

Driving the Distance: Convoy for Kids Golf Day

Running in Thailand now for six years and proudly supported by AustCham Thailand and its members, the Convoy for Kids fundraising golf day has provided the funds for scores of children to attend Convoy Day – an annual day of fun for children to enjoy away from their daily poverty or disability.

In addition to Convoy Day, a significant portion of monies raised by the program is donated to the Foundation for the Welfare of the Crippled.

In 2007, approximately 250 children from Pakred School in Nonthaburi, Sister Joan's Slums Help Project in Klongtoey, and underprivileged children from Sri Sakhet were taken to Safari World.

Geoff Storey, who acted as Chairman of AustCham Thailand's Logistics sub-Committee for five years, recognised each year the personal impact the program had on so many children. "Watching the kids enjoy the outings was such a rewarding experience for all involved. Seeing their smiles was such a huge buzz," Geoff said. ■



Amplifying the Heartbeat of Thailand's Tomorrow



In honour of the 60th anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne and his commitment to the health of the Thai people, the Community Services Program donated a fetal heart-rate monitor to Panthong Hospital in Chonburi.

Panthong Hospital services a large population of factory workers and their families from the Panthong District area, with the maternity ward helping an average of 120 outpatients each day. Panthong Hospital previously had just the one fetal heart-rate monitor, which was beginning to show the wear of ten years of consistent use.

The 2006 program also saw the donation of a mini-ambulance to Sri Ratcha Hospital also located in Chonburi Province. The mini-ambulance has been pivotal in helping assist staff transfer patients across the hospital's 30-acre campus.

AustCham Thailand and Sri Ratcha Hospital were particularly fortunate to have Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn present to accept the mini-ambulance on behalf of the hospital and the people of Chonburi Province. ■

Kneaded Dough Provides Unique Aussie Taste



A joint celebration of His Majesty the King's 80th birthday and AustCham Thailand's 30th anniversary, a Bakery Training Centre at the Kanchanaburi School for the Deaf was opened in 2007. AustCham Thailand and its members contributed Baht 730,000 in funds and countless hours of time to help construct the bakery and equip it with essential kitchen equipment.

The Training Centre now helps some 220 deaf and autistic children further their studies and gain vocational skills, whilst also enabling them to earn an income by selling the bakery products at their local market.

The Bakery Training Centre is continuing to provide a top-class vocational training program, with graduates now well placed to gain jobs in the hospitality sector. ■

Helping the Flow of Education

Australian members may remember a time back in their school days, effortlessly sipping clean tap water on a hot Australian summer day. Less than two years ago, this was still not a reality for the students of one rural school based in Kanchanaburi Province.

In 2006, AustCham Thailand and its members donated a water

purification/filtration system to Baan Had Ngiew School. Remotely located in the valley beneath Hellfire Pass, Baan Had Ngiew School now boasts a higher attendance rate amongst its students and is continuing to provide quality education through the subsequent donations of school uniforms and equipment in later years by AustCham Thailand. ■

