

## Village School Support Fund (VSSF)

VSSF is an activity which aims to provide lunch boxes, stationery and other resources to local and underprivileged children at a village school near Prem Tinsulanonda International School.

I joined VSSF when I was in Grade 11 and over a year later, I was proud to be the leader of VSSF, as voted by the other members. As a volunteer as well as the leader, I was required to be interactive, enthusiastic and confident as well as being responsible and dedicated. Leading the VSSF required me to plan after-school sessions and to organise events.

VSSF meets once a week after school. Last year we were a group of around twelve people who discussed potential events and fundraisers where we aimed to make as much money possible. Our most successful events were bake sales consisting of home-made and bought treats. Some events have been extremely successful. During Dance Fest we sold sodas and raised THB 10,000 including generous donations from Duke Restaurant, teachers, students and parents during the evening.

I learnt the importance of planning to ensure that events can proceed as planned and the commitment needed to see an event through.

At the end of the year we gathered all the money we had raised and discussed with the village school principal how the money could most effectively be used.

Being able to help the local community I drive past five days a week gives me a delightful feeling, knowing that I can make a difference to their lives. I greatly encourage those in younger grades to be engaged and involved in after school co-curricular activities dedicating themselves to helping local communities.

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*Me, playing duck duck goose with a ball during a visit to the school*