



MINMAHAW SCHOOL

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To

Our Minmahaw School 2nd newsletter

Minmahaw Students had to change school colors



We painted our Minmahaw School in 2013 with *Rustic Tour* students from the USA, who visited and painted. All Minmahaw students and USA students worked together to paint all classrooms and around the school. It was very funny because many students were painting for the first time. Everyone got to know and help each other. Finally, everyone came together as the foreign students stayed to eat lunch at school that day. The noise around of school it was awesome. After lunch time they come to visit our dorm, played many games and shared knowledge's. And then we said good bye to the *Rustic Tour* students.

Waso Fullmoon day



On 22nd July 2013, *Waso Thin-gun* (or) cloths Donation Ceremony was held by Minmahaw School. Many neighbors from the community came to donate *Waso Thin gun* and listened to *Dharma* speech from the monks. The classrooms were full with neighborhood, school's mangers and students. At 10:30 am, U Nyan Soe's family who live near the school donated the *Mouh Let Saung*, Burmese traditional food. After listening to *Dharma* speech and *Yezetcha*; pour water symbolically after a meritorious deed, we invited respectfully to the

monks for lunch. Then we ate the leftover curry from monks with MHEP students. At 11:00 am the ceremony finished. We all had eaten Moun Let Saung with all the neighborhood and all students.



Students' problem with Raining Season



Trouble! Trouble! Trouble! How should we do? In girls and boy's Dormitories, the back room of upstairs was not safe from heavy rain. Every students experienced clothes problem. Clothes can't be dried quickly. The sun is hiding behind the black cloud during the whole week. How can our clothes be dry? Even though all girls tried, to get their clothes to dry, it cannot help them. They used the fans but this effect cause to raise their electricity bill. But more trouble because there was no water from the taps, so all boys and girls carried water from the well in front of MHEP. Rain created

the difficulties and was tiring for students. All roads and fields near Minmahaw School and Mae Sot were covered by water.



New Teachers



James (Australia)

He is 23 years old. He graduated from University of Western Australia. He's teaching us different classes, such as Social Studies, English and Math. *"It's great place to teach. Minmahaw students are very hard working and motivated. Students are very friendly."*

Everyone has different abilities, so it is difficult to teach, especially in English. "He has given us study advice, "It is important to study smart, not study for a long time. Spend time wisely."



Michelle (America)

She is 21 years old. She's not finished University yet. She's teaching Science. We've got a lot of experience with her experiments. *"I'm very much enjoying at teaching all students. I want to teach more. It is wonderful for me. Students are very friendly and respectful. That's why, I don't want to say goodbye to all students, but I want to say something for you all"* "Hello to my lovely students. Thank you for being so hard-working

and trying your best, you will be able to do what you want to do and pursue what you love. I enjoyed teaching you and will miss you all”.



Diana (America)

She is 28 years old. She is a Director at the Asian University for Women where former Minmahaw School students attend. She's teaching English and Social Studies. "I'm very happy and feel lucky. Minmahaw School is a united school. I'm very impressed, students are joking and asking questions." She likes to ask and answer the questions, not always do that she want "encourage asking questions to the students."

Study advice from Diana "What is most important in your study is to take good decision making"

Student of the month



Aye Nilar Soe

(June)

She is a student from English (A) and Class (1). She got the first student of the month in Academic Year 2013-2014 at Minmahaw School. "I'm very excited and happy when I got the Certificate in front of the students and teachers. This is my first time and I wondered when Brian called out my name. I'll try my best for this year. I've got the student of the month because I'm honest and clever."

And also she is vice-president, so she is proud of her student of the month certificate and wants to try more for more prizes or certificates in her future.



