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*Front cover, male students at Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School in Chachoengsao Province played with the camera with happiness on the 1st day of P&G Volunteering Trip 2010 when volunteers from P&G Manufacturing (Thailand) Co.,Ltd. went to visit the school and volunteered themselves on school facility maintenance.*

## Executive Summary

Initiated in 2009 by P&G Manufacturing (Thailand) Co.,Ltd. (P&G) in cooperation with the Education for Development Foundation (EDF), P&G Give Back to the Community (Year 1) aimed at enhancing a school in a remote area to be sustainable and benefited the students educationally. Ban Wang Khoo School, Amphoe Sanam Chaiket, Chachoengsao Province was supported in the first year by P&G. The whole school was happy with the contribution with support on school renovation, agro-ecology for lunch program, waste management, computer sets, and computer room refurbishment. Further to that, officers of P&G dedicated their time of two days in a year to volunteer themselves on school & facility refurbishment. The project gave positive impact not only to the school by helping develop it to become self-reliant, but also the community by making the school to be a learning centre in the neighbourhood.

In 2010, the 2nd year project also focused on improving school learning environment. P&G continued to place great importance in caring about the community, encouraging them to be sustainable in development. Therefore, Give Back to the Community project was in its 2nd year in partnership with The Education for Development Foundation (EDF) in order to continue the mission of sustainable development for the student and community. In this year, Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School in Chachoengsao Province, was selected project beneficiary for the 2010's project plan.

The one-year project schedule covers two times of P&G Volunteering Trip—1st on July 30, 2010, and the 2nd, November 26, 2010. On those event days, officers from P&G altogether volunteered themselves on the repair and maintenance of school facilities. For example, giving the first-aid room and science class new painting, changing the broken lights, repairing the floors, fencing the room ventilators to protect birds from nesting, working on the concrete pathway around the football field, working in the school gardening blocks. painting the fences, and building a pétanque court.

Moreover, P&G also donated a sum of budget on the construction of the school Ethics Centre to enable the students to have a place for cultural & religion learning. The construction started at the beginning of October and was completed at the beginning of November of 2010. On November 26, 2010, the opening ceremony was honoured by officers from P&G Manufacturing (Thailand) Co.,Ltd., Phrakru Vinaidhorn Ong-at Abhagaro, Abbot of Wat Virachot Dhamarama, officials from Primary Educational Service Office Chachoengsao Area 1, local administrative officers, and honourable guests from the community neighbouring to the school.

Moreover, the vegetable garden blocks built by P&G volunteers also have been used to plant water spinach. It was amazing to hear back from the school director the water spinach they planted gave very satisfying farm output at 10 kg of water spinach everyday. This enables the students to have vegetables for lunch everyday for free.

It can be said that the project gives back both physical outcomes (food supply, maintenance of facilities) and intangible results (ethics & cultural awareness) for the whole school.

## 1st Volunteering Day

On July 30, 2010, P&G, in cooperation with EDF, organised the 3rd volunteering trip under the company's community service activity named "P&G Give Back to the Community 2010." At this time, more than 50 P&G volunteering officers participated in the volunteerism to renovate the school facilities at Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School in Chachoengsao Province. Participants included not only volunteers from P&G, but also officers from Primary Educational Service Chachoengsao Area 1, Chachoengsao Province, Phrakru Vinaidhorn Ong-at Abhagaro, Abbot of Wat Virachot Dhamarama, local administrative officers, teachers and students, and community people to help on school facilities improvement. The overall activities included repainting the first-aid room and science class, changing the broken lights, repairing the wooden floor on the school building, fencing the room ventilators to protect birds from nesting, working on the concrete pathway around the football field, and working in the school garden for vegetables and banana planting.

On the event day, starting with volunteering activities, it attracted the community people nearby so much everyone came help out together with the volunteers. It was a good day for memory that everyone from the school itself, community, temple and P&G helped refurbishing the school together; this should ensure the project success and sustainability.



### Repainting the first-aid room and science class

The school building has facilitated generations of students now...leaving the building in old and pale colour. Volunteers from P&G then would like to get a new look for the school so they helped remove the old and cracked paint out off the wall and ceiling and repainted them with a brighter colour. Just one day, three rooms, the science class, first-aid room, and school co-op office, have been finished painting.



### Changing the incandescent lights

For security reasons, maintenance of the incandescent light bulbs needs to be done regularly. Anyway, the very old sets of these appliances are costly for maintenance. P&G volunteers then changed the whole incandescent lights to brand new ones for the school. To save energy, incandescent lights come with 180-degree reflectors so that they reflect 100% of the light down below, saving costs of electricity as the school can use only the lower-watts lights but have the same brightness.



### Repairing the classroom wooden floor

1st group of the volunteers worked on the wood floor repair for the school. As the school building has been used for years the wooden floor is quite old and not safe for the students to walk on. The volunteers then repaired the floor by replacing the old with new wood bars. They also made sure splinters from wood bars had been removed by polishing them out with the sand paper.



