



NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Dek Noi Pattana Foundation

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A reflection:

Mr. **Supakit Simuan**,
a co-founder of the DNPf's pilot project

At first, I never thought that this project that has come to exist would be what it is today. I just mentioned to Khun Ian that I wanted a few things to help support my old ECD center that I attended when I was younger. Khun Ian responded that he wanted to do something more sustainable. This started a small project in my home town which surprised everyone including the local authorities. Many questions arose around the project's intent, both on the positive and negative sides.

I used the connections I had with the people in my area to explain the details of the project, but it wasn't making a difference. Maybe because I am not someone with the authority to be involved in this sort of matter. I was projected as a figure for marketing used for the project's benefit. Afterward, everything seemed to get better after Khun Ian explained to the local authorities the project's details. Not long after that, the project was recognized by many organizations which improved the project's flow in many areas. I started to feel better.

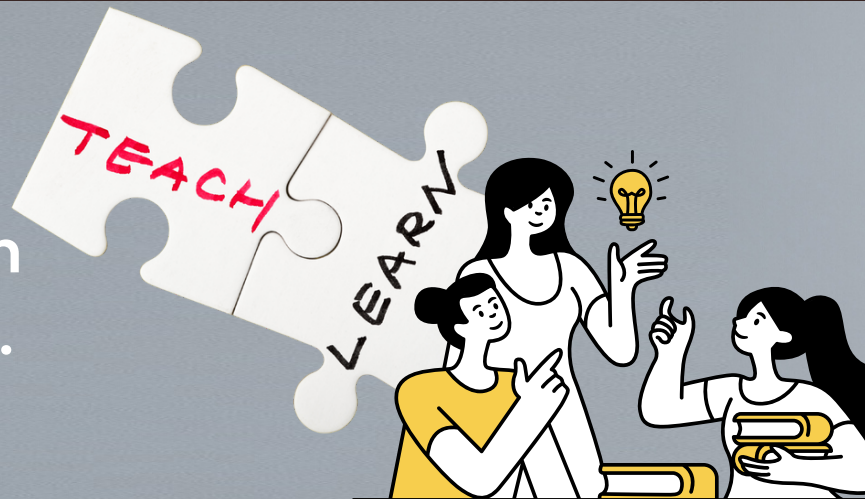
Subsequently, the project reached an expanding point to advance its sustainability and we have rolled out the project to nearby areas. Work was starting to get busy and again I began to see problematic things. But despite the challenges, the operation was able to continue. Even though there were still problems I saw it as part of the normal process and felt at ease. A few years later, I am excited about the big changes coming because the small local project is transforming into a foundation that will support a formal and larger operation. At this moment, I feel that we have come to a point further than I ever would have expected and I am proud to be able to participate in activities that benefit society as a whole.

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Capacity Building of Teachers of Surin ECD model centers.



Dek Noi Pattana Foundation (DNPf) in collaboration with Surin Rajabhat University (SRRU) organized a bi-annual teacher training in July. The session received an overwhelming interest with approximately 851 persons participated in the training.

The training started off with a session by Ajarn Tida Pitaksinsuk President of The Kindergarten Association of Thailand and Member of the National Early Childhood Development Policy Committee. Ajarn Tida's session was excellent as always. She started the session by alerting participants that we are living in a VUCA world (volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity). She stressed the importance of early childhood development and window of opportunities on early years ... child development, a sense of self and brain development. She emphasized that executive functions, 4 domains of development (physical, cognitive, social and emotional development) and self-esteem should go hand in hand in developmental approach to early childhood.

Capacity building of ECD teachers has been done consecutively for the past four years. For 2022, DNPf, SRRU and DLA will collaborate in the development of ECD model centers for Surin that can be scaled up to improve early childhood development.

Dek Noi Pattana Foundation (DNPf) wish to join the Thai people in mourning the tragic loss of so many lives of little children, teachers and other adults on the 6th of October 2022, at the center in Nong Bua Lamphu. In honour of them, we also commit ourselves to redoubling our efforts to work with our partners to enhance the quality of early childhood development for all the little children in Thailand.



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Dek Noi Pattana Foundation*



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Dek Noi Pattana Foundation recently signed an MoU with Surindra Rajabhat University, Surin Provincial Office of Local Administration, Surin Department of Education, Surin Primary Educational Service Area Office District 1, 2, 3 and 18 sub-district administrative organizations (SAO).

The signing of the MoU was done September 14, 2022. All 6 parties agree to support the development of the capacity of teachers, caretakers and education professionals as well as support the engagement in ECD from family networks. The education committee is a strong part that contributes to the sustainability and development of the project. Therefore, it is seen fit to continue their collaborations for organizing teacher trainings, supervision, evaluation and working with parents.

The collaboration includes the following:

- strengthening the quality of Model centers in Surin and establishing networks for teacher development following the strategic plan. Also to develop the capacity of local teachers under the SAO and Surin Primary Education Service Area Office 1, 2 and 3. This includes developing standards for ECD centers, EC assessments and monitoring children’s skills.
- establishing an academic network for training teachers in high-quality coaching and mentoring procedures.
- supervising, monitoring, assessing the children’s skills and establishing networks in the community and parents in building engagement in ECD.



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