

# THE CHIJ GAZETTE

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## Life Long Learning in Private Education



In April 2022, CHIJ signed an MOU in collaboration with Pramahatai Suksa School which would enable CHIJ Graduates to earn our renowned Vocational Certificate along with a High School Certificate in Business Program (from Pramahatai Suksa School) simultaneously after completing the three-year course of study at CHIJ.

It is worth noting that The Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus and Pramahatai Suksa are the first schools in Bangkok that collaborated in expanding beyond the boundaries of the conventional learning practice, in the hope that all learners will be better equipped with the necessary skills needed for their career paths.



Sr. Jane and Fr. Virat signing the MOU.



Office of The Private Education Commission officials welcomed by the CHIJ students representatives.

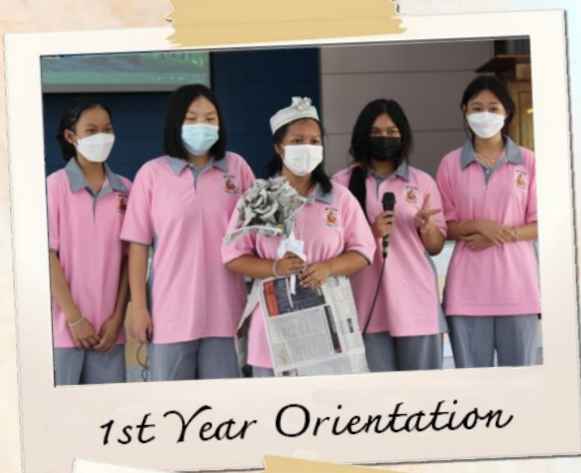
CHIJ, which just celebrated its 59th anniversary in 2022, has reached a new milestone and is more than ready to welcome new challenges as opportunities to grow, learn, and develop. CHIJ would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Office of The Private Education Commission for their guidance and support, and to Pramahatai Suksa School for their collaborative efforts in making this MOU and program possible. The MOU signed by The Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus School (CHIJ) and Pramahatai Suksa School acts as a stepping stone toward equality of educational opportunities, as well as, lifelong learning, which is a form of self-initiated education that is focused on personal development.

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# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



1st Year Orientation



Friendship Day Performance



CHIJ Day - H&M



Bai Sri | Sports Day



CHIJ Day - Nativity



Mid-Orientation



Sharing Day



Christmas Mass

# Wai Kru Day



My name is Chanisara Chanto, and I am the representative from Room I. Today, I would like to talk about our tray, and what each part of the tray represents. As you can see, our tray comes in a tone of pink. Pink is the color of our uniform. Pink is a color of gentleness, delicacy, femininity, and most importantly, love. Some people think that pink is a color for girls, and that it only represents softness and fragility. We disagree. We think pink is a nice color, and that it speaks of sincerity and kindness.

You will notice the incense and the candles we carefully place in the middle. Incenses are used to display respect, and candles...faith and commitment. Therefore, in this honorable ceremony, we would like to offer these incenses and candles to show our gratitude toward our beloved teachers.

On top of the pink flowers, you will see 'Dok Rak', or crown flowers. We choose crown flowers because we would like to dedicate these tiny crowns to all the teachers, who teach us our 7 subjects. We appreciate their hard work and patience. All the teachers deserve these crowns for trying their best to make us better.

Below, you will see a net of 'Dok Pud'. We think they represent us. Don't you think 'Dok Pud' somehow look very similar to unbloomed flowers? we think they are us, unbloomed and inexperienced. But one day, teachers, one day, these flowers you have been tending to, would bloom. And when we do, we promise to be the most beautiful of all.

Last but not the least, we have an alcohol gel. We would like you to take care of yourself and be safe. We, students, would like you to know that we care about you, very much. We wish you health, wealth, happiness, and prosperity. Please watch your hands with our alcohol gel and keep a social distance. Thank you very much.

My name is Tammakorn Klansaeng from Room 7. "The light of the world, the beacon in the dark and the hope that gives us strength to survive are our teachers". Today is a special day known as the "Teacher's Day". A day kept aside to honour, apologize, show gratitude, respect, and love our teachers for always guiding and bestowing us with all the teachings, moral values, and discipline. This morning I am going to talk about the meaning and symbol of our tray.

