

Biographies of 2010 Youth Award Winners

Miss Suphaphorn Tormyim

Area: Education and Self-Development



Miss Suphaphorn Tormyim, or Nong Phai, is 18 years old and lives with her mother in the Lock 1-2-3 community, Khlong Toei. She is now a first year student in the Nursing Department of the Faculty of Nursing at the Army Nursing College.

Nong Phai gets good results in school, comports herself well, and regularly participates in school activities. She takes part in contests and competitions and has received a variety of awards, evidence of her continuing self-development. For example, in her primary and secondary school years she received awards for first place in an essay competition and second place in competitions for painting, solving technical problems, handwriting, and many others.

In addition to the above, Nong Phai is also interested in other activities, such as taking part in an environmental conservation camp, a training camp on quality of life development and training for a youth justice project.

For many years, Nong Phai has been coming to the Duang Prateep Foundation every other Saturday, to join activities organized by Sponsorship Section staff for sponsored children. When she was younger, Nong Phai took part in these activities, now she is a supervisor for younger children.

Nong Phai is also interested in Thai music and can play many types of Thai musical instruments such as the sor-u (fiddle), khlui (flute), and khim (Chinese dulcimer).

Nong Phai knows how to divide her time among her responsibilities and is capable of doing many activities in combination with her studies. Her school results have always been outstanding and she has a personal principle of always reminding herself, that education and self-development will not have a day off. Phai has also said that she is very proud of her future profession, as she can use her nursing skills to look after her parents and for the benefit of society.

Mr. Warin Atwilai

Area: Education and Self-Development

Mr. Warin Atwilai, or Ton, is 19 years old and lives with his father and mother in the Nong Mai community of Khlong Toei. He is studying at the College of Music, Mahidol University.

Ton is a student who is very interested in both studying and activities, and can be called outstanding in both his study results and sports. Ton is skilled in preserving the Thai language through singing Thai songs and he has had an interest in Thai music since he was small. Ton can play the violin beautifully and this has led to him being selected to play at many venues.

Sports and activities in which Ton has participated include football competitions in an anti-drugs sports project, a camp to develop life quality through staying away from drugs, training in resisting addictive drugs and in sex education. Ton has also participated in a contest on solving technical



problems, debating, singing competitions (in which he has received honourable mentions and first place awards), and reading the Thai language in tonal recitations (for which he received a first place award).

Ton has received no less than 30 honour certificates. As an example, he passed the first class Dharma studies examination of the National Buddhism Office under the Supreme Patriarch. He was also chosen as a Model Student with good behaviour and morality by the Good Student Sri Thatthong Foundation and he has been honoured for taking part in preparing development plans for Bangkok youths by the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA).

Mr. Phisit Wanawan

Area: Education and Self-Development



Mr. Phisit Wanawan, or Baeng, is 15 years old and lives with his father and mother in the Chong Nonsee community in Yan Nawa district of Bangkok. Baeng is a student who has regularly achieved good grades with a grade point average in the 3.75-4.00 range. Baeng knows how to manage his study time and he participates in the activities of the youth network and in the School for Parents managed by the AIDS Control Project of the Duang Prateep Foundation. He is now also a member of the Environmental and Social Development Volunteers Association.

The accomplishments and activities of which Baeng is proud include being a volunteer of the Network to Mobilize the Strength of Yan Nawa Residents Against AIDS in 2006 and being chosen for the Student Committee for his Primary 6 to Secondary 2 years, then being elected as Student President in Secondary 3 followed by becoming President of the Student Council in his Secondary 4 and Secondary 5 years. Through being responsible and determined in helping with community activities, Baeng has received the trust of friends and was elected to be a youth leader.

Not only has Baeng joined in activities whenever he has free time from his studies, he has received affirmation as a good, kind person, recognised by the Goodness Bank of the Foundation for Thai Society. He also deserves recognition as a model community youth in education and self-development for 2010 by the Duang Prateep Foundation.

Mr. Chanawee Krapaonthong

Area: Society and Community Development

Mr. Chanawee Krapaonthong, or Chap, is 24 years old and lives with his mother in the Rong Mu community of Khlong Toei.. His parents separated when he was small and he was then raised by his grandmother and mother. Due to poverty Chap had to stop his studies after completing his Secondary 6 year in order to let his younger brother have a chance to go to school.

