

PATANA ALUMNI LEAP INTO FLOOD RELIEF ACTION

As you are all aware Thailand has been facing some of the worst floods in its history over the last few months. Bangkok Patana School escaped the rising waters, but many northern areas of the country and city were not quite so fortunate.

The school's Community Action Teams leapt into action and using THB100,000 from the Primary and Secondary Central Funds, and a THB50,000 donation from the Foundation Board, they were able to purchase a range of essential items which were in turn used to make flood relief packs.

Over 600 packs were made by students from across the Year groups and these have been handed to a variety of organisations and groups for distribution to areas in and around Bangkok, including some that were given to **Romeo Romei** and **Alex Stamp**, two of our Bangkok-based alumni.

Members of the Class of 1997, Romeo, Alex and friends have been regularly taking to a boat in the Rangsit area to distribute water, food and clothes to those in need.



Their efforts to help the local community reached a worldwide audience when CNN and Channel 3 followed them for a day. CNN subsequently published this [article](#).

Alex recently gave us an update on their efforts: *“Romeo has truly been an inspiration during the floods and an example to all Patana Alumni. Not only was he looking after his family during this distressing time but he has also ensured his 200-strong work force have jobs to return to, whilst making sure surrounding communities have access to food, water and other essentials.*

Everyone has played an important part in the flood crisis. Students, parents, teachers, alumni and other volunteers have all come together to help ease the suffering of the local community that were desperately in need.

After 50 days of floods and after overcoming all sorts of obstacles and problems, Romeo is still continuing to distribute essentials daily to those in need.”

LEFT

Romeo and Alex take to the water to distribute flood relief in the Rangsit area

RIGHT:

Being interviewed by Channel 3



LONDON 2012

**Q: WHERE WILL YOU BE ON
SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2012?**

Venue: The Britannia Pub,
1 Allen Street,
Kensington
W8 6UX

Time: From 7pm onwards

**A: AT THE BANGKOK PATANA
ALUMNI LONDON EVENT!**

Matt Mills, Head of School, **Michael Smith**,
Secondary Principal and **Jackie Houghton** look
forward to sharing a drink with you and reminiscing
about old times!

Please RSVP to alumni@patana.ac.th

Congratulations to the *Class of 2011*

The Class of 2011 are sure to have celebrated in style when the IB results came out: every student entered for the International Baccalaureate Diploma passed, giving us a **100%** pass rate! A special mention must go to **Nikita Chandrashekar** who attained the maximum 45 points, one of only 10 students globally from over 113,000 candidates.

And for the third year running Bangkok Patana School scored a success in the Jardine Scholarship, with, not one but two of our students selected for this coveted scholarship. **Manini Kant**, at the University of Cambridge, and **Rita Teo**, at the University of Oxford, have chosen both to study Law.

AUGUST 2011

BANGKOK REUNION REPORT

In August over 70 alumni gathered in the renovated Secondary School for the annual Bangkok reunion. Held in the new student Lounge (previously the home of the Humanities classrooms), they were joined by current members of staff and also the Class of 2012.

The current Year 13 students, who had just embarked on their final year, took the opportunity to talk to the alumni gathered about life after Bangkok Patana School!

Many of the Class of 2011 were also in attendance before they jetted off to the four corners of the world to start the next chapter in their lives.



For more photos from the event click [HERE](#)

CLASSNOTES

Congratulations to Derek and Gift Stamp on the arrival of their daughter Karissa Olivia Stamp, born on 12th December 2011 weighing 3.6kgs



Do you have any news you would like to share with the Patana Alumni?

Births, marriages, professional updates will be featured here in future issues.

Please email them to
alumni@patana.ac.th