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## **TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR FEMALE INMATES THONBURI WOMEN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, BANGKOK MARCH 8 -11, 2014**

(A joint project with “Rotary Club of Dhonburi, The Rotary Club of Singapore West)

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## **A BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT**

- 1 As of 2007, there were 24 correctional Institutions throughout Thailand. Correctional Institutions have been built to house and provide suitable treatment for particular groups of inmates including young offenders women and drug addicts.

1.1 Thonburi Women Correctional Institution is one of the many correctional institutions mentioned above. It is located at Ekkachni road, Bang Bon, Bangkok.. It houses at least 1,000 female prisoners.

## **B BENEFITS AND EFFECTIVENESS**

- 2 This project was first mooted by PP Tan Kay Hui, Rotary Club of Singapore West, Singapore, together with Past President Pichai Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok and our President Alex Chang. After months of preparation a Tri-Club Fellowship Project was formed. The purpose of the Tri-Club Fellowship Project had been well identified by sponsoring the training programmes, a community service project for the Thonburi Women Correctional Institution. The Tri-Club Fellowship Project had successfully strengthened the good relationship between our club with Rotary Club of Singapore West and the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok.
- 3 The project is aimed at preparing inmates for their imminent return to society.
- 4 The training programmes included Thai massage, spa massage, cosmetology and some small business entrepreneur skills aimed to:-

- 4.1 promote the moral and confidence for the female inmates;
- 4.2 promote skills in vocational and educational aspects; and
- 4.3 help them earn a living or be employable after they finished serving their terms in the institution.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- 5 Each club contributed US1,000. The total US3,000 was collected and contributed to the Training Programmes.



The training of massage in progress.



The training room which is well equipped.



Business women volunteers who took part in the training programme to coach the female inmates on small business entrepreneur skills. From left: eight (8) business women volunteers and three (3) officials from the Thonburi Institution.



The Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok with the officials from the Thonburi Institution.

## **C      MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT**

6      Organising Chariman: Rotarian Roy Sreenivasan

6.1      Ex Officio President Alex Chang

Members

6.2      AG K U Rajah

6.3      Rtn Laura Lee

6.4      Rtn Sandy Soh

## **D      PROMOTION OF ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE**

7      The Certificates of Participation presented to the female inmates state the names of the three (3) Rotary Clubs.

7.1      The Banner shows the Rotary and Theme Logo;

7.2      Published in the e bulletin which receives world wide coverage;

7.3      The hard copy of the bulletin is placed at the luncheon tables on Mondays for guests and guest speakers to read.





The Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Past President Pichai presented the Certificate of Participation to the inmates on behalf of Tri-Club.



The Rotarians from Dhonburi Rotary Club and volunteers trainers for the Training Programme. Taken outside the Thonburi Women Correctional Institution.

## Photographs for the fellowship



From left: The Tri-Club - President Alex Chang, The Rotary Club of Pudu, Past President Darryl Kuek, Rotary Club of Singapore West, Singapore, Past President Pichai, Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, AG K.U. Rajah, The Rotary Club of Pudu

## Fellowship between Members of all three clubs:





## **E ORIGINALITY**

- 8 The originality of this project is the cooperation of the three (3) clubs from 3 different countries with one mission which is the spirit of the Rotarians.
- 9 The modest contributions of total US\$3,000 reflected the humanities and compassion of the Tri-Club.

## **F RELEVANCE TO PRESIDENTIAL EMPHASES**

- 10 This training programme has enhanced the Humantarian Service by providing Basic Education and Literacy in the form of vocational skills. It is also enhancing the Economic and Community Development among the 1,000 inmates of the Correctional Institution by instilling the positive values while serving their terms in the institution. The handicraft products made by the female inmates have helped to generate subsidy for the institution.

## **G CONCLUSION**

- 11 The ultimate goal of project is to help the female inmates to identify self worth, understand their own abilities and move forward in a positive direction with their lives. The officials who are in charge of the Thonburi Institution are dedicated to their roles. Through their continuous optimism and hope, the missionary team have created a forward thinking reform prison.
- 12 The Rotary Club of Pudu has played a role in supporting their vision and hence help the female inmates to gain confidence and start new lives after their rehabilitation.