

Dear friends and benefactors,

As our children return to school after their holiday break, we would like to take the opportunity of sharing some of the highlights of the past three months with you.

The Easter Egg Hunt at CPDC

As a special surprise, Ms Elfi Seitz and a group of her friends organised an Easter egg hunt for the CPDC, an event much loved by children all over Europe.

The big party was held on Easter Monday, 6th April 2015, with many yellow and red bags stuffed full of sweets, crisps and eggs, then hidden around the sports ground. After some dancing and welcoming of our guests, including our friends from Baan Jing Jai, all the children lined up in anticipation. Once the signal was given to start the search, everyone had lots of fun searching for the hidden bags of treats.

Once the Easter egg hunt was completed, each child received a small plastic egg with a number inside. The numbers were used to raffle a generous amount of gifts, including huge teddy bears, toy cars, dolls and soap bubble machines.

The children were of course delighted by these special Easter festivities and enjoyed a very special day together.



The children were looking for their Easter eggs all around the sports area.

Two Ways to Celebrate Songkran

Another big event in Thailand every April is our New Year festival, known as Songkran which we also celebrated at the Pattaya Orphanage on 19th April 2015. While the modern way of celebrating Songkran has descended into big fights around the streets of Pattaya, we chose to start



Chate is pouring water over the hands of an older one during the ceremony.

our day in a much more traditional way with a special ceremony.

The day began with Father Michael Weera Phangrak, Khun Toy and other senior employees seated at a long table with small bowls of water decorated with flowers in front of them.

Each child from the Pattaya Orphanage and the CPDC then knelt down in front of the older ones who splashed a little bit of water on the younger ones or touched their cheeks with their wet hands to symbolically wish the younger ones all the best for the New Year.

We found that starting our celebration with a traditional ceremony was very moving and created a very special sense of togetherness.

However, Songkran wouldn't be Songkran without lots of water being thrown around. So everyone had a good laugh despite ending up soaking wet as our children joined forces and ambushed anyone who passed the entrance of the Orphanage.

A New Drop-In Center and Volunteer House Coming Soon

The construction work on our New Drop-In Centre building is making good progress, with the walls and the stairs already built.

Even the colour of the roof has been chosen, and it is exciting to see the building taking its future form. It will be a welcome venue for the many more children. We anticipate visiting from the local streets and construction sites.

As soon as the construction of the new Drop-In Centre has been completed, we will proceed with the second part of our development work, building the HHNFT Volunteer House.

Not long after the establishment of the HHNFT Foundation in 2008, the volunteer program was launched with

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the work of the volunteers proving to be valuable resource for our projects.

Depending on their skills and interests, the volunteers help out at the HHNFT Office, the Pattaya Orphanage or the CPDC.

As volunteers provide their time and labour without drawing a salary, the HHNFT provides their accommodation at no cost. Building a Volunteer House will ensure we can accommodate our current and future volunteers in comfortable and secure housing.



You can already imagine what the new Drop-In Center will look like.

Our Agricultural Program

As part of our goal in becoming self-sufficient and relying less on donations, one of our projects is based on cultivating and growing organic agricultural products.

By cultivating our own foodstuffs such as fruit and vegetables, we not only feed our children a healthy diet, but we can also plan to sell our excess produce in the future which will help us economically.

We are proud of our organic approach to cultivation and to that end we make our own fertiliser instead of purchasing and using chemicals on the land.

We are being guided in this project by our head mother at CPDC who has previously worked with the King's Mo-



Kru Ead teaches our children how to cultivate plants in our garden.

ther project in Chiangrai for over 18 years before starting her work with us almost five years ago.

This project is very valuable to us and has already inspired four of our children to go on to study at an agricultural college.

Aside from supplying fresh food for our own use, our agricultural program means the children not only learn how to grow plants, but also take pride in being the producers of the food which the CPDC consumes daily.

We look forward to the continued development of the Agricultural Project further and its many far-reaching benefits.

I hope you enjoyed reading a little of our successful summer break and as always I thank you for your generous and constant support,

Mrs. Radchada Chomjinda

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