Mar Nay

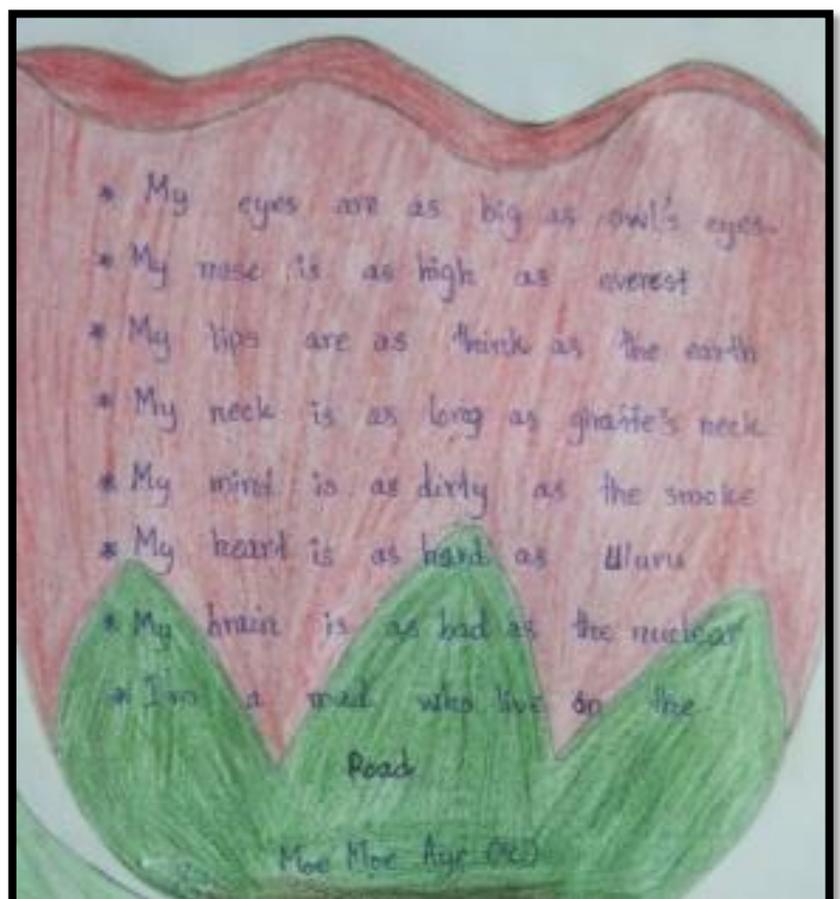
(July)

He is the student from English (B) and Class (2). He is the second student of the month in Academic Year 2013-2014 at Minmahaw School.

"I'm very happy; I've never got a certificate like this before. I want everybody to try to get certificate like me and Aye Nilar Soe. I think I shouldn't get it but Brian thought I should get it." He is very honest and humble.

Creative Writing

Class (1+2) had to write our own creative writing in one week. The following picture is one of the creative writing poems that Peter and Brian have chosen. That is to



train our brain, improve ideas and also called brain storming. We share ideas with each other's. We can know different ideas of others by reading each writing of them. In this class, we can write our ideas as much as we can.

