



Duang Prateep Foundation

Monthly Newsletter for January 2022

Reading for Children's Day



The DPF staff are now busy preparing gifts for the community children on Children's Day (Saturday, 8 January). We want to bring back the happiness and smiles to children's faces in 15 communities after the previous two years' celebrations were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Advance estimates show that at least 3,000 children will be involved. A big thank-you to all the kind-hearted parents and guardians of our sponsored students who helped to pack the children's gifts.



Honoring the Past - Hoping for a Brighter Year Ahead

On 6 January, the DPF staff held a small merit-making ceremony to remember and pay respect to former friends and benefactors of the foundation who have since passed away. Nine Buddhist monks were invited to lead the remembrance ceremony. The ceremony is an annual tradition, and also serves the purpose of blessing the current staff members as they move forward into a new year of work in the difficult and challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Children's Day Celebration Back on Track

After a two-year absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the DPF's National Children's Day celebrations returned on 8 January to the great joy of the Klong Toey children. However, there was a difference – instead of focusing the celebrations at one central location, as in the past, a rolling procession was organized along the railway tracks that run through the community. Around 3,500 children and their parents lined both sides of the tracks eagerly awaiting the arrival of the foundation's staff and volunteers, who were dressed in colourful fairytale costumes to hand out gift bags, toys and snacks. We would like to thank Mr. Robert Wilson, Ms. Judy Mullins and Mr. Tim Russell for participating on the day, and all the kind sponsors who supplied gifts, ice cream and snacks for the children.



The Cup of Kindness

On 20 January, representatives from PTT Oil and Retail Business Public Company Limited visited the DPF and donated 310 of the popular **Cafe Amazon Sanrio tumblers** for children in Klong Toey. The hygienic **drinking** cups for personal use will help protect the children's health against shared cups. Later, Khru Prateep took the visitors to see the children's half-day extra tuition at DPF kindergarten.



Fresh Vegetable for Health

Fresh lettuce was on the people's menu this month when Mr. Kittikawin and Mr. Suvicha from Little Farm Company visited twice, on 17 and 20 January, to distribute 30 kg of hydroponically-grown lettuces on each day. Eating fresh food like vegetables and fruit is important to keep our immune system strong during this time of the virus pandemic.



Keeping the Helpers Safe

On 27 January, Gaabor Thailand (sellers of air fryers and other home electrical appliances) kindly donated 50 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) suits for the protection of DPF staff and volunteers working on our anti-Covid-19 activities in the Klong Toey community.



Gift of the Gab

With funds raised from their English language public speaking competition – “Pathway Speech Contest” on the topic “New Year’s Day” – representatives from six famous schools visited the DPF on 26 January and presented a very generous financial donation for the projects of the foundation. Khru Prateep was on hand to warmly welcome the young orators.



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