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▲ Paying Homage to the Late King : The management and staff members of the Pattaya Orphanage brought representatives of children to Wat Chaimongkhon Royal Monastery in South Pattaya to offer sandalwood flowers at the replica crematorium and pay homage to His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej while the Royal Cremation was being held in Bangkok..

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year 2018



*That special time of the year is here,
Let's share our love with the ones so dear,
Be thankful for the blessings over the year past,
Wishing you all the best at the new start..
Merry Christmas and Happy New year..*



◀ International Recognition : Chairman Maurice Dimmock of the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges & Universities (ASIC), United Kingdom, marked the company's 10th anniversary by holding ASIC Global Conference 2017 in Malaysia. On this occasion, Director Angkana Kamnoedthon of Sotpattana School for the Deaf received the International Education Award for the School's Outstanding Contribution to Special Needs Education. This recognition was the third one following the presentation of ASIC certificates of accreditation; the first one for 2012-2016, and as a "Premier Institution" for 2016-2020.. The award has become a special gift for our 35th anniversary this year.

Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

“Axe can chip off anything and anywhere except its own handle”. This saying can very well remind us not to be critical finding faults in others without looking into our own weaknesses. Very often and at any time, we can fall into this habit in all things no matter whether they are important or trifling errors. Let this saying help chip off our bad inclination and surely peace will reign over us and our neighbors.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak
Director



▲ Mr. Ki Dae Son and friends from South Korea paid their first visit to the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpatana School for the Deaf during their Thailand tour. They said hello to toddlers in our nursery and supported our home with cash donation as well as various daily necessities.. Special thanks to our Korean friends in Pattaya for facilitating the event and helping with interpretation..



▲ Through Mr. Bernard Mueller from Switzerland, some 60 friends and contacts of his, including the members of the Rotary Club of Châtel-St-Denis, have supported the Pattaya Orphanage and our Deaf School in different ways, including wonderful meals, chocolate, clothing, sport gears, stationeries, computers and UPS units, and repairs of playrooms, while more are on the way. Our heartfelt gratitude to Khun Bernard and all concerned..



▲ Fire Drill Training 2017: Fifty-five members of the Pattaya Orphanage took part in the 2017 Fire Drill Training with theoretical and practical sessions provided by resource persons from the Engineering and Damage Control Training Division, Fleet Training Command at the Sattahip Royal Thai Navy Base.. The training was focused on the cause and types of fire; how to prevent damage and loss; safety precautions; and self-help and mutual assistance in case of fire. Grateful thanks to all concerned for helping us protect valuable lives..



▲ With the support of the Pattaya Classical Music, Pattaya International Ladies Club, and Pattaya City Expats Club, the Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, UK, while on the 2017 Far East Tour, stopped by to perform at the auditorium of the Pattaya Orphanage for about 250 attendants, including children in and around our home. Our sincere appreciation to all concerned for this special charity show with marvelous recital of popular choral music, with excerpts from films and musicals.



▲ Following his charity cycling on the LEJOG route, covering 950 miles within 9 days in June 2017, ASIC's CEO Lee Hammond travelled to Thailand with his family, as representatives of the Rose Education Foundation, U.K., and handed over the GBP13,308 cheque in support of hearing aids to students of Sotpatana School for the Deaf. We are thankful to all contributors to Khun Lee's efforts and to Dorothy & Con Kelly in Scotland for another special donation of Disney-theme blankets.



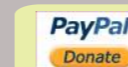
▲ “Friends of the Pattaya Orphanage in Seattle, WA” in USA, organized and supported the 7th Thai Benefit Dinner on August 12th, 2017 at St. Matthew Parish Community Center, Seattle, and contributed 14,866.14 USD in support of our children's education. The core group, with Khun Saowanee Panaram, Khun Prisca Bungiranto, and Khun June Lim, spent countless hours with numerous volunteers in the organization of this annual fundraising event with some 300 attendants enjoying the warm atmosphere, foods, 40 raffles items and 30 silent auction items. Grateful thanks to all the volunteers, guests, and kind-hearted people, including donors of foods, desserts, items, and talents, for their contributions to the evening's huge success, hence our children's educational opportunities..



◀ 14th Anniversary of Fr. Ray's Passing: The children, staff members, and management of the Pattaya Orphanage, led by Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak, gathered to pray for and to Fr. Raymond A. Brennan CSsR specially at the memorial services, both at St. Nikolaus Church Pattaya and our home.. May he rest in peace and may his loving care for the underprivileged be always remembered..

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