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Yeu thuong

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"Yeu thuong" means "love" in Vietnamese. We often use this word at FFSC wishing that children grow up with abundant love.



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Preface

January is the beginning month of New Year. January is also the month of festivals and constant movement. For Vietnamese people, this is an important month to prepare for the Lunar New Year with beloved family and relatives.

At this time, students have just finished the first term. Some of them eagerly return to their family to visit their relatives and enjoy the Tet's atmosphere. Those children who are in difficult circumstances and far from their hometown can not have a plan to come back because they also help their parents in making a living.

The Covid 19 epidemic broke out again, causing the children to be out of school earlier than the school planned. This sickness is a concern of the whole society. However, in the difficult times of the epidemic, the benefactors to give gifts' Tet to children and difficult families. On the first day of March, all the students were back at school to continue their studies after the epidemic diseases stopped temporally.

On behalf of the staff, teachers, and students; we sincerely thank the benefactors and sponsors who join us to help the poor children having a chance to study.

We would like to wish you good health, happiness, and success.

Program Vice President

Nguyen Thi Anh Thu

Let's join hands for children's future

“SPRING JOY”

On the afternoon of January 28, 2021, Binh Tho Development Center held an activity "Spring Joy", managed by the Saigon Seminarians. Performance conducted by the center's students, the event became more exciting. Especially the fun quizzes, the students eagerly answered, the event more fun and thrilling.



At the end of the activity, Sister Vu Thi Khuong – manager of the center, on behalf of the teachers, and students thanks, wishing, and giving lucky money to the Seminarians.



Activities



FIRST SEMESTER ENDING CEREMONY AND HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

♦ BINH AN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

On the morning of January 29th, 2021, Binh An Center organized a Ceremony to end the first semester and Happy Lunar New Year for all students. Attending the meeting were Sister Anh Thu - Vice Director, Ms. Kieu Tho – education manager, Mr. Phil, and Mrs. Frances – sponsors, teachers, and 250 students of the center.

The program began with a performance named “Sẻ Chia từng khoảng khắc” conducted by fifth-graders. Next, Sister Hong Nhi - manager of the center reported the result of the 1st semester on the academic of the students.

The center has praised and awarded students with good academic achievements. Besides, each class also contributed a fun performance to make the ceremony more fun.

Sister Anh Thu thanks all the benefactors and encouraged students to try to study well. Mr. Phil congratulates the new year to the nuns, teachers, and families of the students.

For the upcoming Lunar New Year of the Ox, all of the teachers and students were blessed with lucky envelopes. Mr. and Mrs. Fran - Phil presented gifts and lucky money to teachers and students. They also gave Tet gifts to 10 poor families. Besides, the two philanthropists have personally visited and gifted families that are under extreme poverty.



Activities

Due to Covid 19 epidemic again, on the afternoon of February 1st, 2021, Binh Trieu and Binh Tho Centers held the First Semester Ceremony and Happy Lunar New Year of the Ox for the students earlier than planned.



♦ BINH TRIEU DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Presented at the ceremony were Ms. Kieu Tho- education manager, Mr. and Mrs. Frances- Phil Maclaurin- sponsor, sisters, teachers, and all students of the center.

In the 1st Semester, the center has praised and awarded 22 students achieved good grades, 60 students achieved decent grades, 21 students achieved diligence and 28 students achieved good results in the contest. The ceremony was enhanced with a performance by the students.

At the end of the event, Mr.Phil and Mrs. Frances presented gifts lucky money for all the students and Tet gifts for 23 poor families.

♦ BINH THO DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Although only organizing the First Semester Ceremony and Happy Lunar New Year, no less fun. Sister Vu Thi Khuong – manager of the center, has awarded students with good academic achievements.

In addition, the students also received lucky money and Tet gifts from Premier Oil.



Activities

Each year, Friends For Street Children supports scholarships for 200 students attending public schools. At the end of the year, all centers organize a year-end party for parents.

♦On the morning of January 30th, 2021, 38 parents attended the year-end meeting at Binh Trieu center.

