors.



Korean Connections

On 20 December, Khru Prateep was invited to give a presentation entitled ‘CSR for Thailand by Korean Companies, for Lasting Impact’ at an event jointly organized by the Korean Embassy and the Korean-Thai Chamber of Commerce, at The Westin Grande Sukhumvit Hotel. The objective of the event was to provide information and knowledge to Korean companies operating in Thailand about how to best connect with the local community and conduct activities in line with good Corporate Social Responsibility.



Breathing Easier Now

Former Miss Universe Thailand (2017), Maria Poonlertlarp, headed a team promoting clean air on a visit to the DPF Kindergarten on 22 December. Maria's team included her mother and representatives of Thailand Post and Smart Air Company, who's mission was to introduce staff and teachers how to avoid breathing in PM 2.5 dust particles and airborne pathogens. Thailand Post kindly donated boxes of protective masks and Smart Air Company generously donated 60 filters for the school's fans and air-conditioners. Maria and her mum also donated toys and snacks for children.



Get Well Soon, Your Highness

The Abbot of Wat Sapan Temple, the Duang Prateep Foundation and Klong Toey community people joined hands to hold a chanting ceremony for Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendiradebyavati to wish her a speedy recovery from her current illness. We hope HRH will return to full health soon.



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