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**Long Live the King:** On the occasion of the 88<sup>th</sup> royal birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, our beloved Father on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015, members of the Pattaya Orphanage were delighted to be part of the meaningful ceremonies to honour him and express our gratitude.. We started the morning with the opening of the “Bike for Dad” activity, presided over by our executive director Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak. A total of 89 km distance, being the targeted auspicious figure, was covered by 70 enthusiastic cyclists, starting from pre-school level, making rounds in our own compound on their bikes. The wonderful day ended with a solemn candle-light ceremony in front of the King’s portrait, the singing of the royal anthem, and the proclamation “Long Live the King” three times from the depth of our hearts..



▲ The acrobat dance show from Xishui City, Hubei Region, People’s Republic of China, staging on Saturday 30th January 2016 at the Pattaya Orphanage, was the 5th charity performance organised to raise fund for the school-aged children of this home. Some 1,500 people were present in and around our football field to view magnificent display of Chinese culture and art. Rev. Fr. Nuphan Thasmalee, on behalf of the organising committee, reported to Mr. Virasil Tarasil of Rue Mai Restaurant and The Tara Resort Pattaya, who presided over the opening ceremony. Our own Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak then thanked generous sponsors and supporters of the event, i.e. Rua Mai Restaurant and The Tara Resort, Pattaya, Maryvit School Network (Pattaya, Sattahip and Bo Win), HHN Thailand Foundation, Home Pro North Pattaya, Bismarck Metal Co., Ltd., Wattana Systemation Co., Ltd., Pornchai Electric Pattaya, I-Color Printing World Co., Ltd., Warraya Pattaya Engineering LP., Ms. Suwanna Cheownawin, The family of Mr. Panya Yodkham, along with unnamed supporters..



## Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

..A wristwatch that costs 300 Baht tells the same time as the one that is worth 3,000,000 Baht does..

..A bag that is worth 300 Baht can hold money the same way the one that costs 30,000 Baht does..

..At a plane crash, passengers in both First and Economy Classes suffer the same fate..

Out of compassion and kindness, there are times we struggle while trying to educate our children about sufficiency and prudence in daily living.. Some of our children's sponsors have difficulties in declining the request for toys or items that are unnecessarily expensive. We are in the same boat, having faced similar trouble. But we need to persevere with the hope that while growing up, our children would understand better that long-lasting happiness comes from learning to be sufficient.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak  
Director



▲ Chairman Maurice Dimmock of Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC) UK, and Founder of Rose Education Foundation, England, and his latest visit to children at the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf, this time to launch the foundation's latest 195-page book "Love in Action" with stories about the Orphanage and Deaf School. On this occasion, Khun Maurice presented two cheques for a total of GBP 3,100 from his 8-year-old granddaughter Libby's charity run at the 2015 Mini Great North Run, and his friends at the EnTWINed Forever. He also had the opportunity to discuss the future needs of our home and planned to visit again in June to inspect the Deaf School for the continued accreditation..



▲ Happy Christmas and A Blessed New Year.. For children at the Pattaya Orphanage, the annual Christmas party is always a joyful event they wait for each year. Except for the carol singing, kids of our Deaf School also join them in the warm atmosphere with lots of presents, lovely foods, fabulous shows, and fun-filled activities. This year, approx. 400 participants, including 77 former residents who brought along their partners or families, joined the Wild West themed party, with some 5,000 lucky draw prizes, various stage shows, and ten food stalls. We wish to express our grateful appreciation to generous supporters, i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Van Oosterom, Mr. Sten Krueger, ChildCare Norge, The Pattaya Players (Pantomime), Pattaya City Expats Club, HHN Foundation Thailand, Danish Foundation, Mr. Michael Reston, Mr. Enrico & Mme Heidi Egli, Mr. Donald R. Anderson, Khun Steve of Shenanigans Irish Pub, Adoptive Families, Khun Manita Chaichumchuen of Prasertsuk School, and Dr. Belen & Khun Chatree Phangmuangdee, along with several others who preferred to be anonymous..



◀ Mr. Jon King, First Secretary – Political, and his team from the British Embassy in Bangkok, paid their first and brief visit to the Pattaya Orphanage, showed interest in our work, and offered a generous donation of necessities including those contributed by their friends, as well as their wish to come again.. On behalf of the children, our executive director Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak welcomed and thanked our special guests..



▲ Thanks to The Lady Boy Water Volleyball Pattaya and the 2015 LBWVB Participating Teams, coordinated by Mr. Ross Anthony Sales, or Khun Tony for all of us at the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf, for supporting us with THB 250,000 and inviting our children to entertain all the athletes and guests with two songs during the gala dinner at Areca Lodge following their yet another successful competition



▲ Mrs. Varnnee Chearavanont Ross, Director and Sponsor of Concordian International School, Samut Prakan, along with the School CEO/Elementary and Middle School Principal Laurent Goetschmann, K2 English Teacher Valerane Hanis, her EYP colleagues, and especially members of K2 class, ear-marked monthly in-kind support to children at the Pattaya Orphanage in the next 12 months with the proceeds of THB 359,017 from their K2 Walkathon event held on 15<sup>th</sup> October this year



◀ Observing Makha Bucha Day 2016: This year, children at the Pattaya Orphanage, along with their teachers and other staff members, observed the Makha Bucha Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at Djittabhawan Temple in Banglamung. The 35-member group dressed properly and practised their religion by listening to the sermon given by the abbot, praying with a big crowd of Buddhists, and walking in meditation with lighted candles clockwise round the Ubosot or hall of the temple.. The children and staff returned home with peaceful hearts.

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