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What is your home country and for how long have you been living in Bangkok?

I am born and raised in Bangkok. For my studies I decided to go to England and ended up staying there for 14 years while I got a working opportunity. Afterwards, I returned to Bangkok again.

"It feels good to be back and be a part of helping the local community. It feels even better to be able to get the InterNations Volunteers involved and contribute to my local community".

For how long have you been a Volunteer Group Consul and what is your motivation for being a Consul?

I’ve been a Volunteer Group Consul since the Bangkok Volunteer Group started in 2014. My motivation for being a Consul is to raise the educational standards and to contribute to society by, particularly, helping people that are living in the slum areas of Bangkok.

Which non-profit organization are you supporting and what do you like about it?

The name of the non-profit organization I am supporting is called Duang Prateep foundation. The foundation helps underprivileged children and seniors in the slums, such as the well-known Klong Toei Slum, in Bangkok.

The foundation also created a so called ‘New Life Project´ in the provinces Kanchanaburi and Chompon. The New Life Project cooperates with local people (such as farmers and teachers) in Chompon, and provides a sheltered community on the farm for over eighty children from the slums.

Many of those children don’t want to go back and prefer continuing as farmers. For them the Foundation is now developing a site in the Kanchanaburi province for a self-supporting community practicing sustainable agriculture.

What are the achievements that you are most proud of as a Consul?

We are happy to be able to organize a big diversity of activities for underprivileged children. Those activities include for example a lunch, a sport day, making hamburgers together or an English Camp. It is very rewarding to work together with the other consuls - Elisabeth and Melisa-, to organize these events.

What one tip would you pass on to a new Consul?

Find joy in working with a team, in organizing activities and in socializing with others. The Volunteer Groups need your support!