



# PATTAYA GAZETTE

## Pattaya Orphanage & School for the Deaf

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. RAY

You are cordially invited to join the 5th Memorial of Fr. Ray Brennan on Saturday, 16 August 2008, between 09:00-15:00 hrs., at the Pattaya Orphanage. Special activities include the exhibition on "Loving Memories and Thoughts of Fr. Ray", fun-filled games, and a football match between the Pattaya Orphanage and the Rotary-Pattaya Mail Teams. A memorial Mass for the occasion will be at St. Nikolaus Church Pattaya on the same day at 18:00 hrs.



25th Anniversary of POT London was celebrated on 22 May 2008 with the presence of all the benefactors, prominent figures, Archbishop of Birmingham, Board of Trustees, CEOs and many diplomats from the Royal Thai Embassy in London. Bishop of Chanthaburi made a special trip from Rome to represent Pattaya Orphanage at this auspicious event.



Medical students from Chinese University in Hong Kong spent two weeks studying and volunteering in the social welfare work of the Pattaya Orphanage and other social institutions in Pattaya



A Happy Family Day's and Songkran's Greeting. The children at the Pattaya Orphanage joined in the special annual celebration with a traditional blessing ceremony presided over by Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak, Director of the Orphanage.



Members of the Rotary International Club visited and hosted lunch for the children at the Pattaya Orphanage and the Sotpattana School for Deaf Children.



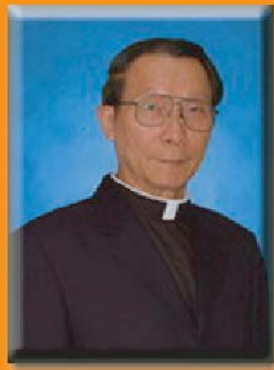
The Incheon Metropolitan City's Social Welfare Councillors from South Korea spent time with the children of the Pattaya Orphanage and the Sotpattana School for Deaf Children during their visit in May 2008



Human Help Network, Germany opened its office in Thailand with the aim to raise funds for the educational support of Thai children.



Led by the official of the Thai Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, a group of officials from the Social Security Program, Lao People's Democratic Republic, paid a courtesy visit to the Pattaya Orphanage and the Sotpattana School for Deaf Children.



# Message from the Director

of all nations and religions, for your overwhelming generosity and friendship that have warmly embraced us. Your love and compassion have energized us to continue, to the best of our ability, providing the loving care and services to the holistic development of our children. With our full support and the best 24-hour care, please rest assured that each and every child will be able to make progress in life according to his/her highest potentialities.

Our hearts are always open to you all.

You may follow up on how we continue the great work of Fr. Ray Brennan by viewing our website: [www.thepattayaorphanage.org](http://www.thepattayaorphanage.org) May God bless you all abundantly.

Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak  
Director



It has been over six months that the Diocese of Chanthaburi has been caring for the children at the Pattaya Orphanage and the Sotpattana School for Deaf Children. On behalf of the 200 children as well as all the staff personnel, let me express my sincere thanks towards the sponsors, benefactors and good-willed people



Graduation of third year students at our School for Deaf Children for the academic year 2007 was celebrated on 7 March 2008 at the main auditorium of the Pattaya Orphanage. Parents and relatives are proud of their children who have graduated with good knowledge in sign language



Congratulations to Sermsak Sriprai (Nik) on his graduation from Dhonburi Rajabhat University with a Bachelor's Degree

in Economics Study from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies. All the children, teachers and the Management team at the Orphanage are very proud of you indeed!



Welcome back from the R.O.S.E. Program, 2007-2008 in Australia. After spending 10 months learning English and broadening their views, the young representatives of the Orphanage have returned to the warmth and embraces of their folk.



The second program on dental and oral cavity care for 2008 for some 30 pre-schoolers of the Orphanage was organized by the Orphanage with continued support from the dental team of Banglamung State Hospital, led by Dr. Jotiratana Rakdharmasa-ngob. Their excellent and professional services resulted in the many bright and healthy smiles on the children's faces.



Warm welcome to your former home! Ms. Monika van Gelder & Mr. Bernhard Fraulin adoptive parents from Germany brought their sons, Thanawat and Krai-lard, to visit the Orphanage. The boys were adopted in 2002 and 2004 respectively.



Jennifer, Sarah, Erika and Daniel from Loyola University in Chicago, USA, paid a visit to the Orphanage as a part of their research on Inter-Country Adoption in Thailand and Thai laws related to the adoptive process.



Associate Professor Naoko Iwata, led the participating students in the educational program of the Human Welfare Department, Okinawa International University, Japan to the Pattaya Orphanage. Thanks for your interest in the social welfare situation of Thailand



Ms. Ellen Warnock, Director of Adoption Program, Catholic Charities of Baltimore, paid a visit to the orphanage to seek future cooperation with the Orphanage.



Sports and fun on the Beach! Children of all age group thoroughly enjoyed bathing and joining in the creative games that required the seniors' care for their junior group members. Rewarded were groups that showed their unity, broad-mindedness, perseverance and forgiveness. The all-day outing at Jomtien beach was the final activity prior to the beginning of the new school year.



A group of Chanthaburi diocesan priests in Siracha Region visited the Pattaya Orphanage following their regional retreat in March 2008. The Management, staff personnel and children were thankful to the encouragement and moral support from our visitors.



Mr. Sam Cohen, representing his company and friends, handed over a supporting fund of one million Baht for the purchase of a new mini school bus for the children at the Pattaya Orphanage. Thanks to all participants in the Thailand Oilmen's Charity Golf Tournament.



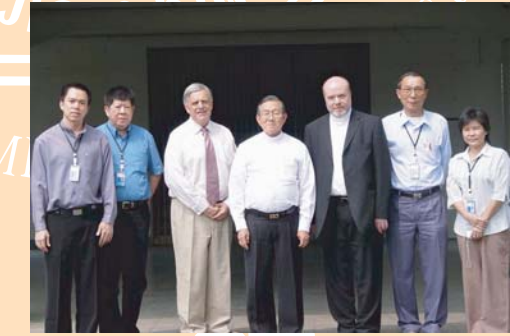
Pediatrists from various hospitals in Bangkok, together with Jansen Cilag Ltd., donated medical supplies, sport equipment and food to the orphaned children at the Pattaya Orphanage.



The football team of the Pattaya Orphanage played in the Shai Davis Football Tournament sponsored by Mr. Shai Davis, former player in the Premier League, Israel. While the team came the third, Oh - Sapohlahn Poompuang, Player No. 10, received an award for the best player of the team.



Officials of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security paid a visit to the orphaned babies during their inspection tour of foreign volunteers working in social welfare institutions in Pattaya and Chonburi area.



Mr. Andrew Scadding, Chief Executive of the Pattaya Orphanage Trust (POT), London, together with Rev. Fr. Marcus Stock, Trustee of POT, discussed with His Excellency Bishop Lawrence Thienchai Samanchit, President of Pattaya Orphanage (PO) Foundation, and Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak.



Mr. Juergen Lusuardi and party from the Take Care Kids, Italy, kindly donated 500 kgs of rice grains for the children at the Pattaya Orphanage and the Sotpattana School for Deaf Children.



The students of Blessed Edward Oldcorne RC College, led by Khun Sue Strode, School Liaison Officer for the Pattaya Orphanage Trust, UK., shared their love and care to the babies, toddlers and pre-school level children for one week. The Pattaya Orphanage is grateful for the fund-raising activities in England in support to underprivileged children in Thailand.