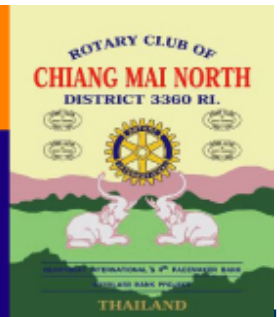




The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North

Service above Self

BUILDING COMMUNITIES - BRIDGING CONTINENTS



THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHIANG MAI NORTH was established in 1980. Chiang Mai – the second largest city in Thailand – is located in the Northern region of the country. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North boasts 31 active members and represents a wide cross section of the local community who embrace the Rotary Motto – *Service Above Self*.

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OFFICIAL DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation Projects For the Hill Tribe Children – Chiang Mai Province

In October, members of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North travelled to Ban San Klang School, Prao District, Chiang Mai Province to officially hand over the new Water Well to the Hill Tribe Hostel. This is a part of the Rotary International Matching Grant.

The Club also travelled to Ban Mae Pa Kee School, Prao District, Chiang Mai where once again they held an Official Presentation Ceremony to mark the dedication of a new well for the village. Ceremonies to open new facilities were also held at The Hill Tribe Self - Support Community School and at the Saen Suk Hostel, both in Chiang Rai.



At the many Dedication ceremonies, the following partners in this Rotary International Matching Grant Project were recognized for their significant contributions:

Engineers Without Borders – Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA;
The Rotary Club of Twinsburg, Ohio, USA;
The Rotary Club of Nordon Hills (Northfield) Ohio, USA;
The Rotary Club of Strongsville, Ohio, USA;
Rotary International District 6460 – USA;
Rotary International District 6630 – USA;
Rotary International District 3360 – Thailand.

Special recognition was awarded The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The Rotary Foundation met and matched all contributions made by the individual Clubs and Districts contributing to this project – dollar for dollar.



Helping the Hill Tribe Children

The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North has been working very hard to improve the quality of life for the People of the Hill Tribes. A Rotary Foundation Matching Grant Project to provide them with clean drinking water is but one of the projects that our club has undertaken on their behalf.



We have also made a strong effort to assist the Hill Tribe people with the introduction of up-to-date methods for raising farm animals and more successful crop production. To accomplish this goal, we have focused on providing education and training to the young people living in the northern villages.

Working directly with the Hill Tribe Villages, the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North has organized a number of practical, “hands on” agricultural seminars for the young people. Some of these sessions were conducted by local experts ‘on site’ in the mountain villages or at remote student hostels. Others were actual 3 day field study trips presented by the experts at Chiang Mai University.

In addition to financial support for this project from Rotary International's Matching Grant funds, our club has received significant support with these efforts from a number of community-minded organizations here in Chiang Mai.

Through the generosity of the Charoen Pokphand Group (CP Group) and the Betagro Group of Thailand, our “young farmers” living in the Hill Tribe villages have been provided with hundreds of chicks – both broiler chickens for meat and egg laying hens – and dozens of pigs. They have also received animal feed and the appropriate ‘on site’ training necessary to successfully raise these animals to maturity.





Investing in their future ...

This donation was coordinated by Dr. Somphorn, a noted Chiang Mai veterinarian and active member of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North

The Charoen Pokphand Group (CP Group) has its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand and was founded in 1921. Today it is one of Asia's leading conglomerates. CPF operates within the agribusiness, retail and telecommunications markets, and currently employs over 250,000 people at factories and offices worldwide.





Investing in their future ...



Betagro Group is Thailand's second biggest agribusiness conglomerate. The company was founded in 1967 and has over 3,500 employees. The company's expertise is in the development of farming and processing technology.



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Eye Service Foundation - Update

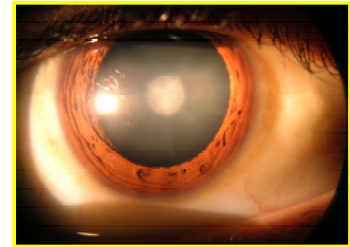
The recent establishment of the Eye Service Foundation for the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North is very exciting – both for the members of the Club as well as for the community in general.

