



Charity Review

Foundation for the Blind in Thailand (FBT) under the Royal Patronage of HM the Queen

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Charity Purpose:

Foundation for the Blind in Thailand provides help those who are visually impaired regardless of ethnicity, gender and religion. FBT provides career training in order to help blind people live happily. The foundation also collaborates with other local and international organizations either government sector or NGOs to promote activities which benefit blind people.

The Foundation for the Blind in Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the Queen was established on May 10, 1939 by Miss Genevieve Caulfield, an American lady who established the first school for the blind in Thailand. Donations to FBT is entitled for tax deduction in Thailand in line with the Finance Ministry declaration item number 75.

Review Process:

Mr. Manu Pensawangwat, the representative of GBA met Mr. Khan Padhuabmoh, the Chairman of FBT, Mrs. Charussri Srimanee, the Office Director at the meeting room of the foundation on February 16, 2016 at 10.00 am. Both have expressed their interest on GBA activities. The rough interview was conducted shortly due to the limited of time of the Chairman. However, they both presented the foundation's annual operational report and latest audited financial report year 2015 which was audited by Mr. Pracha Thumchot, auditor license number 10 of Feungthongmuntana Co., Ltd . on the day. FBT also specifically presented the holistic summary report to GBA. GBA's representative learned that FBT does not publish its annual operation report to public, the annual operational report provided to its benefactors were in the form that the foundation presented to Revenue Department and Ministry of Interior.

Background :

- **January 12, 1939**, Miss.Genevieve Caulfield, a visual impaired American lady founded the first school for

the blind in Thailand to provide helping visual impaired persons an opportunity to access educational facilities.(her profile : <http://www.blind.or.th/en/about-us/hall-of-fame>)

- **May 10, 1939**, Miss. Genevieve Caulfield operated the school and with the support and contribution of the school benefactors. The first school for the blind in Thailand was registered as Foundation for the Blind in Thailand.
- **World War II 1947**, all blind students were relocated to Rajburi and Hua Hin and moved to the new location on Rachawithi road after the war.
- **1947**, FBT board of directors collaborated with Catholic nuns and priests from Salesian, Thailand to substitute the duty of management. In the same year Bangkok School for the Blind was moved to its current location, a rental area under the Crown Property Bureau on Rachawithi road.
- **1950**, Miss Genevieve Caulfield established the second school for the Blind in Chiang Mai, the second school was transferred to be under Ministry of Education in 1960.
- **1959**, Her Majesty the Queen graciously accepted Foundation for the Blind in Thailand to be under Her Majesty patronage after she visited the foundation many times both officially and privately.
- **1963**, the Skill Development Centre was established under the name of "Vocational Training Center for the Blind - Nonthaburi to help visual impaired men with various training courses in order to provide a better opportunity for them to have alternative professions.
- **1977**, FBT collaborated with Salesian Congregation, a Catholic church to let them to manage the Vocational Training Centre for the Blind. In 1983, the Vocational Training Center for the Blind changed its name to the Skill Development Centre.
- **1977**, Initiated by Mr. Narong Patibatsorakit, the former instructor of the Bangkok School for the Blind, a small library for the blind was established in the school with publication and audio media for the blind produced in the first time in Thailand.
- **1981** FBT established Vocational Training Center for the Blind Women. Its committee purchased 2 Rai of land and constructed a two-storey building for accommodation for visual impaired women to enhance their career knowledge and vocational skill.
- **1982**, Female blind students from the handicraft division were formally moved from the Bangkok School for the Blind to the new centre which consisted of 27 female students. FBT signed an agreement with the Salesian Sisters, The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, entrusting them to manage the centre.
- **1982**, FBT under the assistance of Father Guftas Rosent co-ordinated with Belgians and Catholic Bishops of Germany obtained initial funding of 8 million Baht for plant construction, purchase of machinery, and material for wooden furniture and craft works on 5 rai of land with the main purpose is to use as temporary work place for those visual impaired who passed basic training from Blind Institution nationwide to gain experiences and skills in wood works on their choices and to be able to work outside their original centre. The Centre is called "the Lighthouse Centre for the Blind".
- **1989**, the Lighthouse Centre for the Blind is under the management of FBT who are all blind.

Description of Activities and Programs:

There are 5 projects under the care of the foundation details following:

- **The Bangkok School for the Blind** facilitates education for blind children from kindergarten to

secondary school (grade 6) for boarding and ordinary students. There are more 200 students under care of the school. All visual impaired students obtain education from the school without charge.