The design of our tray is shaped like a "castle" made out of banana leaves in which Thai people have been using for a very long time. Behind the banana leaves, there are candles that symbolize light in the darkness. Our teachers are like candles that gives light to the path we walk through.

Our tray is consisting of many meaningful flowers as well. The crown flower symbolizes the beauty of love by our teachers. The white flower depict purity because they are always there to teach us the power of purity. In the middle of the tray, there are globe amaranth which symbolizes endless love from our teachers. They always do their best to teach us so that we will be successful someday. We also used Kao-tok that represents discipline. Naturally, each one of us sometimes has this laziness in us in terms of learning, but we must know and learn how to control ourselves. Our teachers are always there to discipline us like our parents.

And last but not the least, on behalf of Room 7, we would like to thank you all our beloved teachers for loving, teaching us, and most especially, for your selfless service and dynamic support. We are always grateful to you. Thank you!



My name is Benyapa Durongbhand. I am the representative from room 2. Today I will talk about our tray. Our tray is decorated with Yellow Chrysanthemum, Globe Amaranth, and Ferns. In Thailand, Chrysanthemum frequently symbolizes happiness, purity, and well-being. Globe Amaranth as you can see, it promotes longevity and health. It represents the love between us and our teachers that will last forever. The color tones of our tray are bright yellow and purple because it represents our lively and colorful characteristics. The ferns represent the knowledge that we get from teachers in CHIJ school. As for those bases, the firm base signifies stability and will guarantee our success in the future.

Thank you, Miss Intira, our advisor, for taking care of us so well. Thank you for all the teachers. We want you to know how special and appreciated you are by all of us. Thank you for providing us with the knowledge and skills that you have taught us. Thank you, our wonderful teachers.



My name is Ariya Jansuk. I am here to represent room 8 and explain the symbolism of the flower tray we have made for you today. The theme of Room 8's flower tray this year is the famous Barbie doll. It reminds us that, through the virtues of love, care, and competence, girls all over the world have the strength to achieve their limitless potential. Today, Barbie symbolizes us, the CHIJ students. It is a reminder that, with the boundless love and support from our teachers, we can also achieve our limitless potential.

Barbie's skirt is decorated with a beautiful array of flowers, each one with its own meaning. The roses represent beauty and courage. The deep red hue of the roses represent the strength that our teachers have in dealing with the day-to-day struggles of taking care of their students. It also signifies the grace that our teachers have as they face these struggles. (To the teachers) We, the students, see your hard work and although you may have different characteristics, you shine brightly in our eyes. The Gook flowers represent the strength of the bond between teachers and students. It is a sign that wherever we may go and whoever we may become, we will always have our teachers' love and support. We hope to have a lasting relationship with our teachers, without conflict or resentment with each other. Finally, we have the Dok Rak which represents our respect towards our teachers. With these flowers, we acknowledge the wisdom that they wholeheartedly give to us and their zeal as they do so.

I would not be here today without the unending support from my educators both here in CHIJ and from my previous school. To my dear teachers, thank you for believing in us and in our potential. Thank you for the kind words of encouragement when we are on the verge of giving up. On this special occasion, I wish you all the best in health and happiness. Thank you.

# Dear Mom Letter



Dear Mom,

“Mom” is often the first word we often hear from babies when they first learn how to speak. “Moms” are people who gave birth to us all, but that was just the beginning. My mom is not perfect, far from it, but that is what makes her so special. My mom was very poor when she was young. She worked hard, days and nights to pay for her own school fee. She said yes to all the job offers no matter how little the money was. Until today, she is still working hard. My mom is and has been, a very strong woman.

I often feel pressured when I am with my mom. I am desperate to be like her, to be strong, and to never give up easily, to be hard-working, and to always think about what needs to be done. But it is hard and we end up fighting. There are times when I feel like she does not understand me at all. Four months ago, I asked her for the permission to buy some in-game items which were on sale. She refused, and I got really upset. For my mom, it is important to always spend money on things that are necessary. For me, happiness is a necessity. I want to buy what makes me happy. In the end, I think you know who actually won.