Our Foundation will focus on projects in four separate areas of concern here in Chiang Mai and the surrounding province:

1. Working to support the Chiang Mai School for the Blind;
2. Coordinating with fellow Rotary Clubs, Thai agencies and other NGOs to provide prescription eye glasses 'free of charge' to those in need;
3. Supply the appropriate funding to support cataract eye surgery for those in need;
4. Work with both young and old to encourage healthy life styles that prevent or reduce the occurrence of blindness or eye disease within society.



A cataract – shown here – is a clouding of the lens of the eye. A cataract may affect just a small part of the lense, or it may cloud the entire lense.



Did you know? ...

- ♦ Cataracts are very common, especially in older people;
- ♦ Cataracts usually develop over many years, not just over a few months;
- ♦ Having a cataract does not lead to permanent blindness;
- ♦ Cataracts are not caused by 'overusing' your eyes, and using your eyes does not make them worse;
- ♦ Cataracts do not spread from one eye to the other, but may develop in both eyes at the same time;
- ♦ Cataracts are treatable – millions of operations are performed every year with very few complications;
- ♦ Surgery is the only way to treat cataracts – they can't be removed with a laser, eye drops, ointments, pills or special diets;
- ♦ Single day only "out-patient" care, high volume, minimally invasive, small incision procedures with quick post-operation recovery has become the standard of treatment for cataracts all over the world.



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The Rotary Foundation - Background

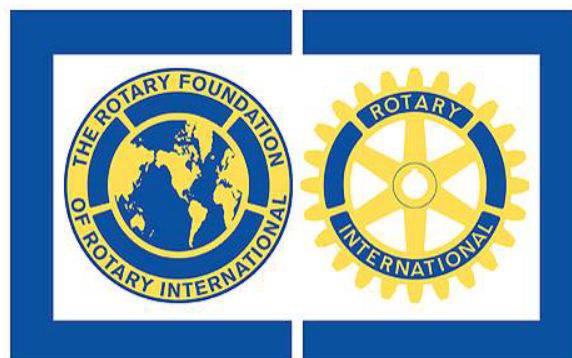
The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.



Through Matching Grants, The Rotary Foundation matches the contributions raised for international service projects by individual Rotary clubs and districts in two or more countries. The Foundation provides a one-to-one dollar match for funds designated to a specific Rotary district. Grant awards range from US\$ 5,000 to US\$ 200,000.

By giving US\$ 100 a year through the **Every Rotarian, Every Year** initiative, members of the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North become Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members.

As individual member contributions to **Every Rotarian, Every Year** are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, our club strives for the 100% participation of our membership each year.



Rotary International Convention Montreal – June 2010

Montreal
2010



A small but enthusiastic contingent of Rotarians travelled from Thailand to Montreal in June for the 2010 Convention. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North was well represented on this trip.



Rotary International Convention New Orleans – May 2011

New Orleans
2011



Momentum is gathering for our participation in next May's Rotary Convention in New Orleans – The Big Easy. The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North will be well represented. And – it is at this convention that Rotary will officially announce the location of the 2012 site for the International Rotary Convention – **BANGKOK** – inviting the world to come visit Thailand!

