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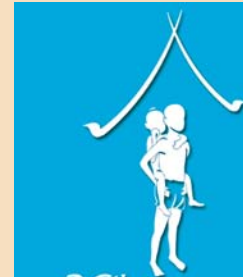
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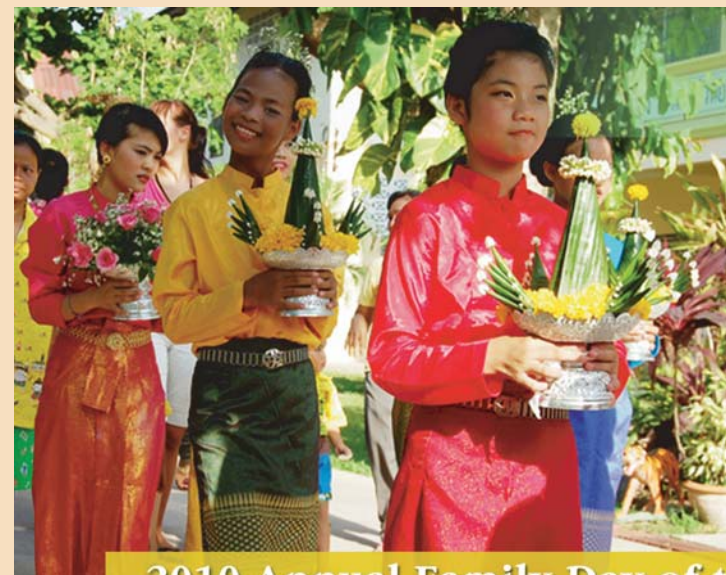
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36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
PATTAYA ORPHANAGE  
1974 - 2010

*"36 years of life-giving and  
future-building... for orphans"*



## Family Day



**2010 Annual Family Day of the Pattaya Orphanage is planned  
for Sunday, 18th April 2010, starting from 17:00 hours onward.**

Children will attend the blessing ceremony and enjoy  
a special dinner together with the elders and staff members.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak welcomed the party from Thai Children's Trust, U.K. led by Mr. Andrew Scadding, Director of the Trust, and Mr. Crispian Collins, Chair of Trustees. Our VIP guests have greatly appreciated being with our deaf children as well, observing how they responded to the teachers in sign language and how sharp and retentive they were. They have much enjoyed cuddling, playing and rocking the babies in their arms. We thank you so much as always for supporting the orphaned and deaf children over the past 28 years since the inauguration of the Trust, leaving us with the assurance that the little ones are always in your hearts. ▼

▲ French Consul, Mrs. Sophie Renaud and her delegation headed by Mrs. Beatrice Biondi, High Judicial Officer/Managing Director of the French Adoption Agency, Mr. Emmanuel Poccein, the correspondent for the AFA in Hanoi, Vietnam, and Mr. Yamm Leochowski, pay a warm visit to the Pattaya Orphanage and School for the Deaf by meeting the children who performed a song for them. The party also further discusses about the French-Thai adoption relationship. They were served a special lunch after visiting the different sections of the foundation. May we thank each and every one of our guests for their invaluable concern in the development of a better mutual adoption relationship.





## Message from the Director

When we make our Xmas and New Year cards our photographer has to patiently take lots of shots in order to get the best one with the desired posture. Sometimes, he has to ask the model kid to pose more than ten times.

Photo taking of the desired postures can be many times repeated, but in our real life, certain events unlike motion pictures cannot be reiterated when once already passed.

Dear children, let us properly think and well behave in order to have a bright future. Do not choose to do wrong or things that make our future fall apart. Our way of life, if wrongly chosen, may not be possible to have a second chance and thus possibly ruins ourselves for ever.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak  
Director



▲ On the occasion of Lufthansa's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mr. Thierry Antinori, Board Member, Mr. Uwe H.W. Mueller, Asia & Pacific Vice President, Mr. Christopher Zimmer, General Manager of Passenger Sales Thailand, Mrs. Rita Diop, President of HelpAlliance, and Mr. Ewald Dietrich, President of Human Help Network Germany, donated 1.5 million Baht to support the Fire Safety System of the Orphanage and the School for the Deaf.



▲ Thai Culture Conservation Day! Sotpattana School for the Deaf and Pattaya Orphanage jointly organized the "Thai Culture Conservation Day" to help children realize the significance of Thai culture and the need to conserve it. Participants dressed in traditional Thai costumes and learned from stations of demonstrations with games, cooking, and way of life - all in Thai styles.



▲ Guided by the Prime Minister's motto for the 2010 National Children's Day: "Creativity, Determination for Knowledge with Veneration for Morality," the orphans and deaf children at the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf are determined to continue learning and growing into quality adults, as well as wisely making use of their opportunities. Throughout the day of celebration, all children from preschool levels and above have a full day filled with fun and new experiences. At the Pattaya City Hall, our children spend the morning playing games, getting the feel of equipment used by the Army, seeing performances, etc. Back at home, children from toddlers to secondary school students play recreation games and football with all the staff personnel and volunteers. During dinner, the children enjoy sitting on the mats watching 3 movies from the enormous screen at the open-air cinema in the football field. Thanks to generous benefactors for providing food and refreshments.



▲ The Annual Christmas Party of the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf was held on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Over 500 participants included current children, former residents, benefactors, neighbours, and honourable guests. After bouncing happily and tirelessly on giant Inflated Kingdom, the orphaned children sang lovely carols to wish their benefactors near and far a peaceful and joyful Season. They also performed several stage performances and received individual presents as well as extra ones from the lucky draws. A lot of food, beverages, and ice-cream were provided to satisfy everyone.

## 36 years of life-giving and future building for orphans..



For most Asians, one cycle is 12 years and each cycle is auspicious. In 2010, the Pattaya Orphanage will celebrate its 3 cycles on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in a grand way. During the past 36 years, the Orphanage has cared for approximately 800 orphans; among them, 450 have been adopted. Together with the 176 children currently in our care, and the event's organizing committee, we are preparing for the celebration with the following objectives:

1. To express our thankfulness to God and to benefactors;
2. To strengthen relationship between current children, former residents, current staff personnel and children's benefactors through a get-together;
3. To mobilize and set-up an education fund for the orphans; and
4. To further promote the work of the Orphanage to the public.

It would be our great honour to welcome all our friends and benefactors to join us in this special programme of which details will follow soon. Thank you for your support in caring for the orphans, providing quality education, helping them realize their dreams and build their future...

## Collections from School Bus



### Episode 5: One Helping Hand with Hundreds of Meanings..

Pattaya Orphanage is celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. Looking back over the years, there have been so many generous individuals, groups of people and organizations continuously supporting the foundation in one way or another. Each of the helping hands that has assisted us to care for the little orphaned children has meant so very much for their survival and growth.

"How does one helping hand give so much meaning?"

When you spare your precious time to visit the children in our care, you will see a lot of lovely children. These little ones can feel the love and warmth from your loving touch when you simply hold them in your arms. They may not be able to verbalize the meaning your touch has given, but please know that you have replaced what have been missing in their young lives.

A number of benefactors help them by providing necessities. With your contribution, the children have good nutrition, quality education, essential materials and appropriate carers they need for their healthy development. With your support, they are encouraged to become good citizens.

In whatever way you do to help the children, you have left a deep constructive impact on their lives. Your helping hand continues to mean a great deal to the children.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all our benefactors for all the good things you have given to the orphans over the past 36 years.