

## Duang Prateep Foundation Youth Awards

Since 2008, each year the Duang Prateep Foundation has presented nine outstanding youths with awards in recognition of their achievements.

The youth award scheme takes place with the kind encouragement of HRH Princess Ubonrat with the honoured youths receiving their awards from in front of a portrait of Her Royal Highness.

Each year three of the youngsters are selected for their education achievements, three for their community activism and three for their high moral values and support for their family. In addition, in 2009 a special inspiration award was also granted.

In 2010, the winners were selected from a total of 43 nominees by a seven member committee. The selection committee included representatives of the Duang Prateep Foundation, the Ruam Namjai Foundation, the Khlong Toei District office, local schools, Khlong Toei community organisations and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Welfare. Nominees must be aged between 14 and 25.

In addition to the nine award winning youths, 18 others received gifts for their outstanding nominations.

Each year the awards ceremony is attended by DPF trustees, local community representatives and school directors. Also many friends, family members and mentors of the honoured youths are present.

The Duang Prateep Foundation Youth Awards are a means of giving recognition to outstanding young people from disadvantaged communities. The honoured youths can also serve as inspirations to their peers and younger children.