But things are not always bad. Once a month, my mom will take us out and let us have some fun. We go wherever we want to go, eat whatever we want to eat, and do whatever we like to do. I smile and laugh a lot. I am so happy it looks like I am drunk. At that very moment, my mom is like an angel to me, the kindest and the most beautiful one.

There are many things I have not told my mom. I have not confronted her and told her that I have always hated her nagging. I have not told her I lied when I said I went to bed early. I have not told her I bought those in-game items anyway. I have not told her so many things, and I am sorry. I am sorry, Mom.

Dear Mom, thank you so much for giving birth to me, for always being there for me, for teaching and showing me what it's like to be so loved. We argue, but we are still family, and family means nobody gets left behind. You take care of me, and no matter what happens, I know you will always keep me safe. I love you and will never stop loving you.

With all the love in the world,  
Kemika (Rose) R1



Dear Mom,

*Mom is a word that you will never find the perfect word to describe how precious the word is. There are unlimited ways to describe. For me, the word "mom" is the word that comes with a responsibility and unconditional love. Being a mom is like a roller coaster job and you can't quit. It is such an unstable job. This job can affect your mental and physical health, but no matter how hard the job is. Mom would always be willing to do it till the end of their lives.*

*The best memory of me and my mom. Well, honestly it's quite misty for me because she had returned to heaven. Since I was very young. However, there was one memory that seemed to be clear to me. It was when my mom knew that there wasn't a lot of time left to take care and be with me. She was worried about me and didn't want me to feel sad. She tried her best and gave me the best she could. What I wanted wasn't something expensive. It was just a small gift, but I felt so happy that my mom bought it for me, and I am so grateful for that. She wanted me to be happy even though she was tired from fighting with the illness.*

*There are so many things that I want to tell you, mom. It's not easy for me to go through this, it never was. You gave me the opportunity to let me see the world, but I won't say that I'm happy and doing well all this time here because that would be a lie, but I am strong and independent enough to take care of myself. So mom, if you could hear this from heaven, don't you worry I got this. I can feel your love from above, and I want to say that I love you too, very much. Lastly, I want to say thank you for giving me this opportunity. It is hard for me to share personal things, but I dare to overcome my fears. I am happy to share this meaningful story with all of you.*

Love, Thanyapak

# Sweet Memories



Dear Mom,

The word mom in my thoughts is not just a woman who gave birth to me. Moms are the ones who raise me, teach me, give me love, forgive me, and try to do their best to build me a good person. In my life, the people whom I think of when it comes to the word mom are my mother, my aunt, and my grandmother. These people are the ones who made me realize what true love is. They gave me many things without expecting anything in return. I can say that they have done their motherhood perfectly.

At that time, my teacher was asking me to write the best memory of us. To be honest, I cannot choose only one memory. I spent at least ten minutes thinking about this. Even though we don't have much time together, everywhere we went, every meal we had, and every single day we used to be together was the best for me. I can't even imagine how great it would be if we get to spend more time with each other every day. I miss all of the time and every bits of the moment we had together.

The only thing I want to tell you is thank you. Thank you for being my mom, my dad, my sister, and my friend. I've never felt lack of anything in my life. You made me feel lucky to have you as my mom. During that time, when you had to make a tough decision, and everything seemed to go wrong. It was a difficult situation to go through, but you chose to keep me instead of letting me go. If I were you, I would not choose this path. I really appreciate you. Thank you once again my beautiful mother. You are the best.

Thank you and I love you,

Ploynubpun R9



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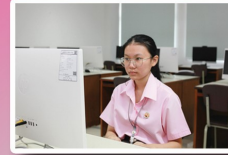
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## Editorial Notes

**Dear Readers,**

After a break of two years, we are back with our 16<sup>th</sup> issue of The CHIJ Gazette and what a great relief that the entire academic year passed by as planned initially without any bumpy rides from any sort of unforeseen circumstances. Thankfully, students got to experience all the activities that they had missed during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic and got to study back onsite with their teachers and friends, enabling them to connect with each other again. The upcoming academic year 2023-2024 would mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved CHIJ and all of us here are eagerly awaiting to plan for the celebrations of this milestone. Do join us for the celebration of CHIJ's Diamond Jubilee, details of which would be shared via various platforms like school website, line, Facebook page as soon as the plan is finalized. Thank you and God bless!

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