- **Vocational Training Center for the Blind Women in Sampran, Nakorn Pathom** provides vocational training for careers to visual impaired women including formal education to women age 15 years upward. The center takes care 30-40 visual impaired women each year.
 - **The Skill Development for the Blind Center, Nonthaburi** provides vocational training for careers specifically, for men age 15 years upward. There are 30-40 visual impaired men under the care of the Center.
 - **The Lighthouse Center for the Blind** provides work and develop working skill for the visual impaired persons applying the skill obtained from the two training centers for living. There are approximately 50 visual impaired persons work at this Center.
 - **Educational Technology for the Blind Center** produces educational media for the blind national-wide both in Braille books and audio books.
- In addition, FBT also provides educational scholarships to more 20 visual impaired students who are studying in university level.

The Bangkok School for the Blind

The school, using the educational curriculum from the Ministry of Education, provides educational facilities to children from kindergarten level up to elementary level (grade 6) on free of charge basis. FBT absorbs all the students expenses. The Bangkok School for the Blind has extended its educational level for the student to upper levels by collaborating with other ordinary secondary schools located nearby. The schools that accept blind students, mostly are the governmental schools, and one private school St. Gabriel's College that accepts students from the Bangkok School for the blind.

FBT also provides educational scholarship to those students who are able to pass the university entrance exam and are able to study in university level. In 2015, the first blind student from Bangkok School for the Blind who studied at the high-school at St. Gabriel's College, passed the university entrance exam and continue his university study in the faculty of Engineering at Chula Longkorn University with the scholarship granted by FBT.

Presently, the Bangkok School for the Blind takes care more 230 visual impaired students both boarding and ordinary students.

Bangkok School for the Blind Student and Personnel for the Year 2015								
Category	Education Level							Total
	Kindergarten	Elementary 1	Elementary 2	Elementary 3	Elementary 4	Elementary 5	Elementary 6	
Boy student	22	12	7	8	8	11	7	75
Girl student	18	10	7	5	7	7	8	62
Boarding student	19	15	12	13	13	14	13	99
Total Student	59	15	26	26	28	32	28	236
Teacher & Assistant								48
Other Staffs								12

Vocational Training Center for the Blind Women in Sampran, Nakorn Prathom

In 1981, FBT established the Vocational Training Center for the Blind Women in Sampran

aiming to help visual impaired women to obtain vocational career training.

Vocational Training Center for the Blind Women Year 2015		
Category	Quantity	Training Duration
Female Trainee	42	2 years
Trainer	7	
Admin. Staffs	7	

The Skill Development Center for the Blind

The Skill Development Center for the Blind was founded in 1963 under the name of "Vocational Training Center for the Blind", Nonthaburi to provide vocational training to visual impaired men. In 1997, FBT collaborated with Salesian Congregation, a Catholic religious society, to manage the center. In 1983 The Vocational Training center for the Blind, Nonthaburi was changed its name to " The Skill Development Center".

The Skill Development Center Year 2015		
Category	Quantity	Duration
Male Trainee	50	2 years
Trainer	12	
Admin. Staff	12	

The Lighthouse Center for the Blind

Founded in 1982 by FBT with the collaboration with Father Guftas Rosent in coordination with the Belgian and Catholic Bishops of Germany to utilize the center as temporary work place for visual impaired people who passed basic training for the Blind Institution country-wide to gain more working skill and experience, specifically skill in handing wood works. The Centre operates on cooperation principle by sharing profit in proportion to the work. In 1989, the Lighthouse Center for the Blind is fully managed by the management team who are all blind.

The Lighthouse Center for the Blind Year 2015		
Naration	Quantity	Duration
Male	19	Pratice until specialize
Female	4	
Admin. Staff	10	

Educational Technology for the Blind Centre

The Centre produces Braille material for the blind who are under the care of FBT and for blind persons across the country. The Braille material includes Braille books and magazines. The Centre also provide the Braille materials to all libraries for the Blind nation-wide, free of charge.

Educational Technology for the Blind Center for the year 2015		
Naration	Quantity	Institution requested
Braille Text book	846 books	319 institutes
Other Braille book	894 books	
Audio book	2469 items	
Production manpower	8 persons	
Admin. Manpower	9 persons	

Scholarship for university students.

