

Our Children

Pupils of Ban Suanpa Klongtaphetbon enjoy 2-day field trip

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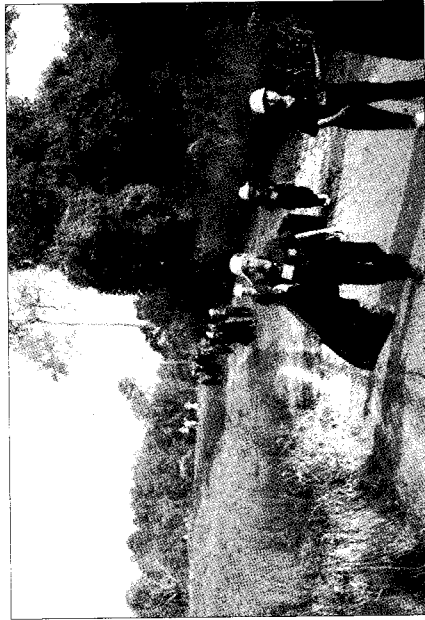
Forty pupils from Ban Suanpa Klongtaphetbon School in Borthong District were taken on a field trip to Prachinburi and Nakhon Nayok from January 20 to 21, on a visit led by Tourism Authority of Thailand Central Region 3 Office director Chaiwat Charoensuk with the support of the Pattaya business community.

The field trip was part of the Share Happiness with Young People project, and in addition the project donated scholarships and educational supplies to the school.

Students from the 5th and 6th primary school classes at Ban Suanpa Klongtaphetbon were selected to go on the trip, and they visited Khao Yai National Park and Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy.

TAT Central Region Office Region 8 at Nakhon Nayok warmly welcomed the youngsters.

They visited the museum in Prachinburi, and went hiking at Khao Yai National Park, where they also took part in a



Yeah, we arrived at Khao Yai National Park!

project to clean up garbage left by visitors. In addition, they experienced some challenging activities at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy, such as sliding down a rope from a tower, and ascending a wall using rope.

The children also had the opportunity to visit the Armed Forces Academy Preparatory School, which no doubt sparked interest in a future career for some.

The educational supplies donated included books, sports equipment and bicycles. Scholarships valued at 25,000

children, he added.



TGHITS (Thai Garden Resort - Innovation Technology Services) is operating the Academy & Community Center (ACC) project in Ban Pru Teaw village close to Takuapa Khao Lak. The project is to build and install a training center to provide new skills for relocated tsunami survivors. The construction phase of the center was also to be used to provide practical training for local people.

The project was made possible through the kind donations of the staff of Siemens AG in Germany, BDI-APA and U.I. Lapp GmbH.

After the construction phase was finished, the training for the villagers started on August 8, 2006, supported by volunteers from Germany. Under these activities an additional project, "Painting Umbrellas for Peace", was brought to the area by Ulrike Muerz as part of her volunteer activities at ACC on Saturday February 3, 2007.

The "Umbrella for Peace" project was originated after the tragic event of September 11, 2001, by Matt Lamp, a German Artist, who painted umbrellas with the orphans caused by the 11th September as a symbol of protection - a symbol of protection against anything like rain, sun, wind and more. Up to now, more than 400,000 umbrellas have been painted to express the need and wish for peace in the world.

The project is part of the activities of the Schengen Peace Foundation who promotes peace, tolerance, understanding, hope and love in the world. The foundation's peace program reaches out to all people, regardless of



Ulrike Muerz has brought the "Painting Umbrellas for Peace" project to ACC as part of her volunteer activities.

their nationality, religion, race or background. Some "Umbrellas for Peace" from Thailand will be displayed in Germany as part of an exhibition of Matt Lamp. The children of Pru Teaw village painted with great enthusiasm and produced wonderful results. The workshops will be continued in Pru Teaw and possibly also at other places.

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