Chap has participated in activities with the Duang Prateep Foundation's Sponsorship Section since he was a child and he has an interest in society and the various activities that staff members organize for children in the community. Chap learned about being a volunteer and developing himself by taking part in practical and theoretical activities. Chap has participated in several activities including the Dao Krajai youth group; discussions in the Forum on Children's Rights; cultural activities; a training camp on



behaviour development; training for youth experts; training in social skills; also leadership training.

In addition, Chap was selected to be the social activities chairperson of the Khlong Toei Council. Chap is also proud of dedicating two years to helping people and communities affected by the tsunami. As a volunteer in the Nithan Caravan Project, he used stories to help heal the hearts of and entertain children who had lost parents in that disaster.

Chap was conscripted into the military for two years. During this time he was praised as an outstanding private. Chap's experience, his learning and self-development, has given him more confidence in working to develop society and the community so that children and youths can have similar opportunities. Chap is currently a staff member of the Duang Prateep Foundation's Nithan Caravan project, where he works providing knowledge on making story media and organizing recreational activities for children in schools throughout the country. He works with the principle that he should be determined in things that he can do and lead in things that are good. Thus at this time Chap has been recognized as a good community youth model in the area of society and community development.

Miss Phonlada Sangthong

Area: Society and Community Development



Miss Phonlada Sangthong, or Pu, is 23 years old and lives with her father and mother in the Khlong Toei Flat community. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Education of Ratchaphat Jankasem University and now works as a teacher at the Ban Thai Wattana Kindergarten.

As a youth in the Khlong Toei community, Pu regularly joined in the activities of the Duang Prateep Foundation for four years. As a result, she learned new ideas and developed herself. She also applied the experience she gained to be a role model for younger children.

Pu has had an interest in community development work beginning with being a community development volunteer with the Leader Development Project. Pu regularly took part in the training and other activities organized by the project. These included children's and cultural activities in different communities, including activities for youths from the USA, and activities to build relations with youths from three southern border provinces.

Among many other activities, Pu also went into slum communities to build relations with the people living there, in order to study their real problems. She also participated in the Young Expo 2006 project, showcasing the strength of the ideas of Thai children. Through taking part in activities in both Bangkok and other provinces and building relations with people of other races, age groups, and regions, Pu was given an opportunity to develop an independent outlook. She said that participating in the different activities let her develop her own capabilities, see new things, learn about new points of view, and improve herself while getting to help society. She has used her free time productively and is a role model for future generations.

Pu is now teaching a new generation of youths about community development in the Nu Noi Nak Pattana Project and will likely continue to do so. This is proof of Pu's ongoing commitment to working to help society.

Mr. Phornsak Damwong

Area: Society and Community Development

Mr. Phornsak Damwong, or Od, is 24 years old and lives with his family in the Muban Sawatdee community in Phra Khanong district. He has completed Primary 6 education.

Od has regularly and enthusiastically done development work in the community for more

than 7 years. He was chosen to be chairperson of the Phra Khanong District Youth Council in the area of guarding against addictive drugs for 6 years. He was always responsible in his duties and liked to help with work in the community. Thus Od came to have a part in community development. He joined in the training offered by a Bangkok Metropolitan Administration project, "New Generation Leaders to Build Bangkok, A Good Place to Live". Here he acquired knowledge and new ways of thinking that were productive, including training on AIDS and sexual relations. For the last four years, he has used this knowledge to educate people in the community about AIDS and how to protect themselves.



Od has taken what he has learned from his participation in various activities and passed it on to people in the community, which has helped develop the community to be stronger and a good place to live, safe from addictive drugs. Od has also taken part in training on the rights of children and women with the National Human Rights Commission, to learn about roles, responsibilities, rights, and protecting one's personal rights.

Od has used the knowledge he has gained to develop his own ideas and to disseminate them to the community, helping the community develop in a positive way. Even though the hardships of Od's family resulted in him only completing the minimum required schooling, Od was not prevented from developing himself and then progressing to develop the community in which he lived.

Miss Ladda Mangmiphon

Area: Morality



Miss Ladda Mangmiphon, or Som, is 17 years old and lives with her paternal grandparents in the Seventy Rai community. She is now a Secondary 5 student at Nontri Withaya School. She has received educational sponsorship through the Duang Prateep Foundation since she was in primary school. With her determination in studying, her school results have been good with her latest grade average being 3.55.

