

Report on the Laem Tong International Community Resource Centre Project on Ko Phi Phi Island from Paul Crouch of the Regent's School. **December 2009**

Thank you for your continued support of the Laem Tong International Community Resource Centre Project on Ko Phi Phi Island. I send this report to update everyone on the project and to also inform you of the upcoming developments and the plans for 2010 (attached is an up to date list of sponsors and financial contributors and a couple of photos since stage six in October:

1. **Stage 6** of the project was successfully completed during the third week of October. Two Round Squares Schools worked together on this stage of the project; these were **Regent's Pattaya** and **Cobham Hall School** from the United Kingdom. Both schools sent a reasonably large working party making up a total of about 35 students and five teaching staff. There was much heavy lifting involved and carrying of sand, gravel and cement to the work site from the beach. There is always much relief when the local resort tractor is kindly made available for a day! The large concrete cylinder rings looked strange on the golden Laem Tong beach but they were eventually moved up to the project and the distinctive water tanks were constructed. The students also had to do wire work and set the frames for further concreting and construction of the centre. The two schools worked superbly together and genuine friendships were made throughout the project with over 10 nationalities being represented. Many thanks to Cobham Hall for their participation and superb effort of raising 170,000 Thai Baht through their UK sponsored cycle ride.
2. **Bermuda High School for Girls and The Regent's School, Bangkok** will be participating in **stage 7** of the project in early February 2010. They will also be joined by a young man from **Louisenlund School** in Germany. This will be Bermuda High Schools second stage of the project as they were one of the schools to initially support the Phi Phi project back in March 2008. This will be Regent's Bangkok's first time working on the project and we are pleased that our sister school is participating in this stage with the girls from Bermuda. The stage will involve the construction of the second floor on top of the water tanks and the three rooms at the back of the centre on the ground floor.
3. **Stage 8** will take place during the third week of March 2010. **Lakefield College in Canada** and **The Regent's School Pattaya** will be working on the project and continuing the hard work that Bermuda and Bangkok would have started the month before. This will be the second time that Lakefield has participated in the project and we are very much looking forward to working with them again in March. Stage 8 will also welcome senior students from **United World College** in Singapore as part of their Global Concerns programme and the project will hopefully become a long-term feature of this ambitious student lead programme.
4. **Stage 9** will take place towards the end of June 2010 and schools are welcome to join **Regent's Pattaya** on the project, traditionally this has been the most popular time for schools to participate with groups coming from countries such as: India, Japan, Malaysia and Brunei. **The Alice Smith School** in Malaysia has already confirmed their participation on this stage of the project.
5. **2010** is a big year for The Regent's School, Pattaya, as we are the proud hosts of the Round Square International Conference (www.rs-wewalktogether.org). **Stage 10** (hopefully the final construction stage) will be a pre-conference project in early October 2010 with a 'topping off' ceremony. There are already eight schools signed up to participate on this project, these include: **The Armidale School, Bunbury School, Southport School (all Australia), Louisenlund School, Salem School (both Germany), Glennlyon Norfolk School, Lakefield College (both Canada) and Regent's Pattaya.** It is then planned that the centre will be ready for soft furnishings and full use for the Moken sea gypsy community and Laem Tong students. The centre will be available for schools to send groups and to use for residential project work with Laem Tong School and the Moken community.

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