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## Seasons of Happiness and Sharing Happy Christmas at the Pattaya Orphanage



You are cordially invited to the "Merry Christmas 2008 and Happy New Year 2009" programme at the Pattaya Orphanage on Thursday, 25th December 2008, at 16:00-21:30 hrs. Please join the orphaned and deaf children for a fun-filled afternoon with games, giant inflatable slider, merry-go-round, food, beverages, and GIFTS. For more information and for making your contribution, please contact us at Tel. 038 423 468, 038 416 426 or our Email Address: [info@thepattayaorphanage.org](mailto:info@thepattayaorphanage.org).



Special and creative activities for the school holiday period includes making gelatin candles in various styles, making bookmarks from locally materials and natural resource and learning the life skill of manual laundering.



What a great joy we have when a member of the Pattaya Orphanage completes his or her university study! The good news from Audthaphol Samarnpak was that after five years of hard work and perseverance, he has graduated from the Faculty of Humanity, majoring in English usage, Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok. He was congratulated and rewarded for his achievement by his proudest parents, represented by Fr. Michael and Khun Toy. May you, Audthaphol, continue to grow and be the inspiration of your juniors. Congratulations and God bless.



At the 5th LT Junior Games organized by the Laem Thong Department Store, Rayong province, the deaf students participated in various sports and games, i.e. Tug of War, Shot-putting, Dressing Race, etc. Our athletes were very active in learning each game's rules and playing with normal children. It was another opportunity to further support their physical, social and emotional development.





Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak

## Message from the Director

The level 3 preschoolers take up their 1st year of primary education outside the Orphanage.



On tutoring his kids doing their homework.

For each and every one of us who works in different sectors, it is important to join hands and help our children to flourish, not only physically, but along with their intellectual, emotional and moral development, until they are fully mature and reach their highest potentialities.

Until then, let us wait with love and hope.

Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak

Director

After almost one full year of living in this large family, although I see the children daily, I continue to be amazed by their rapid growth. The infants are getting bigger and start to crawl.

Babies begin to toddle while the two-and-a-half-year-olds move on to join some preparatory sessions.

While a number of the children develop into teenagers, their seniors have become young adults.



For two days, 5 primary school children from the Pattaya Orphanage spent time in the sailing and navigation training at the Ocean Marina Pattaya with the kind and professional instructor, Mr. Jaturong Somkla. It's a great new and exciting experience for all the children. Thank you very much to our generous sponsor.



The Rasmussen Family kindly hosted an educational trip to Tiger Zoo, Sriracha for the kindergarten and primary children. It was so exciting and impressive for small kids to broaden their world with a wonderful experience! Thanks a lot to our kind sponsor.



The Mini Farm initiative of the School for Deaf Children is progressing well. For this semester, the children learn how to cultivate Chinese lettuce in the small plot of land near the main entrance of the Pattaya Orphanage. Our young farmers are enthusiastic to see and taste their produce.



Having constantly done well in their study, Pom and Ann are on their way toward a brighter future in the new school with high academic standard as well as good reputation on sports, disciplines, and care for the boarders. Grateful thanks to the director of Mary Wittaya Kabinburi School, and her team, for their support and trustworthiness. Enjoy the new environment, friends and teachers. See you at home during the coming school holidays.



On 15th August 2008, all the orphaned and deaf children of Pattaya Orphanage, together with the foundation's staff members, joined the gracious opening ceremony of the "Angel Andrea Therapy House" kindly presided over by Ms. Gisela Mayer, representative of donors, and Ms. Rita Diop from Help Alliance, Germany. Among the witnesses were honorable guests from the Human Help Network, Germany. This newly constructed Therapy House or Soft Room, situated behind the Babies' Rooms, will support our children in their holistic development through various recreational and creative games and activities.



## Joyful experience on school holidays.

A Dream Full-filled! 56 orphaned children from primary to secondary educational level from the Pattaya Orphanage toured the Dream World Amusement Park, the World of Happiness, in Pathumthani province. The great fun and excitement came from their exploration of the challenging mobile playthings, fantasy land and zones according to their taste, ability and age. Not only the program was beneficial to each child, it also helped strengthen the relationship among the residents of the Orphanage.



How wonderful that a group of 12 primary students and teachers from Chungbuk Heneung Orphanage, South Korea spent a day with the babies, toddlers and school-age kids at the Pattaya Orphanage! Apart from donating necessities for the children, our enthusiastic visitors entertained the kids with Korean cultural performances and hosted the special lunch with Korean dishes for all the children.



One of the educational trips of the deaf children in the first semester was the visit to the Science Week at the Burapha University's Institute of Marine Science in Chonburi. The deaf students enjoyed the outing and the extra-curricular activity very very much.



The sessions and activities during this school break with Teachers Alesia, Jane and Seb, in English language are always full of fun and something interesting, with new vocabulary as well as a number of lovely songs accompanied by actions. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers from the Father Ray Foundation .

## Collections from School Bus



Episode 1 : For I am Fr. Michael's relative.

The Editor is very pleased to introduce the "Collections from School Bus" as a regular Column in the Pattaya Gazette, starting from this second issue of 2008. Short stories about and from the orphaned and deaf children in the care of the Pattaya Orphanage will be shared. We welcome comments and suggestions from all our readers. Please feel free to contact us. Thank you in anticipation.

For this issue, we offer an excerpt from one of the Director's letters to the sponsors and friends of the Orphanage.

"One week after the 2008 academic year has begun; Kriangkrai, our first grader, gave us a great surprise. When asked by his class teacher of his new school about his feelings and of the atmosphere in the class as a new comer, he made his teacher stunned by answering, "I'm OK, but I'm not afraid of anybody here since I'm related to Fr. Weera!" The teacher was dumb founded for a moment and with her broad smile jokingly asked Kriangkrai, "To which line of Fr. Weera's are you related, his father's or his mother's line?" "I don't know, sir!" was the answer and all burst out laughing happily.

Like other children, Kriangkrai is always ready to boast of his connection with somebody who he deemed important enough to protect and help him when he is in need. But when I come to reflect on his words, I have to admit that I myself also am proud of Kriangkrai. I am indebted to Kriangkrai because of Kriangkrai, who is an orphaned child under my care, people get to know me more and more. I have become somebody because of him more than him being known and loved because of me. Thank you, Kriangkrai, for your wonderful and thoughtful remarks."

Currently, Kriangkrai, Fr. Michael's relative, has well adjusted to the new school and routine.

Kind regards,  
Editor