FBT provides scholarships to blind students who passed the university entrance exam. In 2015, FBT granted educational scholarships for university students:

Scholarship provided to Blind student in university level year 2015			
Quantity of scholarship	Amount/month/person	Scholarship /month	Per year Baht
22	3,000	66,000	792,000

Office of Management of Foundation for the Blind in Thailand

Category	Quantity	compensation /year
Executive	1 person	2,590,400 Baht
Management level	3 persons	
Coordinators	3 persons	
Admin. Staff	1 person	
Workers	4 persons	
Total	12 persons	

Value and Transparency

Foundation for the Blind in Thailand under the Royal patronage of H.M. the Queen is willing to disclose its annual operational result to those who may be interested and strives to show its transparency by giving a good collaboration to GBA's team on financial accounting information provision.

From the foundation financial statement which was re-arranged on management accounting basis, GBA found that 70% of its income generated in the same year fall in to its operational units. As only 14% was spent on its administrative cost which was justified at low expenses comparing with the foundation scope of activities.

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	<u>Audited</u>	<u>Notional</u>	<u>Notional Time Value</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>THB</u>	<u>In Kind</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>THB</u>
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Receipts and Outgoings</u>				
Income				
Restricted donation	43,558,341			43,558,341
Governmental support	45,000			45,000
Special activity support	251,710			251,710
Vocational training activity	32,129,562			32,129,562
Bank interest and dividend	6,240,288			6,240,288
In-kind donation	119,988			119,988
Other income	1,787,868			1,787,868
Total	84,132,757			84,132,757
<u>Operation Expenses</u>				
<u>Vocational for the Blind Women Center</u>				
Staff salary & welfare	3,252,790	4%		3,252,790 4%
Trainers hiring	245,050	0%		245,050 0%
Electricity and water supply	322,838	0%		322,838 0%
Repair & maintenance	415,413	0%		415,413 0%
Depreciation	500,000	1%		500,000 1%
Total expenses	4,736,090	6%		4,736,090 6%
<u>Educational Technology Center</u>				
Staff salary & welfare	3,253,346	4%		3,253,346 4%
Electrical and water supply	235,000	0%		235,000 0%
Repair & maintenance	482,000	1%		482,000 1%
Media product for the blind expenses	12,254,336	15%		12,254,336 15%
Depreciation	872,902	1%		872,902 1%
Total expenses	17,097,585	20%		17,097,585 20%
<u>The Skill Development Center</u>				
Staff salary & welfare	5,371,547	6%		5,371,547 6%
Repair & maintenance	454,000	1%		454,000 1%
Material for vocational training	11,893,456	14%		11,893,456 14%
Massage training expenses	238,160	0%		238,160 0%
Other vocational training expenses	122,740	0%		122,740 0%
Electricity and water supply	371,970	0%		371,970 0%
Repair & maintenance	429,938	1%		429,938 1%
Depreciation	500,000	1%		500,000 1%
Total expenses	19,381,811	23%		19,381,811 23%
<u>The Lighthouse Center</u>				
Staff salary & welfare	2,894,988	3%		2,894,988 3%
Working material for the blind	362,365	0%		362,365 0%
Depreciation	45,385	0%		45,385 0%
Total expenses	2,894,988	3%		2,894,988 3%

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	<u>THB</u>		<u>In Kind</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>THB</u>
	<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>The Bangkok School for the Blind</u>					
Staff salary & welfare	12,273,265	15%			12,273,265 15%
Electricity and water supply	2,147,021	3%			2,147,021 3%
Repair and maintenance	370,915	0%			370,915 0%
Scholarship to Student in university leve	280,000	0%			280,000 0%
Scholarship to Student High school leve	127,000	0%			127,000 0%
Depreciation	6,984,565	8%			6,984,565 8%
Total expenses	14,791,202	18%			14,791,202 18%
Total Operation expenses	58,901,675	70%			58,901,675 70%
Administrative Expenses					
Salary, welfare, compensation	3,234,335	4%			3,234,335 4%
Office expenses	1,043,383	1%			1,043,383 1%
Donation to other charities	3,766,489	4%			3,766,489 4%
Printing and stationary	154,519	0%			154,519 0%
Telephone & postage expenses	335,224	0%			335,224 0%
Public relation expenses	555,331	1%			555,331 1%
Miscellaneous expenses	217,275	0%			217,275 0%
Depreciation	2,784,787	3%			2,784,787 3%
Total Administrative Expenses	12,091,343	14%			12,091,343 14%
Total Expenses	70,993,018	84%			70,993,018 84%
Surplus (Deficit)	13,139,739	16%			13,139,739 16%
Operation Expenses	70%				
Administration Expenses	14%				
<u>Current Asset</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	31,013,508		2014	2014	31,013,508
Account Receivable	3,069,762				3,069,762
Inventory	438,616				438,616
Other current assets	429,620				429,620
Total Current Assets	34,951,507				34,521,887