

Actual Activity Day

The Lionheart Society's first provincial community service project at Baan Nong Taa Kaew School, Nakhon Ratchasima was successfully performed on 27-29 June 2011. Mr. Montgomery generously shared his time to witness the event as well.



The day started early on Monday the 27th, as our group departed from Bangkok to Nakhon Ratchasima province. After lunch, we went straight to the school to make preparations for each team assignment, check construction of basketball and football area, check installation of sinks and check list of items to be donated to the school (Ping-Pong table, books for the libraries, exercise books, first aid kits, 4 computers, other learning materials and various sports equipments). Then a group meeting was held to finalize our actions for the next day including preparation for actual teaching, art activities and games necessary for each class.

The following day, Tuesday the 28th (actual activity day), we arrived at the school at 8:00 am and brought with us all the items for teaching arts, games and other sports activities. We met up with the School Head and our group separated according to our planned program for the day. The activities started at 8:30 am and progressed as shown in the time-table below:

Year Group	Time				
	8:30-9:00	9:05-9:35	9:40-10:10	10:15-10:45	10:50-11:20
a.1 & a.2	Art Praewa (& Pat & Prim)			Games Mead (Peak & Oak)	
๑.1	Learn Pat & Prim		Sports Mead & Peak & Oak		Art Praewa & Mard
๑.2	Sports Mead & Mard		Art Praewa & Mard		Learn Pat & Prim
๑.3	Sports Peak & Oak		Learn Pat & Prim		



It was time to leave at 2:00 pm. We packed up and left with an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment.

That evening, a group meeting was held to assess the day's activities. It was decided that a follow up for another year is necessary in order to assure that positive change was indeed

achieved from this project.

Wednesday afternoon, the 29th, we headed back to Bangkok. Everyone felt so good and happy that we've accomplished everything with ease and had achieved a truly successful project. Although there were a few unexpected changes during some of the activities, we were able to improvise and confidently continued to get things done. This definitely challenged our skills, tested our patience and brought out the best of our limited abilities. Teamwork was especially important as well since this is the foundation of any effective project.

The most valuable lesson we learned from this community project was the importance of giving. Having considered ourselves lucky, enjoying all the comforts of life such as living in a nice house and going to a good school, giving back shows that we care. The simplest gesture of compassion no doubt has brought so much happiness to these children. Their smiles and laughter will linger in our memories as they pleaded us to visit them again and will definitely serve as an inspiration to us for our future endeavors.

