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**Auspicious Month: An Activity at Debsirin 9 School Royal Project
under Royal Patronage at Doi Ang Khang
in honor of His Majesty the King**



On the auspicious occasion of our beloved and greatly respected King's 88-year-old birthday anniversary, as Learning from the Reality with Dr. Chira columnist, I would like to humbly present him "Long Live the King".

As a Debsirin School Alumnus, I am proud to inform the readers that Debsirin School Networks currently comprises of 10 campuses as follows.

1. Debsirin School
2. Debsirinromklao School
3. Debsirinklongsibsam Pathumthani School
4. Debsirin Nonthaburi School
5. Debsirin Phukae School Saraburi
6. Debsirinladya Kanchanaburi School
7. Debsirin Khonkaen School
8. Debsirin Chiang Mai School
9. Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage
10. Debsirin Samutprakan School

Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage is more special than the others.

His Serene Highness Prince Bhisadej Rajani, the Chairman of Royal Project Foundation proposed Ban Khum School at Doi Angkhang to be entitled "**Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage**" in honor of the King when I was the Chairman of Debsirin School Alumni Association under Royal Patronage about 8 years ago. Therefore, we, Debsirin School members are very proud of this school because it is a school in honor of the King in term of education.

The King's projects in the North are very valuable for Thais and the world. In the past, hill tribes invaded and deforested to grow opium for survival. He solved deforestation and drug problems. He developed those areas to be fertile for those hill tribes to achieve good quality of life from agriculture.

He introduced the New Agricultural Theory and assigned Kasetsart University, Chiang Mai and Maejo University to support hill tribes of 32 hills to grow economic crops instead of opium. Then, they focused on research and development of cultivation product quality control and became the royal projects. There are winter plants such as fruits and vegetables researches and marketing for domestic consumption and exports. These projects create new jobs for these hill tribes. These are great prides. Doi Ang Khang is one of the thirty-two hills.

Moreover, it well preserves environment because it lessens deforestation.

Nowadays, every hill has the royal project which produces world-class and internationally recognized quality agricultural product export and tourism.

His works have been publicized worldwide. Many countries adopt as role models. The examples are Afghanistan or other countries with hill tribes. Moreover, the King also gives examples to those countries.

Besides the royal project at Doi Ang Khang, he supported to establish Ban Khum School. Now, it has more than 300 students. 8 years ago, its name was changed to "**Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage**".

I have opportunities to meet the students here several times. Most of them are from hill tribes families without Thai nationality. They are capable because they have inspiration to learn to develop the works for the royal project. Many smart students can further their study in universities like Chiang Mai University or Maejo University.

Last year, I led Lions Club members to organize ASEAN project for this school. I was very happy because the students here had a lot of imagination and capabilities.

This year, it was a great honor to have my 4 alumni from the Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University as follows.

1. Dr. Kanyanatt Kanokwiroon, Academic Deputy Head of Department of Biomedical Sciences

2. Dr. Raphatphorn Navakanitworakul, Lecturer, Department of Biomedical Sciences

3. Dr. Onnichia Rattanaporn, Lecturer, Department of Biochemistry

4. Mrs. Kanchana Sae-heng, Nurse Chief Cardiac Center Naradhiwasrajanagarindra

They joined the trip to this school. They worked together to provide training to more than 40 high school level students. Instead of irrational thinking and fixed mindset, they were trained on scientific thinking and applying science to daily life and future study. These 4 alumni are high quality personnel. 3 of them are professors with Ph.D. in Bio-chemistry. The other is the senior nurse chief. They dedicated to contribute to Thai education in honor of the King.

The learning methodology was to divided these 40 students into 4 groups and assign them to brainstorm in workshop based on these questions. They were assigned to do diagnostic analysis by fact finding. They analyzed the problems from the reality on their hill. For example, why were strawberries produced at Doi Ang Khang of different qualities? They had to observe and collect data to answer that question.

These 4 teachers trained to students to diagnose problems from hypotheses and prove data based on scientific approaches. In 2 hours, all 40 students in 4 groups did quite well in analysis. If they practice more often, they will get better. The students can see that science is an important part of daily life and supports problem solving for education and future jobs.

This example reflects that if science-based university like Prince of Songkla University and the Faculty of Medicine dedicates to train experiment and scientific thinking to high school students or villagers, Thai students and Thai people will have rational thinking in the future. This is my alumni's project. I have alumni everywhere. They must support my work to develop the country in the future.

In this case, my alumni of PSU Med Human Capital Development Program 3 came to share scientific knowledge to the students of Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage. This is a good opportunity and right time in honor of the King on his 88-year-old birthday anniversary.

“Long Live the King!”





On December 2, 2015, Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom led the team from Prince of Songkla University to organize activities for more than 40 high school level students of Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage. The activities comprised of trainings on scientific thinking, experiment, diagnostic analytical skill, fact-finding analytical skill, hypotheses setting, data collection and scientific proven approaches.



Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom led the team to sing the school song with the students and joined group photo with the students at Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage.

Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom

Source: Learning from Reality with Dr. Chira Column. **Naewna**.
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Human Talk Radio Program

Human Talk Radio Program broadcast on Sunday 13 December 2015

Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom said that, one week before this episode of the radio program broadcast, he visited Doi Ang Khang which was quite cool.



Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom visited Doi Ang Khang

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/ChiraHongladarom?fref=ts>

He advised pre-planning to visit other provinces like Nan, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai for 1-2 days in the winter. He said that the Southern Thais always planned to visit the North because the South did not have winter. Bangkok people may have experienced cold weather. If there is no pre-planning, the winter will pass very fast. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom and

Prince of Songkla University will have annual plans together. This time, they organized an activity for Debsirin 9 School Royal Project under Royal Patronage students.

Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom admired Bike for Dad activity on December 11, 2015. It was very interesting phenomenon. There were totally 700,000 participants who had registered online. There were 100,000 participants in Bangkok but tremendous number in other provinces.



Bike for Dad activity on December 11, 2015

Source: http://thainews.prd.go.th/website_th/news/news_detail/TNSOC5812110010241

It showed that when Thais did anything, they well cooperated. In some of the 3 Southern-bordered provinces like Narathiwat and Yala, there were more than 6,000 participants. If terrorists bombed, it would be dangerous. It was interesting that ambassadors also joined this activity. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom was impressed with the foreigners.



The British Ambassador, the American Ambassador and the New Zealander Ambassador joined the group shot before Bike for Dad activity started.

Source: http://www.matichon.co.th/news_detail.php?newsid=1449820571

Tourists might have been surprised to see the closed roads. Those who did not know Bangkok well might have been in troubles. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom planned BTS as his main transportation. Thais should well preserve this cooperation.

Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom said that the U.S. were just 250 years old. Thais always think of the US prosperity. The U.S. have media like CNN. They have Donald Trump and others. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom used to think that the U.S. were great because he graduated there. Later, the U.S. have problems. They can learn from Thailand. We do not have to learn from the U.S. only.

Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom said Paris was the city of convention for almost 200 countries. Formerly, there was Tokyo Convention. Then, there was Paris Convention. It was

hard to reach consensus. Human has capability to produce cars and other things. Map Ta Put was very prosperous but released a lot of Carbon. It destroys environment. The north polar ice melts. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom read the latest issue of the Economist. The latest consensus showed that the global warming still existed. Every country would release less Carbon from coal and oil from cars and factories. The electricity should be generated from green energy. In the future, each country must have ceiling for limiting the Carbon released to the air and try to lessen it. The developing countries do not agree. They agreed on how many percents each country could release the Carbon. The ratio must be reduced to enable each country to survive. The world still has consumption and living so electricity and Carbon release are still necessary. However, the amount must decrease. Alternative energy like wind and solar must be increasingly used. According to the Ministry of Finance, next year, the cars will not depend on CC but the amount of the Carbon release. Those which release more Carbon have to pay more tax. Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom's nephew working at the Excise Department said that cars, factories and others which release more Carbon must pay more tax. This relates to 2 aspects of human capability. The first one is that human is an actor. From February to March, people in the North should burn less. Indonesians should burn less. If they do not burn, it will be better for them to earn a living by other ways. In the North, after burn, star gooseberry grows. It can be sold at good prices of 70-80 Bahts a Kilogram. Now, Chiang Mai has a lot of toxic smoke. The profit and loss are not balance. In this accord, the UN must enforce to apply as well as ensure people's employment and quality of life for their survival.



Star Gooseberry

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Star Gooseberry and Shrimps Spicy Salad

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Fish Curry with Star Gooseberry

Source: <http://www.manager.co.th/Travel/ViewNews.aspx?NewsID=9520000142487&TabID=1&>

Crispy Fried Star Gooseberry Spicy Salad

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Special Article

The Ethical Power

On December 13, 2015, Human Resources Institute of Thammasat University cooperated with Foundation for International Human Resource Development (FIHRD) and Chira Academy to organize the Public Seminar and Book Launch Ceremony for the Ethical Power Book by Phra Maha Wudhijaya Vajiramedhi and Prof. Dr. Chira Hongladarom at Sri Burapha Auditorium, Thammasat University Tha Pra Chan Campus.



**Phra Maha Wudhijaya Vajiramedhi
(W.Vajiramedhi)**

Why do we get less benefit from ethics?

It can be ethical communication problems from these aspects.

First, the monks cannot communicate that ethics is good governance so the society ignores the monks.

In this event, Phra Maha Wudhijaya Vajiramedhi (W.Vajiramedhi) as a co-author of this book delivered the speech of appreciation and preaching on “How Can Thai Society Develop the Ethical Power?” with interesting concepts and recommendations as follows.

The Ethical Power is essential for the current Thai society with a lot of clashes and hidden crisis in all sectors. As a result, every sector needs the Ethical Power.

Most people think that ethics is the monks’ job. We separate the monks from our world. We do not invite the monks to preach. It reflects that we understand ethics from a very narrow view.

Societies greatly need ethics.

Honesty, non-corruption actions, measurability and transparency are the second precept.

Hate speech relates to the fourth precept.

Violence relates to the first precept.

Marriage life relates to the third precept.

The lure of power relates to the fifth precept.