### Fencing the room ventilators to protect birds from nesting

For ventilation every classroom has the one-fourth top of the wall open to let the hot air go through but this leaves an ample space of birds to be nesting in the classrooms, affecting the sanitation. Aluminum meshes then were attached to those window frames by P&G volunteers when they first went on a volunteering program around July 2010.



### Working on the concrete pathway around the football field

Become muddy in the rainy season, the football field needed to be lifted up to avoid flooding. Anyway, lifting up the ground somehow left the front of the school no pathway for the students to walk. Seeing it's a chance to help improve the school's facilities, the volunteers from P&G helped together on the concrete work to build a pathway of 40-metre in length along one side of the football field. After the work, the school looked tidier as of no dirt stains around the school caused by student's stampeding.



## Working in the school garden for vegetables and banana planting

In the school backyard of almost 1 rai (0.395 acre) P&G officers volunteered themselves on making vegetable garden blocks and planting bananas. Gardening blocks can lift up the planting bed to be at least half-foot above from the ground so the vegetable gardens will not be affected by flood in the rainy season. After the work, all the shovels, hoes, and spades were also donated to the school.



## Other repairs by technicians

For the canteen roof repairs that the volunteers couldn't finish in only one day, P&G also donated sum of the budget for the school to fix after that too.

## “Global Warming” Bag Painting

Before the end of the day every volunteer with the students designed and painted their own ‘global warming’ bags in colourful design created on their own. This activity promoted children’s creativity into art pieces of work very well. Those bags painted by P&G volunteers also were given to the kids as gifts of memory too!



## Construction of the Ethics Centre

Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School is like a learning centre for the multicultural people in the community. People in the villages are from different races, possess different beliefs and live on many various cultures. For example, when those Islamic students need a room to pray, at the same time the Buddhism students who involve in the religious activities are separated to different sides of the school building to conduct Buddhism religious praying as it is difficult to prevent the noises from each other as both activities are at the same time in the same building.

That's why the school would like to have a separate place that facilitates these different needs; Ethics Centre Building then is a good idea to solve the two needs at once.

Starting after the 1st volunteering event or around October 2011, the construction was completed at the beginning of November 2011. Before the construction, the site used to be the school parking lot for student's bicycles, but the roof became rusty, leaked, and quite old beyond repair, as well as the school was in needs of a space for ethics & religion education.

After construction, Ethics Centre becomes the school assembly hall and a centre for holding boards that are full of good knowledge in local culture preservation for the students. Traditional musical instrument such as "Angklung, (Thai: อังกะลุง)" are kept here and the students can use it for Angklung performance too. P&G understands the centre is quite necessary for the school as it helps promote the understanding about the importance of cultural preservation properly for the students.



The school old bicycle parking area, rusty & leaked roofing, not safe for the children



4 above: the old bicycle parking lot is being removed, beginning the construction of of the Ethics Centre



Completed Ethics Centre at Ban Khlong Chao School



Left: Islamic students praying (Thai: ละหมาด) in the Ethics Centre

Right: Buddhist students praying in the Ethics Centre



## Agro-ecology Project in School

Apart from activities in organising volunteering trips at Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School, there was also a project in farming or Agro-ecology for Lunch Program of which the project support was sponsored by P&G Manufacturing (Thailand) Co.,Ltd.

In order to instill the farming skills and working as a team into the kids, the school organised a farming area for the students to gain first-hand experience at planting vegetables and fruits. Produce gained from the farm was also used to supply the school lunch program.

After the 1st volunteering trip of P&G officers, the school has got vegetable gardening blocks suitable for planting veggies like water spinach and Chinese Kale. Water spinach was planted in August & September by the students. Along the two months, they were quite happy with the output they had; many kilograms of water spinach output had been served to the school lunch program. Planting water spinach was quite easy...it took the students around 22 days to get the crops. Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School students reported to have gained around 10 kg from each gardening block they did. So the 6 gardening blocks can provide a sum of approximately 60 kg of water spinach.

The most favourite menu for the students was Pad Bung Fai Daeng (stir-fried water spinach). Anyway, not only supplying the lunch program, but the excessive produce was also given to the students to eat at homes too. More than that, school teachers and the parents also bought the fresh water spinach at very reasonable prices to eat at home too.

Planting vegetables excellently gives the students ideas of having hygienic and enough food nutrients at every meal and that they should eat only chemical-free vegetables. If they are not quite sure about vegetable sold at the market if it's hygienic enough...they can plant it themselves.

### School visit and Monitoring

An official visit according to the project plan was conducted in September 2011 when officers from EDF went to visit the school to witness the project progress and to see if everything went out according to plan.



## 2nd Volunteering Day

On November 26, 2010, further to the 1st volunteering trip held earlier in July, 2010, volunteers from P&G organised the 2nd trip to complete the year plan...construction of Ethics Centre to commemorate His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 83rd Birthday Anniversary at Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School, Amphoe Mueang Chachoengsao, Chachoengsao Province. The Centre is expected to be of uses in ethical education provision, religious services to be held occasionally, along with other activities of the school itself.

