



## Sexual Health Workshop for Female Youths



The first of four weekly sessions of our new project “Sex Education and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Awareness for Young Women Group” was held at the DPF on February 6. A total of 52 female youths participated and gained knowledge from our experienced trainers through fun activities, group discussions, information boards, etc. The project concerns the sexual health of female youths in the slum. It is designed to empower these girls/young women about sexual matters so that they have knowledge on personal hygiene, contraception, avoiding teenage pregnancy and venereal diseases, and, very importantly, learning how to say “No.” This in turn gives them a much better opportunity to fulfill their personal potential via education or learning a profession. The workshops are generously sponsored by Ms. Amanda Oldridge and her family of Melbourne, Australia.



## MOU signing ceremony

Khru Prateep and representatives of other organizations in Klong Toey were invited to participate in a MOU signing ceremony between the Ministry of Public Health (led by Dr. Satit Pitutacha) and the Interior Ministry for a program to care for the mental health of people throughout the country during the Covid-19 pandemic. The DPF and other Klong Toey organizations will join the program by supporting people, families and communities to have strength of mind in facing the critical situation in their area. (11 February 2020)



## Governor's Visit



On 17th February, Khru Prateep, DPF staff and community people welcomed the Bangkok Metropolitan Authority Governor, Mr. Aswin Kwanmuang, to Klong Toey. The governor came to distribute Survival Bags to families affected by the current pandemic. In addition, he visited the DPF Kindergarten and presented soft toys to the children. The governor also came to monitor measures introduced for protection against and control of the Covid-19 virus in the community and PM 2.5 dust pollution in educational institutions.



## Remembering Mrs. Joan Gregg



Recently, Mrs. Joan Gregg (Wee Joan) of Northern Ireland, the mother of Khun Willie Gregg, a friend and benefactor of the Duang Prateep Foundation (DPF), sadly passed away. To mark her passing, the DPF arranged a memorial ceremony among the staff, elderly people, volunteer fire-fighters and the children on February 17. For many years, Khun Willie has provided very generous support to the children at Baan Tharn Namchai orphanage (following the

Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004) and, in more recent years, to the children of the Duang Prateep Kindergarten and the Fire Prevention Relief Project in Klong Toey. Wee Joan will be remembered and live on in the memories and stories of all those who knew and loved her.



## KPMG 'Care & Share' Continues



The CEO of KPMG Phoomchai Ltd., Mr. Charoen Phosamritlert, led a team of his staff members to the DPF Kindergarten for the fifth time on February 25. As part of the company's CSR program, *Care and Share*, they provided lunch for the students and educational materials to the children. In addition, the company also presented new scholarships to eighty-

eight students, from kindergarten to university level. KPMG is a company which understands that education is the key to helping poor children escape the poverty cycle.



## New Teachers on the Way



When the Bangkok governor, Aswin Kwanmuang, visited the Klong Toey communities and the Chumchonmoobaan Pattana School on 17 February he found that the school had lacked teachers for Computer Studies and English for quite a long time, as no teachers wanted to teach in the slum.

Then on 25 February, the Director of the BMA Education Department, Mr. Kriangkrai Jongcharoen, and his team, as well as the Director of Klong Toey District Office, Ms. Piyathida Niyom, visited the school to discuss their policy of educational management and development. Furthermore, he informed the school of the good news that the BMA will provide the two needed teachers in mid-May 2021.



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