



Blaze in Klong Toey

A fire on 7 November ripped through a housing area of the 70-Rai community in the Klong Toey slum. Thanks to the quick response of the DPF volunteer fire-fighting team and other nearby brigades, only two houses were lost and six others partially damaged. Newly installed Bangkok governor, Dr. Chadchart Sittipunt came to check on the affected families and the extent of the damage. Khru Prateep and Ms. Benya Intarawongchot (Director of Klong Toey District Office) also rushed to the scene to assess the situation and provide victims with essential supplies.



Customs Dept. Concern for Fire Victims

On 8 November, Khru Prateep and the 70-Rai Community leaders welcomed the Director-General of the Customs Department, Mr. Patchara Anuntasilpa, and his staff. They came to inspect the damage created by the recent fire and to donate the essential things, such as dry foods and drinking water, etc. to the fire victims.



Easing the Pain of Their Loss

On 8 November, the DPF provided some financial support to help the 17 families who were victims of the 6 November fire in the community. Khru Prateep also took the opportunity to ask them about the original source of fire, and promised to help coordinate more support for them.



Online Safety

On 9 November, Khru Prateep and Khun Penwadee (DPF manager) welcomed Major General Kathawut Kajonkittiyth from the National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA) for discussions about holding a training session on 'Cyber Security' in the community in the near future.



Happy Birthday, District Office! In the morning of Friday, 11 November, Khru Prateep, joined a ceremony celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the Klong Toey District Office, in whose jurisdiction the Klong Toey slum and the DPF headquarters and school are located.

Friends from Germany

On 15 November, we were delighted to welcome back to Thailand and the DPF after a few years Juergen and Veerawan Goepfert, directors of our support organization in Germany, “Friends der Duang Prateep Foundation in Germany”. Four of their German supporters were also in the party. Khru Prateep and staff welcomed them and took them to see the DPF kindergarten’s activities, where they also handed out ice-creams to the children. After that, they met the members of our elderly citizens group and served lunch to them before Khru Prateep took them on a guided walk to see the people’s lives in the community.



Prateep Meets Wife of Japan PM

Her Excellency, Mrs. Yuko Kishida, wife of the Prime Minister of Japan, kindly gave Khru Prateep and Ms. Ladaphan (director of “Care-Givers for the Elderly in Japan” project) an audience at the Conrad Hotel on 18 November. Also given the honour of meeting the distinguished visitor were four students from the care-givers project who have already passed the N4 level of Japanese language. The youths presented her with an artwork they had made of her, which she greatly appreciated.



DPF Friends Back from Europe #1

We are pleased to welcome back to Thailand Khun Lalitha and Khun Ralph Houtman, supporters and friends of the DPF for over 20 years, after their stay in Europe. Khun Lalitha is our former volunteer, and she and husband Ralph have been generous supporters of many DPF activities, such as the elderly project, techniques and systems about computing, and knowledge about agriculture and trees. Khru Prateep took them to visit NLPK on 19-20 November, where they were delighted to see all the good changes at the project, as well as the new activities and the children’s happy faces.



Peace Education Program

On 22 November, Ms. Belkis Shah and her team from Prem Rawat Foundation returned to the DPF to exchange ideas and present a new video to Khru Prateep and our staff, who formerly joined their online training course on the “Peace Education Program”.



Aussie Footballers Kick In with 13 Scholarships

Thailand Tigers Australian Rules Football Club (under the Australian Football League Association) generously presented educational scholarships to thirteen Klong Toey youths who have been training/playing with the Tigers over the past four years. In addition to the benefits of sports, the Aussies realize the importance of education (and the opportunity to continue studying) to the poor students. Their scholarship scheme kicked off last year. We hope that the youths who received the scholarships will develop themselves, both educationally and in sport, to perhaps become professionals in the future. (21 November 2022)



DPF Friends Back from Europe #2

After earlier visiting the New Life Project in Kanchanaburi, DPF supporters Lalitha and Ralph Houtman dropped in to the DPF centre in Bangkok on 23 November to catch up with old friends, and to sponsor lunch for our elderly and disabled residents Wednesday get-together, which they have supported for many years. While on site, they also took the opportunity to meet up with their sponsored child, 'Mick,' who is doing well in his schoolwork.



International Goodwill

A big thank-you to the Sapporo Wakaba Japan Group, who visited the DPF on 23 November to donate daily essentials, such as dry food, sacks of rice, snacks, instant noodles, etc., to the elderly people of the community. They also brought clothes for children and our volunteer fire-fighters, and educational materials for students at the DPF Kindergarten and Lock 1-2-3 Children's Center. A great example of international goodwill and friendship.



'To Be Number One' Campaign



Khru Prateep, as the Chairperson of Baan Tharn Namchai Foundation, was invited to join the opening ceremony of "TO BE NUMBER ONE CLUB" at Baan Yanyao School in Phang-nga Province on 25 November. The "TO BE NUMBER ONE" project, of which Princess Ubolratana is the chairperson, campaigns among Thailand's school students and youths about the harm caused by drug problems and the benefits of leading a drug-free life. At the event, the princess also participated with students in the "To Be Number One" Concert.



Getting to Know You

On 28-29 November, our students at the Duang Prateep Kindergarten welcomed a contingent of their contemporaries from the Singapore International School (SIS), who arrived for two days of shared activities, fun and international friendship. The visitors also generously brought gifts to give to our kids. Thank you, SIS students, please come back again!



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