The 2nd volunteering trip was attended by more than 50 executives & officers from P&G. They volunteered themselves on repairing and renovation work to comply with the concept of community service themed "Give Back to the Community". This leads not only to building tighter relationship between the employees themselves but also to better connection with Ban Khlong Chao School teachers, students, parents, and the school community nearby. This was clearly seen when more than 100 local people came to help clean up the school with P&G volunteers as well.

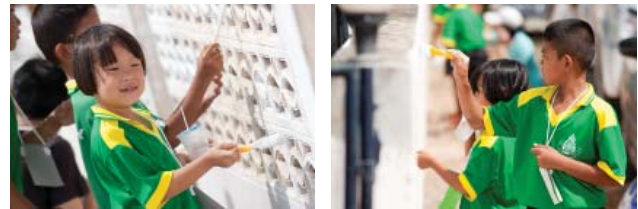
### Handover Ceremony of Ban Klong Chao School Ethics Centre

Nine monks were invited to the morning rite to raise the will of power from all of the volunteers & participants on that day. After the rites finished, to honour the handover ceremony, Mr Levin De Suza, P&G Manufacturing Plant Manager, with Ms Malee Kunarattanaphruek, Human Resources Department Manager, Deputy Director of Educational Service Chachoengsao Area 1, Ban Khlong Chao School Director, Village Representatives, together opened the curtain to represent the opening of Ethics Centre. Lunch alms offered to monks followed afterwards to finish the ceremonial processes.



### Painting the Fences

The school fences have been there for more than 10 years and look quite old. In order to give it a fresh look to suit the images of “Dream School of the Neighbourhood”, the volunteers gave the fences a new painting in light blue. This activity was preferred by all the P&G volunteers as they could do it all together with the lovely students. Even if the strong sun everyone didn't find it hard to help hand-in-hand finishing up the painting. To fresh up the volunteers, teachers & students served them with refreshments and drinking water or even cooler pads. On that day, only the foundation painting in white was finished as it needed to wait one day for the foundation to dry out before the outer covering paint which was completed by the school themselves one day later.



### Build a Pétanque Court

Along with 20 community people P&G volunteers helped build a pétanque court for the school, starting from making a rectangular frame with bricks. After that, they filled up the box with layers of stone. Helping hand-in-hand, the court was completed flooring within two hours. They also tried out playing pétanque to see if the court worked out properly before going to help the fence painting.



### Recreation Activities with Kids

For those little kids who couldn't help much at the volunteering tasks, P&G volunteered themselves on organising fun recreation activities all day long—quiz games, stepping on the balloons, race games, and so on for the children. These games taught the kid students to rely on and help each other. Not only were they having a good time, but also the students were more bonded with each other.



## Friendship Football Match...P&G Team VS Khlong Chao Team

At 3 p.m., a friendship football match between P&G Team VS Khlong Chao Team began. The audiences, students of Ban Khlong Chao School and the local people of Ban Khlong Chao, came together to cheer up the team they preferred. Players in the field worked hard to get to defeat one another and when the first half ended, it was P&G who won the first score of 1:0. On the 2nd half, Khlong Chao tried harder to get even with P&G Team but seemed to be more disadvantaged than the opposite. So it was P&G who won the game after making another score, defeating Khlong Chao by 2:0. Though everyone focused on making goals, they focused more on making friendship. After the game, every player took a group photo together. Before the day ended, Ban Khlong Chao School Director gave a thanks speech to all of the P&G volunteers then Representative of P&G volunteers gave back a speech of appreciation. After that, P&G Representative presented a souvenir gift set to the School.



## School Information

### Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School

Address: Moo 12, Ban Khlong Chao, Tambon Khlong Luang Paeng, Amphoe Mueang Chachoengsao, Chachoengsao Province

#### School Director

Acting Sub Lt. Songchai Khajonwutthinanchai

#### Classes Provided:

Kindergarten Year 1 to Primary School Year 6

#### Overview

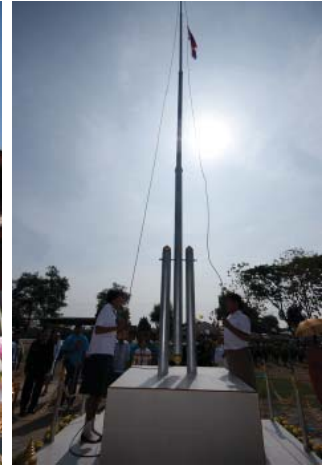
Established in 1958 Ban Khlong Chao (Sena Wattarat Wittaya) School provides educational service to 4 Mubans (villages) which are Muban No. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12. The school is around 20 km away from Chachoengsao downtown or around 15-20 minutes driving.

#### Number of teachers (2010):

6

#### Number of students (2010):

113









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