

Dear Supporters and Friends of DEPDC,

The Development and Education Program for Daughters and communities (DEPDC) is a none profit, none governmental organisation. Since the day it was established, DEPDC has worked tirelessly to protect women and children from all forms of abuse, has provided care for orphaned children, and protection for children who are at risk of being trafficked in to sex work and other forms of exploitation.

DEPDC is officially registered with the none formal education department of the "Ministry of Education", Thailand. We are also an officially registered none profit public charity (#0980) registered under the "Ministry of Social Welfare and Human Security", Thailand.

Over the years, we have grown from strength to strength by constantly striving to extend our reach further, to help more children and youth in need. This has been done by affiliating strong bonds from grass roots level with local people from the community, all the way to government officials, funding support agencies and many other NGO's.

DEPDC has now been working for 20 years, and is celebrating its success by launching the "DEPDC 20 Year Anniversary Gathering" which will be held at its Mae Sai Centre in Chiang Rai province, Thailand, on December 11th 2009, and we would be honored if you could join us in celebrating this special event.

DEPDC's current staff and children will be attending as well as members of the DEPDC alumni committee.

Also in attendance are 99 Buddhist monks who will be performing a celebratory chant with a blessing to be given to the children, youth and everybody affiliated with DEPDC.

As our guest, you will have the opportunity to meet with people currently working at DEPDC who will be presenting an open forum, giving guests the opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas as well as to discuss the current issues we all face (economical, political etc).

Children and youth of the centre will be displaying an art work and photographic exhibition which will show pictures taken through-out DEPDC's 20 years of growth. DEPDC will also be presenting and displaying its vision for future developments with a new organizational structure to be implemented on the turn of 2010.

You will also have an exclusive insight to DEPDC's pilot media campaigns. These include awareness messages over our Child Voice Radio, through to the Mekong Youth Union Training Centre Channel (MYUTC Channel) and Child Voice Television (CVTV), which will broadcast educational and awareness programs in aid of combating child exploitation on Thai television and the internet.

Drink and vegetarian food will be served for the guests though-out the day.

On behalf of everyone here at DEPDC, I would like to thank you for your support, we very much look forward to seeing you soon and please feel free to extend this invitation on our behalf as you see fit.

Yours sincerely

Sompop Jantraka

Founder and First Director

DEPDC