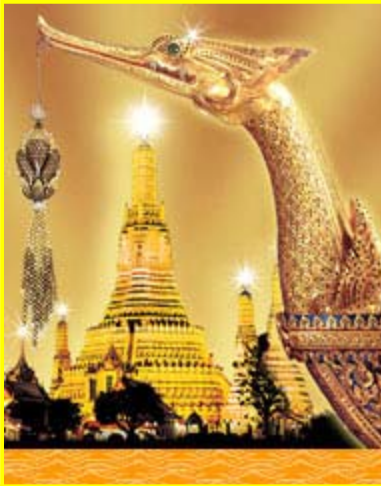


Rotary International Convention Bangkok – May 2012

**Bangkok
2012**



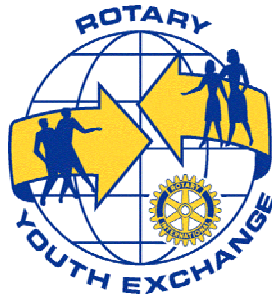
Planning is well underway for this special Rotary International Convention that will be held in May of 2012. Rotary Clubs from all over Thailand will be involved in the preparations to make this Convention the most memorable for all Rotarians.



Rotary International Youth Exchange Program



 Thakadanai – in blue – at his soccer game in Little Rock, USA. Check out his T-shirt – he is learning new “English Slang” in time for the RI Convention in New Orleans – complete with the French fleur de lis logo.



Ploy enjoying the outdoors in Alberta – hiking, biking and even rappelling down a cliff. All with the beautiful colours of a Canadian fall around her. 

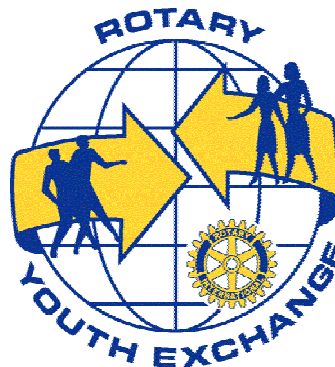


Rotary International Youth Exchange Program

About Rotary Youth Exchange ...

The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North is a very active supporter of the RI Youth Exchange Program. In 2009, our club sponsored one outbound student to the United States – and one inbound student from Canada to Chiang Mai.

This year, we are sponsoring two outbound students – one to the US and one to Canada – and we are once again hosting a Canadian exchange student here in Chiang Mai.



As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, an entire year is spent living with host families and attending school in a different country.

When participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, students learn a new way of living, a great deal about themselves, and maybe even practice a second (or third) language. They also become ambassadors, teaching people they meet about their country, culture, and ideas. Through this activity, they help to bring the world closer – and make some good friends in the process.

For over 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program. And with over 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 clubs, they have created an extensive network that provides support for Youth Exchange world-wide.

Here is Anon's story ...



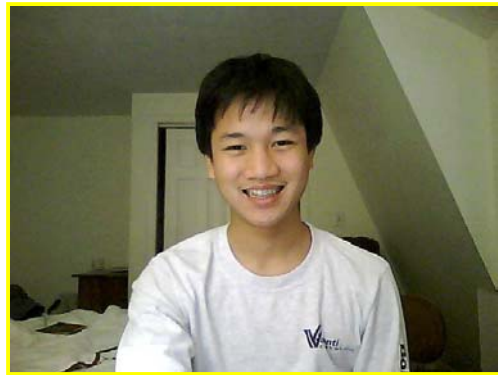
My name is Anon Chanruang and I'm an 18 year old student living here in Chiang Mai, Thailand. In 2009, I went to United States of America and lived there on a Rotary Youth Exchange for 1 year.

The first thing that I learned from living there was that if you are not sure what people mean, then you have to ask them to repeat their question,. It was funny because if you just smiled, they thought you understood what they had said.

Secondly, if you did not like to eat something, you

had to frankly tell your hosts that. If I didn't say anything, my host families just thought that I liked what they had made for dinner – and they would make it again and again.

One thing that was very impressive to me was that my host family let me have my own bedroom! I really liked it and almost every night I shared my bed with the host's lovely dog and cat.



The only problem – I almost got crazy every morning because at about 5 a.m. the cat got up and wanted to pee. And she did very crazy things such as licking my face or scratching my legs to annoy me and make me get up and open the door for her.

I was really, really happy to live there and thought that I got lots of experience that will help me to prepare myself for life in the future.