

WFP Thailand: Training To Promote And Develop The Potential Of Youth

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From August 26-28, 2022, WFP Thailand organized a training called "Youth Leadership Spirits in Youth Project." The event was well attended, with 110 high school students from nine schools in the area, a key age for discovering one's potential.



The "Youth Leadership Spirits in Youth Project" was developed to promote and develop the potential of youth in the existing society. There are many problems youth currently face, such as drug addiction, drinking smoking, a lack of positive cultural practices, lack of awareness or desire to volunteer to help others, sexual issues, AIDS, pregnancy, miscarriage and child abandonment. WFP Thailand aimed to use this program to therefore increase the resilience of the students in combating these issues as well as increase their potential in advancing in various fields.



These intentions were concentrated into three key objectives:

1. Cultivate and promote youth to be volunteer leaders and live a healthy lifestyle, both internally and externally,
2. Enhance morals and ethics among youth to protect themselves from sexual immorality,
3. Promote and develop youth to be role models, growing up to become good citizens who practice filial piety toward their parents, family, homeland and the nation.

WFWP Thailand was honored to have Mr. Somsak Tamsiram, village group leader of Nong Khaman Subdistrict, give the opening remarks and Mr. Chatchai Polasa, Director of Nong Khaman School, give the closing remarks. The youth listened to lectures such as on the prevention of drug problems. Together, they expressed their creativity in a play entitled, "Throwaway Old Lifestyle," which conveyed real problems among youth today, as highlighted above. The play addressed the issue of lack of gratitude toward parents and benefactors, and educated on how to transform such internal challenges. The play also provided guidance through examples on how to live happily in a society, and encouraged participation in volunteer activities, such as through the Road of Learning (BBL), as a way to learn how to help others.



The event was well received. Through the sessions, the students discovered their "public mind" to help others and to become leaders in developing their communities. Participants were impressed with the project and felt that the training was something that could be applied to their lives and situations. Through this initiative, several students also began to express their interest in volunteering with and becoming youth members of WFWP.