Som's parents had occupations which required them to leave home for a long time, so Som has been in the care of her grandparents since she was little. Som's grandfather has no regular income, with her grandmother's income from being a maid the main source of support for the many people in the family.

If she has free time, Som participates in Duang Prateep Foundation activities and a youth group in the Khlong Toei community. However, Som is usually busy with her studies and from working through a direct product sales network or through

teaching. Som teaches subject matter she has learned in school. Originally she did not expect to get paid for the teaching; she only wanted to review the things she had learned to aid understanding and to have her friends learn the same things. Som did this with determination and good intentions for her friends, some of whom might not be able to keep up with what was taught at school. Because of this, Som is admired by her friends and their guardians who give her 200-300 baht each time. Som almost always gives any money she makes to her grandmother, for the family's expenses including the costs of educating three younger siblings that her parents also left in the care of the grandparents.

Regarding her dream for the future, Som said that she wants to be prime minister. We hope that her dream will become true. And we believe that Som will be a woman prime minister from the community that is not only smart, but one with high morals.

Miss Phailin Malakhaow

Area: Morality

Miss Phailin Malakhaow, or Naen, is 18 years old and lives with her father and mother in the Rong Mu community. She is in her first year of upper vocational certificate level studies in the accounting department of Phanichayakan Jammong Technical School.

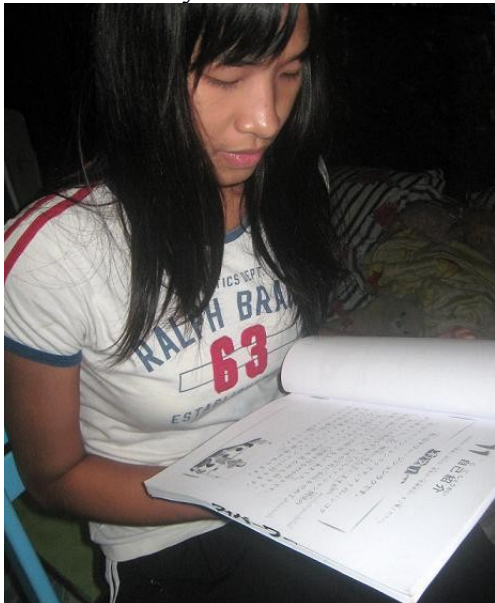
Naen is the second of three children in her family. Her family has to depend on the irregular income earned by her father and older brother as hired workers and that of her mother who works as a cleaner. Naen has known well about the poor, difficult conditions of her family since she was a child. There have been times when Naen's father and brother lost their jobs and the family's income became uncertain and insufficient. The mother's income alone was not enough for the household's expenses, including the school term fees of Naen and her younger sibling. Naen thought about quitting school and working to ease the burdens of her family, but she thought again when the Duang Prateep Foundation gave her an opportunity to be a volunteer with an occasional income and an education sponsorship. Naen was motivated to concentrate on education and decided to study and be a waitress to earn additional income after school.

Naen is now a student in the first year of upper vocational studies. She chooses to study in the evenings and work in the daytime as an accounting assistant, in order to ease her family's burdens and help her parents with some of the family's expenses, including school term fees for herself and her younger sibling. She hopes very much that when she completes her studies she will be able to help her parents and family even more. Naen has never been disheartened about having to work hard and study as well. Instead she is proud of herself and is more responsible because of her love for her parents and everyone in her family.



Miss Wiphawee Janngom

Area: Morality



Miss Wiphawee Janngom, or Nim, is 17 years old and lives with her father and younger siblings in the Lock 1-2-3 community. Nim's father, a hired construction worker, is the only one to take care of the children, and Nim, in her capacity as the oldest child, does all the housework for the family, such as washing clothes, washing dishes, and cleaning the house, because she knows that her father has to be very tired from working outside the house. She does not just help with work inside the house; she also helps take care of the younger children and sometimes goes with her father to do whatever construction work she can do, in order to supplement the family's income. In addition, every evening she does special teaching for neighbourhood children, for which she gets 1,000 baht a month. Even though this is not a large amount of money, Nim gives it to her father to ease the financial burdens of the family.

Nim is now studying Secondary 5 level at the Phra Khanong Phithayalai School. She receives educational sponsorship from the Duang Prateep Foundation and takes part in foundation activities. She is also a member of the Khlong Toei Youth Network, and enjoys working to help the community. She believes that the activities in which she participates plays a part in helping her to develop her thinking and her abilities to be a person that expresses herself responsibly.