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*With Deepest Condolences for the
Great Loss of
His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej
Whose Royal Benevolence and Grace
Shall Remain in Our Hearts Eternally*



Management, Teachers, Students, Parents and Staff of
Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus School



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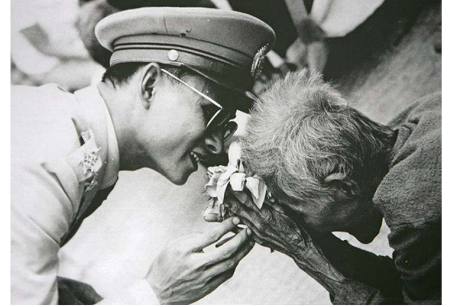
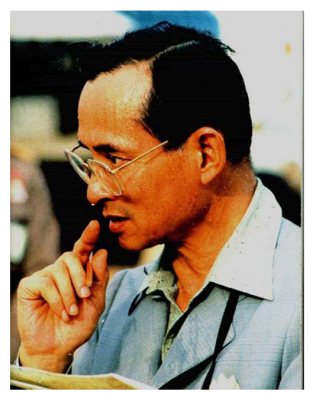
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The Greatness of King Bhumibol

When I was young, I had always been curious and wondered about the man I saw practically everywhere I went! In our house, at school, offices, shopping malls. Literally everywhere I looked around to explore and to get exposure to the world as I was growing up, I saw his images. It made me wonder deeply and I wanted to know why it was so. As time passed by, I learnt about the greatest persona, I became more and more aware of his work, his contributions, his philosophy, his untiring efforts to uplift the standard of living for the people of Thailand; thus befitting the name Rama IX the Great because he was truly a great man and the greatest king for me.

Great...is a broad adjective which has different meanings for different people. I too, have my description and characterization of the word great. What makes me say, think and truly believe that King Bhumibol is a great king? Well, here is my justification!

First of all, he was highly intellectual and multi-talented. He was a painter, photographer, musician, composer, an engineer, an architect, an author and translator, an inventor, a visionary thinker and a role model. And for all those who know little about him, these are just a few of his talents.

My next justification would reflect upon his simplicity despite being the King of a nation. King Rama IX is the epitome of simplicity, humility and humbleness. There are a lot of fascinating stories about his being simple and down to earth since his childhood such as how he used to save money in order to buy his own toys, how he used to continue using his repaired shoes, and how he used up his toothpaste by squeezing it out till the tube was flat. When he became the king, he unselfishly devoted his time travelling to all places, even those beyond reach, giving him a full perspective of his people's problems and needs. He was seen sitting on the bare ground, talking to the remote villagers, and even walking over some rough terrain. Being a king, it was by all means possible for him to just give commands to other officials to do all the tough jobs. But what makes him undoubtedly great is that he chose to do it by himself. He chose to go to the rural areas and difficult to reach places and get first-hand knowledge. And he made sure that aid and help reached to those areas.

To add to that, King Bhumibol initiated thousands of development projects including building of some important infrastructure like Pa Sak Jolasid Dam, Ratchadaphisek Road, Rama VIII Bridge, etc. several of them funded by him. He was the master-mind behind the royal rain-making technology, the Chai Pattana waste water aerator, the bio-fuel from palm oil, and not to mention the famous Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy. He worked and worked tirelessly even at the expense of his health. He never complained. He never gave up. Thus I dare to say, King Rama IX is great. He was an extraordinary person in an ordinary world.

I will always be proud to be a Thai because I know that I live in a great nation and I owe that to the greatness of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Ms. Jariyaporn Deesombut—Room 9



Christmas 2016

As always, the Convent of Holy Infant Jesus plans a Christmas celebration every year. After the Christmas mass takes place in the auditorium, performances and the raffles draw excitement, and each room showcases their creativity through their decorated classrooms and invite teachers and guests to their room. The annual Christmas party on 23rd December, 2016, had a mix of fun games, music and dance, exchange of gifts, and of course, they had a huge buffet of food, snacks, and cake—a dessert and treat one would not want to miss and it was equivalent to having lunch or dinner. A few preferred to sit comfortably back in their chairs and chat till it was time to go home. After all, what mattered most was that they were among friends accepting of each other, enjoying the celebration with one another.

Ms. Shereen





The Nativity





Chris Wright Show



Second Year



**Spelling Bee
Regional Competition**



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Third Year's Last Ori

Orientation



SHARING DAY 2017

Culture



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Parents' Seminar



Distribution of Report Books

Announcements:

Summer Intensive Course

27 March-11 April 2017

School Reopens

15 May 2017



Our School's Cardigan and Sweater

Dear Readers,

This issue of the CHIJ Gazette comes with mixed emotions. It goes without saying that not just our CHIJ family but the entire nation was shaken at the palace announcement of our beloved King's demise. It is a great loss for the nation and we deeply mourn the loss with our brothers and sisters across the country. A lot has happened and we have our seatbelts tightened for the next adventure ride lying ahead. It's the 'hope' that we have for a better future that keeps us all going. I would like to wish all our readers that they experience the light of 'hope', no matter how difficult the challenges are and believe that all challenges shall be overcome. Have a blessed year ahead!

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