



Duang Prateep Foundation

Monthly Newsletter for March 2022

Together Against Covid-19

With Covid-19 cases rising again in Thailand, the DPF is redoubling its efforts to help keep the people of the Klong Toey communities as safe as possible. On 24 February, Khru Prateep arranged a distribution of 64,224 cartons of UHT milk from Dutch Mill Group and 20,000 bottles of alcohol gel donated by Amado Group Co., Ltd. and U STAR (Thailand) Co., Ltd. to representatives from 50 communities in and around Klong Toey



Free Covid Testing

As part of the Duang Prateep Foundation's concern for the health of people in the slum communities, we have set up a space at the foundation to test high-risk people for Covid-19 using ATK (Antigen Test Kits), in order to protect against the virus's spread. The testing service is open every Monday and Friday from 1.30-3.30 pm. For people who test positive, we provide recommendations about where they can access treatment.



Our New Generation

Three young ladies, who are all former residents our New Life Project at Kanchanaburi, have taken a big step towards building their new lives by graduating with college degrees from Bangkok Technical of Business Administration Vocational College, Diploma in Digital Business Technology Program. All have been combining their studies with employment at the DPF thanks to scholarships from the Robert Bruce Wilson Scholarship Fund. Ms. Suwannan Noomgummerd and Ms. Jutiporn Krau-sang are teachers' assistants at the DPF Kindergarten, while Ms. Jutharat Senachum works in our Sponsorship Section. The three young ladies represent the up-and-coming new generation of DPF staff members.



Keeping Clear of Covid

Dr. Kongkiat Kespechara, CEO of Bangkok Hospital Eastern Group, is a man interested in helping people in the country's poor communities. On 26 March, he kindly visited the DPF and gave an informative presentation to our staff about Covid-19 and how to protect ourselves from the virus.



Job Training at DPF



Recently, the DPF was pleased to host two students from Thaksin University, Songkhla province for a stint of on-site job training. In March, Ms. Chayanuch Ma-O and Ms. Thanchanok Kaewchusri completed four months with us, at both the DPF office in Bangkok and the New Life Project in Kanchanaburi province. At the end, the two students gave a presentation about their experiences to DPF chairperson, Prof. Sant Hathirat, Khru Prateep, and our heads of departments. We trust they can use the knowledge and experience they gained with us to help their work in the future.



Care-Givers for Elderly Japanese

On 23 March, eight representatives of Fukui Prefecture in Japan, led by Mr. Katsuhiro Minowa (Director, Senior Citizen Welfare Division) and Mr. Misao Higashikado (member of the Rotary Club of Maruoka), visited Kanchanaburi to monitor the project “Care-Givers for the Elderly” and meet the people involved in this project. Fukui Prefecture has a policy to invite Thai youths at Baan Kao High School in Kanchanaburi province who have studied the Japanese language to train and work as care-givers to senior citizens in Japan. This is run in conjunction with the Duang Prateep Foundation and Baan Kao School, with the DPF’s Khun Ladaphan as the co-ordinator and language teacher.



On the day, Khru Prateep also took them to meet Kanchanaburi Deputy Governor, Mr. Ronapob Viengsima, provincial government officials involved, and Sergeant Charnrot Thanakatthe, Director of Baan Kao School. Representatives of the Fukui group presented about the project “Care-Givers for the Elderly.” They also visited the homes of some of the youths who live far from the school where they are studying. This project opens up future career opportunities for poor students in Kanchanaburi. We hope that this project will be expanded to many other schools in the future.

On 25 March, Khru Prateep and Prof Sant Hathirat welcomed the Fukui group to the DPF in Bangkok, where they inspected our activities and were taken on a guided walk through the slum to see the living conditions of the people, before returning to Japan the next day.



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