



# PATTAYA GAZETTE

Pattaya Orphanage & School for the Deaf

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## Native Land Visit to Pattaya Orphanage



To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pattaya Orphanage, we plan to invite Danish adoptive families to bring their children to join the Native Land Visit Programme in Pattaya during the period of October 2-4, 2013. A lot of activities, excursions, and sight-seeing of Pattaya City, including cultural experience, will be organized to let the adopted kids get to know the place they spent their early days and rediscover the beauty of Thailand. We also plan to invite adoptive families from Germany, Switzerland and other countries to come in August 2014 for the same programme. For more information and costs, kindly contact Khun Toy's e-mail: [toy@thepattayaorphanage.org](mailto:toy@thepattayaorphanage.org). Thank you.



▲ Congratulations to John Kanokchart: Recently graduated from the Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi, our own John was honored with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at the Conferment Ceremony presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn at the university campus in Pathumthani province. In addition, he was one of the seven graduates who received honorable medals as contributors to the fame of the university. This was because his paintings were selected for display at various exhibitions and on different occasions. As part of his family members, we wish him joy in life and continued progress.

▲ Admiration for Blue's Success: After years of hard work, perseverance and discipline, Blue has completed her undergraduate study from Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU) Thailand. We are all very proud of her Bachelor's of Art with the first honor and Silver medal for her outstanding performance. Although she was not able to join the official commencement held on 9th December at the HCU due to her work commitment, Blue is back at the Pattaya Orphanage for all of us to congratulate her. Cheers! We wish Blue happiness and fulfillment in life. May she continue to inspire her juniors.



## Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

Richard Braunstein said that “*It’s possible to give without loving, but it’s impossible to love without giving*”. Now our kids are on their summer holidays. We have to confess that we can’t keep quiet ignoring the great joy and success of our children who have patiently accomplished their academic year. Gestures of appreciation such as praises, attending their graduation ceremonies, bouquets, gifts, toys, picnics, parties, etc. are warmly welcome and felt as parental love and care. Our children still need to be affirmed and encouraged of their behavioral and academic achievements. Thus these signs of love gradually help nourish them to be emotionally grown up as matured and responsible adults. This helps explain why we are here for: loving and caring.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak  
Director



▲ Celebrating Season of Sharing: During the four weeks of Christmas Festival 2012, children were invited by groups, clubs, families, and hotels around Pattaya to sing their well rehearsed carols. Through their performances at the Amari Orchid Resort, Town in Town Hotel, Rue Mai/The Tara Resort, Hilton Hotel, Hard Rock Hotel, St. Nikolaus Church, and the home of the Italian Consular Representative, our kids shared their happiness with the hosts and audience. They also sang at the annual party held at the Orphanage, wishing their sponsors and supporters a grace-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year. Forever grateful are kids in our care and those former residents for the special gifts made possible by their benefactors.

◀ It has been a few years since the last visit of Mrs. van Oosterom that we are very happy to welcome her again, along with her two beautiful daughters and friends from Monaco. Upon arrival, our dear guests were greeted by the Director, Rev. Michael Weera, deaf students, mini toddlers and Khun Toy. Our kids offered the special visitors hand garlands. Madame van Oosterom and daughters kindly handed Christmas gifts to every child and visited our nursery. They were amazed to see several newborn babies and toddlers. In addition to their visit to Fr. Ray Brennan’s Memorial Room, the party said hello to the grown-up children as they returned from school. Thank you very much for your visit and continued kind support. May you have enjoyable time in Thailand.

◀ Annually, the SEGs Golf Group visits Pattaya for golfing and never fails to do charity for children at the Pattaya Orphanage. This year is special as they celebrate the 25 years of their tournament. We are glad to meet the regular leaders of the group, i.e. Bob O’Keefe and John Alsbury, with Randy Menton, Bob Cullen, and Neville Bayliss once again. The SEGs Group usually put it as a custom to do charity in memory of their good friend, Fr. Barry Martin, while



Jeffrey Clarkin has been included this year. Khun Jeff’s son, Ben Clarkin, also took the flight from Hong Kong to join the group for this special purpose. The 2013 annual donation goes to the renovation of our Media Center. Thank you very much, enjoy your tournament, and see you again next year.



▲ It was a very nice day when Mr. Andrew Scadding, Director of Thai Children’s Trust, London, U.K., paid his annual visit to the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf. TCT CEO spent time with our Rev. Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak and his team, exchanging updates on issues concerning kids and the fund raising situation. Khun Andrew also toured the compound, seeing the roof of the Deaf School being repaired, observing the workshop on sign language for parents of the deaf, learning some signs from a deaf child in the playground. Thank you kindly for your constant encouragement. May the Lord continue to bless you, your family, TCT board, trustees, staff members, and supporters, with healthiness, safety, and fulfillment. Enjoy your trip.

▲ Congratulations and Deep Thankfulness to the Association Les Amis de l’Orphelinat de Pattaya, France, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.. During the annual visit of Mr. Didier Moly, Director of Les Amis de l’Orphelinat de Pattaya, all of us at the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf take the opportunity to greet him “Happy Anniversary” on this auspicious occasion. Thank you so much for the constant support to the deaf and orphaned children over the past two decades. Our gratefulness is beyond expression. May the Lord continue to bless the association’s president - Baron Riccardo Carini KC\*SG.,KC\*HS, along with Khun Didier, his marvelous team in Cannes and Golfe-Juan/Vallauris, and all the sponsors. Have some great celebrations and we will keep one another in prayers.

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