The parents are divided into 3 groups to facilitate quarterly activities (every 3 months) and share about teaching their children. Through the activities, the members of the group became more intimate.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Loan – the scholarship manager of the Binh Trieu Center reported on parents' activities as well as some necessary information. She reminded the scholarship recipients to keep in touch with their sponsors as a way of thanking and needing to try harder in their studies. It is expected that each year, FFSC will hold a gathering to allow parents to exchange and share experiences in parenting. The parent representative thanked the program organizers.

At the end of the event, each parent and student will receive Tet gifts and lucky money.



SCHOLARSHIP GROUP YEAR-END MEETING

♦On the afternoon of February 6th, 2021, Binh Tho Center organized 30 parents and students from the scholarship group to the year-end summary event. Attending the meeting were Sister Vu Thi Khuong – the manager of the center, Ms. Thanh Huong scholarship manager, and a staff of the FFSC. Ms. Thanh Huong reported on the group's activities over the past year.

On behalf of FFSC, parents and students thanked Sister Khuong for accompanying and sticking with parents as well as children during the past time. On behalf of the parents and students, Ms. Kim- the scholarship team leader thanked and wished the Lunar New Year, Sister Khuong and, Ms. Thanh Huong.

Before the end, each parent and student were given lucky money and Tet gifts from the program.



EXPERIENCE WITH ME

On the afternoon of March 16, 2021, Ms. Lam Ngoc Tu and 6 employees of KOIKEYA VIETNAM CO, Ltd came to Binh Trieu Development Center to have activities with the children.

After warming up with a fun dance, the children were shown the introduction of the company through a short clip. This is a food company specializing in manufacturing potato chips according to Japanese technology. The most interesting part is that the children experience the process of making snacks. Each child chooses a seasoning they like to mix with the pre-fried potatoes. The children were very excited about the special spicy seasoning, the taste of Tokyo barbecue, spicy seaweed, garlic butter flavor, and corn milk flavor.

For added fun, kids can also play a fun puzzle game. With the correct answer to the question, the child will be rewarded with a teddy bear, a t-shirt, or a rabbit ear hat ...

At the end of the event, each child was given a snack with a variety of spices.



On the morning of March 31, 2021, 20 students fifth-grader of Binh An Development Center had a practical experience at Thanh Thuy fresh bakery on the technology of making cakes and sandwiches. The experience session was attended by Mr. Tran Nhat Truong - Manager of School Kitchen Club, Ms. Thanh Thuy, owner of fresh bread shop - the companion and Ms. Phuong Thao - representative of Tan Vinh Phat Food Company is also a companion unit.



They divide into 2 groups to perform. The baker taught enthusiastically and thoughtfully from the preparation of baking ingredients, kneading the dough, ... so the students were very eager and made their cakes with many animals they loved. Although the product is not beautiful, it is the result of the first contact with the baking profession. At the same time, these cakes were brought go home and given to the friends in the center

Before leaving, Mr. Truong encouraged students to try to study well. On behalf of the Center, Sister Hong Nhi thanked you for creating opportunities and accompanying the center in education and career guidance for the children.

Activities

"WHERE WE STOP"



"WHERE WE STOP" is the theme of the camp of students from Friends for Street Children's scholarship group held on March 28, 2021, in Long Thanh - Dong Nai on the 10th anniversary of the Student Scholarship Fund. The camp attracted 60 students, some of which were alumni.

Early in the morning, the students were present at the meeting point to move from the city to Long Thanh - Dong Nai Province.

As soon as the camp commenced, the campers enjoyed a game of decoding letters.



In the afternoon, the students had a chance to change the atmosphere with folk games.



Activities



At the end of the afternoon, the campers met Mr. and Mrs. Maclaurin, who are their main sponsors. 10 years ago (2011), Mr. and Mrs. Maclaurin established a scholarship fund to sponsor students with difficult circumstances in Ho Chi Minh City. Together with FFSC, they always accompany and visit the students every time they meet and award scholarships. They always listen and encourage students to continue spreading positive actions in the community. The students also love to talk to and listen to Mr. Maclaurin's own experiences as the director of the Premier Oil Company.

Among the scholarship students, there are currently some students working part-time jobs by driving a technology vehicle (Grab) to cover their studies. Although life is difficult, they all want to continue learning and fulfilling their dreams. Le Thi Anh Ly - a former student who received a scholarship from the program shared: When I was in college, my family had economic difficulties, I intend to quit school. Thanks to a referral, I got a scholarship to continue my dream. I was touched to say that I have conditions in the future, I will spend a small amount of money to help difficult students.



