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Invitation to the 30th anniversary celebration of Deaf School

On Monday, 13th August 2012 at Sotpattana School for the Deaf

Between 9:00 and 12:00 hrs.

With Most Reverend Lawrence Samanchit presiding over the ceremony. Join us and view special shows from orphans, deaf kids, and Babymime..



▲ Following the 2012 Convention in Bangkok, the Rotary International Board of Directors have their meeting in Pattaya City and Mrs. Binota Banerjee, wife of President Kalyan Banerjee, leads 25 spouses of the board members to the Pattaya Orphanage for a loving visit. Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak welcomes our guests who enjoy meeting the little ones in our nursery. How grateful we are for your presence, warmth, and financial support. Khop khun maak khrap/kha.. And last but not least, we thank Khun Peter Pratheep Malhotra and Khun Premprecha Dibbayawan, Past Governors of District 3340, for their smooth facilitation. May your persons and joint actions continue to make the lives of the underprivileged joyful and healthy.



Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

August 13th of this year is the day on which our Orphanage will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our School for the Deaf. The said school is located within the Orphanage and funded by the latter.

It has been thirty years that our Deaf School has become the source of hope and confidence in the good future for parents whose worlds seemed to be shattered the moment they learned of their baby's hearing impairment. Couples after couples have been encouraged to look at their child's deafness as a small obstacle or crisis that can be overcome with the collaboration of everyone in their home. While awaiting opportunity, their deaf child has become the center of attention, hope, and unity. His/her lacking is complemented while outstanding qualities recognized. The crisis has turned to be a golden opportunity for the family.

Currently, our Deaf School has slightly opened the door of hope to children with autism, multiple handicaps, and mental retardation. These children and their parents are waiting for their opportunities; let us join hands and help make their dream a reality. We, at the Orphanage, are determined to continue kindling the light of such hope for years to come.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak
Director



▲ Deaf School Graduation: Congratulations to Nath, Ooy, Bomm, Title, Kalaya, Gogo, Klao, Namfon, Garfield, and Chompoo, at their completion of the early childhood curriculum at Sotpattana School for the Deaf. The event held at the Pattaya Orphanage's auditorium marked the end of the academic year 2011. Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak, the School's Acting Licensee, Director, and Manager presided over the ceremony. Four outstanding students, i.e. Me-Tang, Garfield, Ice, and Poi, also received their awards. Junior students and orphaned kids performed 3 lovely dancing shows on this special occasion. Thanks to everyone who have contributed to the children's development.



▲ Mr. John Robinson from Sydney, Australia, is happy to be back to the Pattaya Orphanage after 30 years. The great person, work, and children of Fr. Brennan have impressed him from the very first visit. At the age of 75, Khun John is blessed with healthiness, loving family, contentment, kind heart, and sense of humour. During his holiday this week, he brings along his sister, Mrs. Kathy Gavenlock, and her grandchildren, Ms. Bronte and Mr. Angus Parent, to spend time with the toddlers. Rev. Fr. Michael Phangrak, surrounded by older kids, gives our guests a warm welcome. We are deeply grateful for Khun John's constant support and generosity towards our children. Thanks for being a great gift to us. God's abundant blessings upon you and yours.

▲ Ms. Chonlada Fuwatanasin, Tax Manager of PTT PCL, leads a group of 100 colleagues, who are participants of the CFO Outing Seminar, in a very kind visit to children at the Pattaya Orphanage. Following the introduction of our work, some of our guests spend time with the little ones in our nursery. In addition, the group sponsors lunch for the older kids with delicious food including ice cream, and make contribution of cash as well as materials in support of the children's welfare and education. Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous support. May each and everyone of you be blessed and may PTT PCL and PTT Group continue to prosper. Special thanks to B-Absolute Co., Ltd., the event organizer.



▲ Higher Vocational Training Certificates for Oh and Mee: It's a great joy for all at the Pattaya Orphanage to congratulate Sapohlahn or Oh, aged 20, and Roongnapa or Mee, aged 21, as they complete their higher vocational training from Aksorn Institute of Technology, Pattaya. Oh is now qualified in the field of Computer while Mee has knowledge and skills to be part of the hotel and tourism business. Back at home, their peers and juniors posed with the two graduates in their gowns, certificates, and bouquets. Wishing the two seniors success in their next step and bright future.

Collections from School Bus



Episode 11: "Signing Hands, Heart Talking.."

30th Anniversary of Sotpattana School for the Deaf, Pattaya.

A decade-long advocacy for changes in the policy level in the 90's has resulted in the gradual improvement of care and facilities for persons with disabilities in Thailand in the past decade. Disability-friendly terminology has also replaced the use of old terms. Superficially, one may not be able to differentiate a deaf child amongst kids without hearing impairment. Only with some close contacts and observance, we would be able to see how hearing problem limits his or her performance of routine or full participation with other kids. The plight of children with hearing disability does appeal for our deep concern.

Sotpattana School for the Deaf has experienced in its 30 years of operation the beauty of supportive individuals and institutions that have made this place another loving home for kids with hearing impairment. Determined to embrace and care for the students in their holistic development, the School lives up to its motto which says: "Happy, Cheerful, Disciplined, Warm, Healthy, Wisdom-enhancing."

Editor