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MINI FIFA WORLD CUP

The mini FIFA kick off match in Thailand was held on May, the 29th, at Naichong School.

The event was a fun outdoor day for the children aged from 6 to 12-years-old. The games started at 2pm in the afternoon on a shady soccer pitch in front of the school. Six volunteers, Logan Mitev and Chelsea Duffy from Canada, Shannon Mooney, Ciara McCormack and Joanne Lyons from Ireland, Johanna Rauls from Germany were the team leaders and they coached the children. There were 60 students divided into six teams being: Brazil, Portugal, Canada, Japan, Germany and Spain. Each game was made short because of the limited pitch and time, but the 10 minute games seemed to be just the perfect amount of time for the young energetic boys. After a few games and running around shouting to cheer their friends on, they were happy to join the girls to paint faces.



The highlight of the day for the girls was the face painting. They seemed to enjoy painting flags on their cheeks and also helped their friends to paint their team's flag. Some children were so artistic and painted such beautiful flags for their coach. The softballs we brought with us were also just perfect for the girls to practice passing and kicking the ball.

At the end of the day, the two teams with the highest scores were Portugal and Brazil. The rest of children from the other teams were so excited for their friends. We ended our match with a penalty kick. Brazil and Portugal teams lined up and did their best. The result was that they both won!

The mini FIFA we held not only gave us quality time to spend with the children and teach them some soccer tricks but it also gave us a chance to build up relationships with people in the community.

Teachers at the placement were so happy that our volunteers made such a wonderful day possible for the students. The day became so inspiring for people to be more involved with sports. People realized the importance of exercise.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Conservation volunteers joined the Krabi Provincial Administrative Organization for World Environment Day on June the 5th.

Conservation volunteers were at the Provincial Administrative Office presenting to the children about our diving sessions to clean marine debris, showing the greatest harm caused by humans towards our environment and also giving away plants for the children to plant and give shade to the earth. There were hundreds of school students from around Krabi town who came to join us.

We have set up our dive station with equipment for the children to try on the masks and oxygen so they can dive in a little pool we provided to them. That seemed to be highlight of our booth. We also had presentations about our project, showing them what we do for the environment. We had a presentation on anti-coal, marine debris, mangrove and deforestation, marine research and our weekly beach cleanup. We also had a quiz for the children who were interested in testing their knowledge on the environment. It was a great, fun day! We believe that at the end of the day, at least 50 trees would be planted and a hundred at the least learned about how dangerous humans can be towards our environment.





DENTAL ACTIVITY

Dental activity to promote hygiene

Two care volunteers, Julia Schellekens from the Netherlands and Margaux André from France, came up with a dental activity to promote hygiene by encouraging the children to brush their teeth after lunch. Students at NongKok Day Care Center were shown the effects of brushing and not brushing their teeth through a very creative activity made by Julia and Margaux. Our volunteers made a big mouth and let the kids stick papers as teeth in the mouth. There were white and yellow papers. The white represents the clean and healthy teeth, while the yellow represent bad and unhealthy teeth resulted from not regularly brushing teeth.

The aim of this activity is to promote a good habit and keep clean and to focus the importance of hygiene in the day care center.

LANTA 714



A visit to LANTA 714 warship rested at Krabi Administrative Organization

Close to KlongJilaad pier in town rested LANTA 715, a huge warship built in 1945 in Chicago, USA. The first name of this landing ship or tank was LST 1141. It has a long history dating back to World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. In 1995, its name was changed to USS Stone County. Thailand rented it from America in 1970. It was then being used in the Naval Education Department. After that, it was given the name LANTA 714. It had served Thai Naval until 2009. Now it sits in Krabi and offers visits to people who are interested in warship to go up and see its significant body.



Long-tail boat interesting facts



When traveling from one island to another the most common transportation seen in the sea of Andaman is long-tail boats. The use of the long-tail is not only to take tourists places, as starting from the old days, this boat has been life for local people.

Fishing is still the main industry in the coastal area like Krabi. It is a way of life for people that has been carried a long since the pre-historic era. In Krabi and every other southern province of Thailand, long-tails are seen everywhere. There are many types of long-tail boats. The small one without shade is mostly used for small fishing businesses. It is designed for one person to sit at the end of the edge and small motor or paddle. The small space between the front edges is to store the fish. The other kind is the normal size with shade used to transport tourists. Maximum number of passengers should not be over 12 people. The bigger kind is the big long-tail which looks like the normal size one but its shape is more square and bigger. This one is less seen, used to transport goods to islands. It also takes people to the further islands and can contain over 25 passengers.

Besides serving as a kind of water transportation, in some provinces of Thailand, it is used for racing as well. If anyone is interested in long-tail racing, Ayutthaya is the province to visit.