Activities



On behalf of the students, Ms. Thanh Hường – scholarship manager, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Maclaurin for supporting the students during the past 10 years (2011-2021). The total number of students receiving scholarships from 2011-2021 was 228, 162 students have graduated, 12 students have dropped out of school. In the academic year 2020 – 2021, there are 52 students receiving scholarships. Including 8 scholarships from Leon organization and 1 scholarship from Co Ba Nguyet (USA).

The most meaningful moment was at the end of the camp, the trainees gathered near the warm fire to share their feelings and listen to each other's experiences, especially the alumni who were in the initial period of a start-up.



The camp was over. Amongst the busy pace of life and studying and making a living, everyone needs a place to stop, to grow up and mature.



Training:

“ HARDWORKING”

On the afternoon of March 21, 2021, a group of 13 scholarship students from Binh Trieu had a training session at the center. Ms. Loan – scholarship manager training for the children about “HARDWORKING”

Ms. Loan had the child play a puzzle from the four pieces cut out. After completing the stitching of the picture, the child commented on the content and meaning of the picture. To practice observation skills, Ms. Huong showed them 2 short clips, then they are divided into groups to discuss the content and lesson from the video. To consolidate the lesson, the children fill in the blanks the missing words of some proverbs about hard work in the study and life



The students participate actively and enthusiastically. At the end of the training, each child also had a chance to eat snacks and soft drinks.



Point of the view

The FFSC office has long been considered the meeting place of Japanese women. For many years, this place has been welcoming many groups from the land of cherry blossoms. They came to research about the program's activities for the care and education of poor children and had many concrete and meaningful support ways.

Currently, the number of benefactors in Japan supports scholarships to 80 poor children in need. Every year, a group of Japanese dentists comes to Binh Trieu Center to take care of their children's teeth. In addition, there is a Japanese volunteer living in Vietnam to teach Japanese at Binh Tho Center.

In particular, at the FFSC office, there are 3 Japanese women volunteering for the office. Those are silent jobs such as welcoming guests, answering emails or emails, translating documents, writing letters and newsletters of the program. Doing all these seem to be regular and boring, but they always do it carefully with a high sense of responsibility.



The bonding's love VIETNAMESE and JAPANESE



At noon on March 4, 2021, The staff of the FFSC office had an intimate meal to say goodbye to Ms. Sarina NAKATANI and Ms. Shizuko SHOUJI before they returned to Japan. They had been volunteering at the office for two years (2019-2021). Despite the differences' language, they are always friendly, sociable, and love Vietnamese food and culture. They also voluntarily contribute books and articles to make a small library at the FFSC office so that everyone can exchange books for each other to read. In addition, they also bought FFSC products and introduced them to many people.

FFSC sincerely thanks our benefactors for the practical support from Japan. We wish you to continue to keep this bonding between Vietnam-Japan and join hands with us in the care and education of poor children.

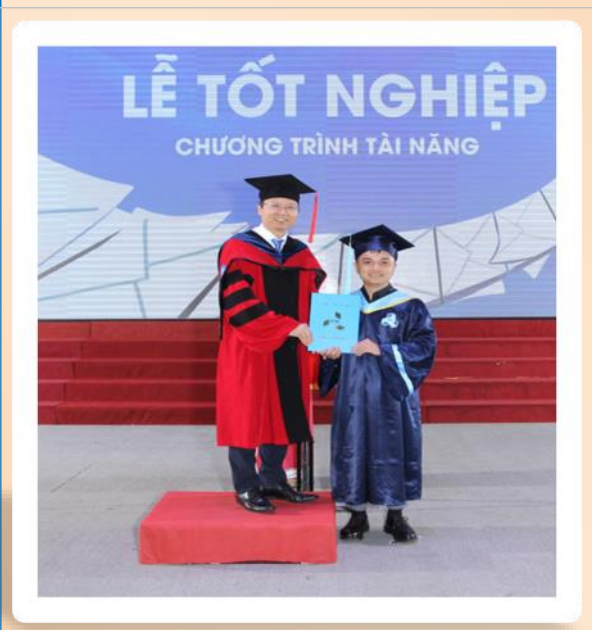


Thank you letter

22/03/2021

Dear Mr. Phil, Mrs. Frances, Sister Thao and all staff of FFSC,

My name is Pham Chi Sang, a former member of the FFSC student scholarship. I've been a student at Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and just graduated in November 2020. I wrote this letter just for you to know how grateful I am to be a member of this group. Because of me and all of the kids who struggled so much in their life, you gave your hands, and because of you and your tremendous love, some, so we could have a chance to sit here today to say thank you thank you thank you.



