



Duang Prateep Foundation Monthly Newsletter for December 2020

A Japanese Courtesy Call

On December 8, Khru Prateep welcomed to the DPF Mr. Shigeki Kobayashi, Director of Japan Information Services at the Embassy of Japan to Thailand, and his staff. The visitors came to learn about the foundation's activities and projects to help the poor people. We greatly appreciate their interest to further build good relations between the Japan Embassy and our foundation.



"Pocket Park"

A ceremony was held on 4 December to open a "Pocket Park" in the Lock 1-2-3 community. The mini green space was created from a deteriorated area and will be like an oasis for the local people in the community. The ceremony was led by Prof. Dr. Suchatvee Suwansawat, Director of the Council of Engineers, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang and the "Pocket Park" was initiated under the project "Council of Engineers share happiness to Communities." Khru Prateep was invited to participate and exchanged ideas about how to develop similar projects in other communities in the future.



Planting for the Future



A representative of the Abbot of Wat Sapan Temple recently visited the New Life Project, Kanchanaburi to oversee the planting of 23 date palm trees. This new project will be a sustainable food resource and income generator to support the children and youths at the NLPK. On behalf of children, staff and the DPF committee, we greatly appreciate the Abbot's kind interest in the children's welfare.



Visit and Donation by VHP Thailand

Recent visitors to the Duang Prateep Kindergarten were committee members of VHP Thailand (Vishwa Hindu Parishad Association of Thailand) led by Mr. Susheel Saraff. They donated sacks of rice, cartons of milk, cooking oil and a computer and equipment. Khru Prateep and teachers welcomed them and showed them a Montessori class in action. The group also bought some of the highly popular DPF gift sets of herbal products.



Gifts from the US Marines "Toys for Tots" 2020

Thank you the US. Marines for "Toys for Tots" to provide the lovely even though they did not come to give the gifts to the students at the DPF Kindergarten. But a US Embassy, Ms. Roma Stefan, Mr. Robert Wilson – DPF long term sponsor, and Ms. Judy Mullins-English teaching volunteer. The children were happy to receive the special gifts from the kind heart US Marines.(22 December 2020).

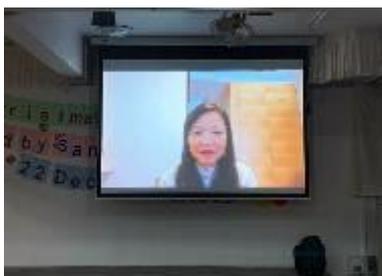


Christmas Party



A very special Christmas party was celebrated this year, when the foundation's long-term friend and benefactor, Mr. Robert Wilson (aka *Ajarn Bob*), played host to the festive event on December 22. *Ajarn Bob* has been supporting the DPF for more than 20 years, the most recent example of which is the establishment of the Robert Bruce Wilson Scholarship Fund to sponsor the continued studies at university or college level of disadvantaged students who show aptitude. DPF chairperson, Emeritus Prof. Sant Hathirat, M.D, officially opened the event by welcoming all the guests and he and Khru Prateep expressed their appreciation of *Ajarn Bob's* ongoing efforts to help the foundation's work.

Ajarn Bob then took to the stage to explain, via a PowerPoint presentation, the projects he has been personally involved in. He also detailed how the coronavirus pandemic has affected his stock investments, with which he funds the students' scholarships. On a personal note, *Ajarn Bob* then revealed some insights into his background, of overcoming various difficulties until he was able to make a success of his life. And now, in his later years, he is able to devote himself to philanthropic endeavors to help society. Three of *Ajarn Bob's* students told of how vital his support was to their ability to further their studies and expressed their appreciation on behalf of all scholarship recipients. With the talks now over, everyone sat down to an international-style Christmas dinner featuring a mix of Western and Thai foods, following which everyone enjoyed a screening of Disney's latest blockbuster movie, *Mulan*.



Road Safety & Awareness for Kids



The Linfox Transport (Thailand) team motored into the DPF Kindergarten on December 23 to instruct the children about the importance of road safety and awareness. Based on the company's vast experience of dealing with Thailand's traffic, the Linfox CSR team devised a highly entertaining and instructional programme of songs, video cartoon, games, quizzes and colouring books to

show students how to act safely when on or near roadways. The children responded enthusiastically to the activities and were particularly delighted by programme mascot "Little Fox." It was a fun morning but one with a serious message, which one day could save lives. To reward the children for their enthusiastic participation, Linfox then sponsored a special lunch with ice cream.



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