

Interview: Mr. Uthon Niyomchart, Baan Nong Taa Kaew School Director

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The Lionheart Society activity is a good example to young people nowadays in Thailand. Such commendable activities are sadly few and far in between due to the fact that most groups prefer entertaining social activities to this creative community service. The spirit of volunteerism is also regrettably missing in the society. I am confident that the Lionheart Society members will be valuable role-models for our society, making it a better one and our nation a better-rounded model of development.



On behalf of Nang Taa Kaew School students and staff, I would like to thank the Lionheart Society for having frequently visited us and conducted various useful educational activities at our school on numerous occasions within the past two years. This latest visit provided the school with new toilet facilities and children's playground.

Our school is a mid-sized school with around 200 students. The official budget is often inadequate. We are very happy and grateful for the Lionheart Society to take time to assess our needs and provide for them.

With regard to the latrines, they are very old, having been built in 1971. They are also barely enough for the needs of all students, only 6 toilets for the entire school. Many had never been renovated since the 1970's. The additional latrines provided by the Lionheart Society will be truly appreciated indeed.

The children's playground will be a special treat. We have never had any playground toys as budgets were allocated to other needs. On the day the toys were being installed, the children watched with excitement, waiting for its completion. When ready, they crammed on the toys with very much merriment. More than providing a place to play, parents even bring other children from other schools to play here after schooldays.

I am truly grateful for the Lionheart Society endowments and will make sure they will take good care of the equipments; we will make sure they best benefit the students and they will be lovingly maintained.

Thank you.