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Native Land Visit to Pattaya Orphanage



Please HURRY UP, time runs short and it is only a few months to the Native Land Visit (August 4-7, 2014). We have already received confirmation from 17 German and Swiss families joining this great event. We would like to encourage more families to join and will close for booking by end of June. Please e-mail to Khun Toy for more information : toy@thepattayaorphanage.org or toy@hhnthailand.org Thank you.



◀ Marking 40 years of love and care.. The Pattaya Orphanage, led by our executive director Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak, holds its 40th anniversary celebration highlighted with a Thanksgiving Mass. Presided by H.E. The Most Reverend Silvio Siripong Charatsri, Bishop of the Diocese of Chanthaburi, and the Orphanage's new president, the event is filled with deep gratefulness to God for His continued blessings. About 800 participants include Bishop Emeritus Lawrence Thienchai Samanchit, founder of our home and former president, several priests and religious members, Pattaya City officials, benefactors and sponsors from various countries, neighbours, members of our home, and former residents. We remember the late Rev. Raymond Brennan CSsR and passing benefactors for their great kindness. On this special occasion, we express our gratitude towards for H.E. Bishop Emeritus Samanchit for his continuous patronage, and honour seven personnel, each of whom has loyally served our home for at least 25 years, with certificates and gold chains. To all who have helped us in different ways, our grateful thanks.. And to all who have made this event very meaningful with their support from the preparatory stage until its completion, our sincere appreciation..

Message from the Director

Dear Sponsors and Benefactors,

One of the most fascinating experiences I came across while working at the orphanage is the incident I've learned with forbearance about a young retarded lad who hit my car whenever he got angry with his friends teasing him. To my astonishment about his reasons doing such thing no matter how much love I've shown him, the simple answer was "I got angry and I couldn't retaliate them, so I hit your car".

It takes me a long repeated "meditation" to be able to see the connection between his answer and his action. I got a clue finally. For him I'm his father who has to take good care of him, protect him, and solve all his problems. Hitting my car is a way of sending a direct message to me to clear up his immediate trouble. In a way, it means he entrusts his life to me and is confident that I should always take good care of him. I'm wondering how many more lessons I have yet to learn from my children.



Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak
Director



▲ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.. Peace on earth and good will to all.. The celebration of this year's festive season was grand, for the Pattaya Orphanage began its 40th anniversary. As a tradition, our children sang carols to wish their benefactors a wonderful Christmas and New Year. All our young members came in group to receive their presents and prizes from the special lucky draws. In between, fabulous dances and magic shows entertained the crowd. Grateful thanks to all especially the supporters, talented performers and auctioneer.



► Welcome and Big Thanks to Khun Andrew Scadding, Director of Thai Children's Trust, England, for his meaningful annual visit.. Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak and all at the Pattaya Orphanage and Sotpattana School for the Deaf are blessed by Khun Andrew's presence today. As usual, our special guest and his team spend time with the children in our care and exchange views as well as updates with Fr. Michael and his deputy Fr. Francis Xavier Kritsada Sukkaphat.. Our prayers are for Khun Andrew's overall trip, his strength, Khun Sally's health, and TCT's continued mission..

◀ It's a great honour for all of us at the Pattaya Orphanage to welcome Mr. Didier Moly, Director of Les Amis de l'Orphelinat de Pattaya et de Rayong, France, on Valentine's Day. School-aged children are at home today for it's also Makha Bucha Buddhist Religious Day. Along with his team, Fr. Michael Weera Phangrak met with our VIP guest and exchanged updates on the local and global situations that affected our work. Thank you so much for your generous and constant support. Please convey our best regards to Baron Carini, your wonderful staff, and all the benefactors.



◀ Whenever Khun Michael Patterson, CEO of Prestige Golf Tours, brings a group of golfers to Thailand, he makes sure to visit our children especially Meow. His October 2013 group visited us a few times and some members began sponsoring more children. Apart from bringing gifts from their homes, they also presented us with the fund raised at the annual Golf Day held at Rossdale Golf Club in September. This generous support has covered two special meals for children from toddlers' group to the oldest, and also a wonderful trip to the Pattaya Park. Khop khun maak khrap/kha..



▲ Children at the Pattaya Orphanage enjoy the loving presence of 16 kindhearted guests from Kim Hea Sae-maeul Women's Association, Korea, during their trip around Thailand this week. Our guests not only share their loving cuddles with the toddlers, but also interact with the older ones. Thank you very much for your kindness, smiles, warm hugs and special donation of clothes and Korean instant noodles. May the Lord bless you all.



▲ After his big charity concert in Pattaya, the great jazz musician Hucky Eichelmann who is also known as "Musical Ambassador between East and West" held a workshop on classical guitar at the Pattaya Orphanage and performed some of his songs for the children. It's a great honour to meet the renowned musician who was once recording the music of our beloved King Bhumibol, and who generously helps the children in Thailand.



◀ Congratulations to Ooy, the first registered nurse in our 40-year history.. At the Commencement Ceremony of St. Theresa International College in December 2013, our own Ooy was among the 250 graduates of Academic Year 2012 presented with their hard-earned degrees. Representing the Pattaya Orphanage in wishing Ooy joy and success in life was the team led by Rev. Michael Weera Phangrak. We are very proud of her and her Bachelor of Nursing Science Degree.

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