Besides your financial support, the lessons you gave every meeting, help us a lot in our future career. At FFSC, we met and shared our stories, thanks to that I knew I was not fighting alone. We are fighters, who stepped into the arena with nothing but our believes that the good things will come, who are always ready to catch any chance flashed over our face to change our life. And one of the good things that actually come to us is you, like the star in the darkness, sprayed out the light as much as you can.

I believe that for all the traumas out there, for all the carelessness and suffering that still exist in society, "Kindness" is a cure. Will I be rich or not? Will I be a successful person, won't I? Or who am I going to be? That all is not the problem. The problem is "Am I living as a kind person and lived my full gifted life?"

The last words I want to give to the students who are still here. You are doing so well, you're not doing the best but it's the best that you can do, so please keep it up and don't give up your hopes. In the past, and now, and your future, you may face the problems you thought you couldn't solve or many obstacles that will come your way and you think you're not able to step over it. Don't worry! You will.... as long as you never give up.... as long as you are still here.... as long as you're alive....like us, like other students who used to be here. When the time comes, the things will be shown even though now you didn't see it. Just never give up and you will fly far away that you couldn't imagine.

Thank you....Thank you....Thank you....

I love you, I love you all.

Sang

On the morning of January 23, 2021, Ms. Thu Thao together with employees of PvcomBank visited and wished all sisters, teachers, and students at the Binh An Development Center. Ms. Thao's group gave 250 Tet gifts to the students and teachers. Each gift included rice and some necessities.



On the morning of January 24th, 2021, 5 students from the NUNU high school visited Binh An Development Center. The group donated 1 bicycle to Thanh Tuan (Grade 3) and some storybooks for the center. After that, the group also visited and gave Tet gifts to 6 poor families. It is known



On the morning of January 25th, 2021, Mr. Tran Duc Thang, representing Peter Lo's group, visited and presented 250 gifts, lucky money to all the students of Binh An Center. Besides, Mr. Thang encouraged the students to try their best to study and wishing all sister and teacher health, peace, and happy



Every year, the upcoming Tet Holiday, the teachers and students from BIS fundraising to give Tet gifts to the students of the FFSC. They decorate the boxes of gifts which look so cute and meaningful.



On the morning of February 1st, 2021, VGang's group visited Binh An Center to presented 245 Tet gifts include noodles, candies, toys, and lucky money 50,000 VND to the children.



On the morning of February 5th, 2021, Mr. Cuong and two employees of Thu Duc Vietinbank came to the FFSC office to give 100 notebooks and 7,500,000 VND as Tet gifts to the children at Binh An and Binh Trieu Centers.



On the morning of March 24, 2021, Ms. Loan and Mr. Hoàng representing Viral K group's came to Binh Trieu Development Center and presented 260 notebooks for the children. This is a meaningful gift given by the volunteers of the decoration group to children in difficult circumstances.



On the morning of February 26th, 2021, Mr. Toshiya Nishida- General Director iCRAFTJPN.VN (KOKUYO VN), representing ASUNARO KAI Group, came to visit FFSC's office and give 600 notebooks to the students of the FFSC.



Plan OF Sencond Quater II –2021

Month	Date	Content	Center
April	1	Second Mid- term Exam (4&5 grade)	Bình An
	3	Community Football Friendlies at BIS School	All Center
	21	Hung's King Holiday	
	22	The Saigon Seminarians activities	Bình Thọ
	30	Liberation Day	All Center
	1	International Workers' Day	
May	5&6	Ring the Golden Bell	Bình Triệu
	7,10-11	Final tests for students	
	17-21		Bình An
	18-19		Bình Thọ
	18-20		Bình Triệu
	27	Closing ceremony of the academic year	All Center
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June	30	23rd Happy Camp	