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Dear Yiyuan Foundation of Care and,



*Children Performance during Royal Thai Consulat
Visiting Village*

In June, Shuaiyong attended the Junior Middle School Entrance Exam and was graduated from primary school. He was admitted by NO.20 Middle School smoothly and in July, he received the official admission letter from school. Shuaiyong was full of expectation about his coming new school life. Before the new semester began, the school organized one-week long military training for all the fresh students, and Shuaiyong was so excited because he was going to live in the military base for a week. The military training was hard, and the day was hot, and many students complained. But Shuaiyong didn't complain at all. He got through the hard training, trying his best to meet all the demands required, and when the military was over, Shuaiyong was praised by the training officer.

He was very proud, though he's always been a shy boy, when he heard his name was read by the officer, he couldn't help feeling excited. In middle school, there are many more subjects besides Chinese, math and English than in primary school. Shuaiyong learns hard, and in the first English unit test, Shuaiyong didn't play very well, mom and the teacher both comforted him to treat study fairly, even if the performance may not be desirable, he is still a good boy. Shuaiyong is clear that there are many unseen difficulties ahead both on study and in life, but he has to face them and be brave enough to overcome them.

Merry Christmas! It's so pleased to write you the 2015 end-year letter, and we hope that you will enjoy what has happened in the village as much as we do! In summer holiday, we held many meaningful and interesting activities for our children, for example, the outdoor barbecue party---a fresh experience for them; the quality training camp---an activity to train their ability and awareness of cooperation and trust. The activities have not only brought them fun and happiness, but also taught them knowledge and skills necessary for one's growing up. Now, the new school season has begun, and all of our children have started the new semester with these unforgettable memories in their mind.



Behavior Training Class Begins

Royal Thai Consulate in Chengdu Visit the Village.

On September 20th, Mr. LT.JG.Komate Kamalanavin RTN, Consul-General of Royal Thai Consulate-General in Chengdu, led colleagues of consulate, entrepreneurs of Thai enterprises in Chengdu and dozens of Thai students studying in Chengdu to our village. It's the 10th anniversary of Royal Thai Consulate-General established in Chengdu, and a series of activities have been held to celebrate this remarkable moment by the consulate as well as to express friendship between China and Thailand, one of which is to visit SOS Children's Village.

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A loving home for every child



It was a Sunday morning, with breeze blowing gently and sun shining warmly, our guests came. They greeted our children in traditional Thai way, holding hands together and saying 'สวัสดี-sawatdee' (meaning 'hello'), and our children instantly greeted them back, learning to say 'สวัสดี-sawatdee' as well! The lively atmosphere was ignited quickly by the passion of our children, and the whole center was full of laughter. Our children prepared lovely performance for our guests, dance, chorus and taekwondo, and all the people appreciated the show happily and applauded. 'Can we invite Thai brothers and sisters to sing or dance for us? We're so looking forward to it!' The dancing girls asked after their performance and put forward the invitation, and soon, two people raised their hands and came to the stage. They sang a classic Thai song for us, all the people clapped along with the rhythm, enjoying the happy moment deeply.

At noon, the consulate brought delicious Thai food for our children. It was the first time for our children to try Thai food, and all of them were curious and excited. The consulate prepared rice, chicken, fried egg and onion soup. Though all the food were familiar in our life, the way of cooking and their taste were totally different, for example, the rice was steamed with garlic juice and other dressings and it tasted just 'so wonderful that I can have two bowls of it without other dishes!' as a child named Gang exclaimed. Though it was a simple meal, everyone enjoyed it happily, it was full of love and care from the kind-hearted people, and the scene of having meal together on the playground was unforgettable.

Behavior Training Class Begins!

In May, a behavior training center in Chengdu cooperated with our village to set up classes for children at Grade 1 and Grade 2 aiming at offering them helps with study. The behavior training center is a professional institution concentrating on training classes including applied behavior analysis and children's behavior management. The class usually combines therapy methods such as music, drumbeat-telling and scene play from aspects like psychology, physiology and behavior to guide children to experience the class, therefore enhancing their interest in study and helping them feel the pleasure of study. Every Friday afternoon, children attend the class eagerly after school. Each class lasts 1 hour, teachers take different therapy methods and teaching tools as each class requires, creating a relaxing and warming atmosphere for children. In such environment, children are quite easily attracted into the class, adjusting their habit and way of thinking about study unconsciously in a long time. In one class, the teacher trained children to improve their hearing concentration ability. Along with the different sounds from the tape, children spoke out animals within 10 seconds in turn, and all of them were highly focused. 'Chicken!' a girl named Yu said out what she had heard, she smiled proudly then and the next child followed her as soon as possible lest he may miss the sound. The air in the classroom was so tense that everyone was listening hard, and no one was mind-wandering at all. The class has been carried out for a whole summer, though it takes a long time to witness its influence on our children, we believe that it will help them better adjust to school life and feel the pleasure from study as well as lightening study pressure in the new term to some extent.

As Christmas is coming, and on behalf of the children in the village, I'm here to give you our best and most sincere wishes, Merry Christmas! Only with the support and love from numerous kind-hearted people like you can we go on forward more firmly and confidently, and your love and support is indispensable for every performance we've achieved. We sincerely appreciate your devotion and may your life and work go on well!

Yours sincerely,

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