Therefore, the five precepts are the starting points of ethics.

Second, the society lack ethical inspiration. People do not obey the monk's preaching because the monks' unethical actions decreased the reliability and trust.

Third, the democratic world becomes isolated from the religions. People live in the secular world. Thus, ethics is not involved. We follow the U.S. ways. We live in the secular world. If the religions are not involved, can the world survive?

This year, the U.S. have Gun Syndrome. 300 people have been killed. The U.S. MP published a book with all family members holding gun photo cover. The world's leading publications show that the U.S. have ethical failure. Obama's period has the skin color failure. The U.S. secretly support the world unrest. More details are show on the book entitled "WHY DO PEOPLE HATE AMERICA?"

The secular world is proud of itself. Democracy promotes Dignity and Free Market. The result is the clash with the Muslim world. It will lead to the World War III which is waiting to be officially declared.

We ignore ethical dimension. We design mechanism to promote the new ethics. We forget the old ethics. It means that we throw away ethical power.

First, the ethical gurus have communication problem with the world citizens so the world citizens understand that the ethics is remote issue. In fact, Buddhism aligns with democracy.

Second, Ethical Institutes have internal problems so the world citizens do not want to trust them.

Third, secular world does not involve the monks so it cannot develop sustainable ethics. It gets into globalization. Everything is money. They think that if they care for ethics, they cannot trade well. In fact, if they ignore ethics, the world will get into the crisis. Every crisis comes from greed, capitalism and the clash with the ethics.

We must shift our paradigm. If the world cannot lack ethics, what should we do?

We must create Thai and world societies' awareness. We cannot ignore ethics. We must discuss why the world is in crisis. We must search for ethics to save the world.

In Buddhism, Phra Bhramagunabhorn (Prayudh Payutto) has recommendations and people in the society listen to him. If there are no supporting networks, nobody follows him.

Only a good person's ethical power cannot recover the society. We must revive most of the horizontal ethical power. That is to support good people network.

In 1997, the Thai Constitution Thai citizens' version was drafted. All Thais became alert so we got Thai Constitution with Thai citizens' participation. We should do this to create Collective Awareness.

Each person has different understanding in ethics. They lack Collective Awareness. Many anti-corruption campaigns end as soon as the press conference ends. We must spread Collective Awareness everywhere to ensure that Thais will not welcome corruption in all cases.

South Korea promoted sustainable democracy. South Korea is on the second rank of innovation country lower than the U.S. South Korea solved corruption by creating people's awareness in corruption. After doing good things, it is necessary to communicate what kinds of ethical actions can be acceptable?

South Korea succeeds because it helps people reach consensus of reject corrupted politics. Then, it creates people's awareness to go in the other direction. Therefore, it becomes powerful and successful.

Hong Kong survives from corruption trap by following South Korean model.

Singapore has the least population in ASEAN. However, Singapore is the center of everything. It has transparency and reliability so everyone wants to work with Singapore.

In the other word, it is a way to develop people of the whole country to have the right mindset. It means that they see corruption as unethical in all cases.

Another obstacle to ethical power creation is the ignorance of wisdom power. We need wisdom power to understand problems and then, ethics becomes sustainable.

Ethics must be linked with reality. The Lord Buddha always set the ethics from reality. For example, a glass is an object and is not mine. It is based on reality that the glass can be broken so we should not take it as our own.

To understand the reality, we need to use wisdom. We need to develop education to provide people with wisdom power. This education should focus on the life-long learning competency.

The problem is that Thai society is based on belief so people lack responsibility. They usually think that a superman will come to help them.

If Thailand does not promote people to think and learn to develop wisdom power, Thailand will lack owners and no one will love it.

The lack of ethical courage can destroy ethical power. The ethical heroes should be protected.

Thammasat University has several brave professors. They talk about good things which we may not want to hear. They have ethical courage. If they have good intention, they are deserved to be protected.

Wisdom power development is essential. We must work together to promote people with different ideas to be diversity instead of troublemakers. We must promote people to honestly question everything.

Education must promote people to be thinker so they will not be based on belief and wisdom power will happen. The profound wisdom automatically meets with the universal ethics.

The five precepts can be used with every religion.

The first precept rejects violence.

The second precept protects assets.

The third precept protects family life.

The fourth precept protects information exchange and expression.

The fifth precept is health insurance.

The five precepts can be used with democracy because every human is equal. Buddhism rejects caste system. It promotes equality so men and women can ordain.

If our wisdom power is high and works quickly, we can integrate it to the secular world. We should combine religion and secular world's wisdom power to save our country.

We need to clearly understand the problems so we can apply the right solutions. We must work together to develop ethical power from reality-based wisdom. Then, we can succeed in reviving Thai society.

In conclusion, to develop Thai society to be ethical, we must focus on these components.




First, Right Mindset is the clear understanding in Thai social problems and finding what have not been discussed.

Second, Transparency must be promoted in all sectors as well as measurability. Then, it will become the mainstream of the country. That means people do what they say and say what they do.

Finally, Improved spirit will lower Thai selfishness and improving public spirit.

There recommendations can be valuable New Year's gift.

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