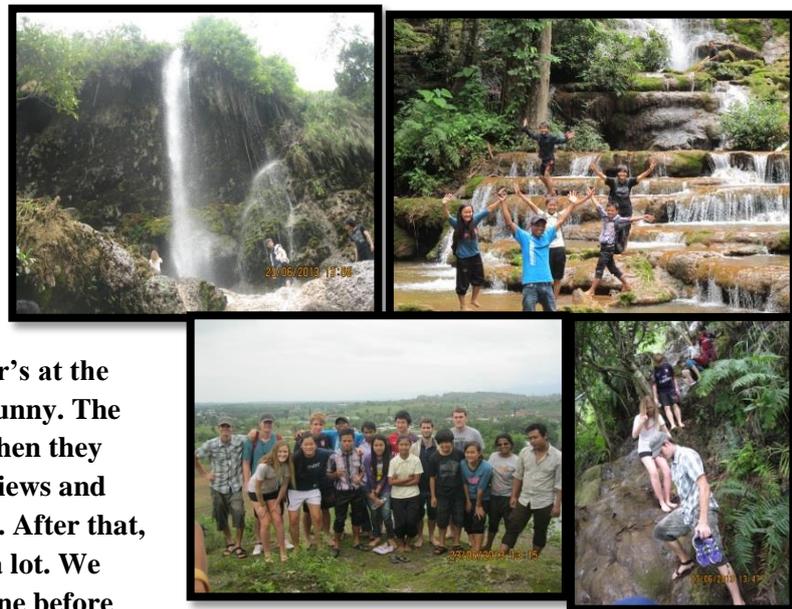
Feeling of dorm's leaders

As it is now "rainy season", there are many difficulties that we face at "Girls Dormitory". There are five rooms, but two of them have so many rain leaks that the girls in those rooms have to sleep in the other rooms. Imagine twenty people sleep in three small rooms!!! There is a saying "Saturday rain perpetuates for seven-days" so we are disappointed if it rains on Saturdays and we get our clothes wet as well as dirty. Because of this we use more water and the water bill gets higher. Occasionally, we get annoyed by water cut off as well. These are the difficulties we face in this season. I hope it will be alright after rainy season and have fun.

Peace and silence in our palace, 25 young men are staying in "Boys Dormitory" as a family. All are coming from many different backgrounds, Ethnic groups and situations but we all are helping and understanding each other without discrimination .We could learn different behavior from others. However, we have many responsibilities and homework, we never think that is too heavy for us.

First trip to visit the Waterfalls with Rustic Pathways Students and Minmahaw's leaders

Student Leaders and Management were going to a trip to waterfalls. When we arrived there we climbed to the top of the Waterfalls, helping each other's at the same time, our feeling was very excited and it was so funny. The water was very cold when they crossed the stream. When they reached the top of the waterfalls, we saw some of the views and breathed some of the fresh air. It was a surprise for us. After that, we had delicious lunch in Thai restaurant and we ate a lot. We never forgot that trip because the group never had gone before like that.



Second trip to visit the waterfalls with Rustic Pathways Students and some of the Minmahaw Students

That trip involved Minmahaw (18) students, Rustic Pathways (USA) (24) students, our teachers James, Diana and Michelle and Manager Wai Nyi . When we climbed to the top of the waterfall , some of the rocks are very big and too slippery because of seaweed . We shouted noisily because we were so afraid .Some of the rocks we can't climbed so we helped each other and we'd got friendly. On lunch time, we ate very spicy and delicious food in a Thai restaurant. After that, we visited Buddha images temple .When we saw the Buddha images it made a very pleasant thought in our mind . Finally, we came back very happily and satisfied.





Football

We had lost a part of our comfort. The road has been blocked on the way we go to the football fields. Anyway, we had other way that went across the paddy fields.

For the first time we'd got a chance to play football against HCTC (Hospitality and Catering School). We'd never had a chance like this before and they gave us responsibilities for transportation and snacks. It was so fun, even though the field was strange for us. While we were played football, we slipped and swam so we were enjoyed this game. We cheered our team with screaming, shouting and singing.



Life Skills

Life skill is a training that provides skills, how to be a good person in real life. There are fourteen trainees and the trainer is a young lady called Seasar No No from Youth Connect organization that helps young adults in migrant area to be able to find a good suitable job. So far, we have learnt two chapters, concerned with communication among people in daily life. I think it is one of the essential skills we should have to be a good teacher. Anyway, we are satisfied with lessons we have learnt as well as our trainer No No.



Media Training

Media Training was started on 18 July 2013, in the YGN (Young Generation's Notes) office. The location is near the Micro Minimarket, Mae-Sot. Media Studies is one of the Courses from Hong Kong University.

The trainers from Hong Kong University (HKU) are Jasmine and Kobe. In media training, they teach in English so the YGN editor invited two migrant schools to join the Course. They are Minmahaw School and ACU (Australian Catholic University) because these two schools have good English skills. Many students are interested in Media Studies, so they divided into two classes and different times. Two Management from Minmahaw School attended at 3 pm to 5pm and another with 10 students 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Teacher Jasmine taught a lot of media knowledge and how to collect the information, how to take photos from different scenes, about interviewing, media sources and about journalism skills.



Thank You!

“Everyone! I hope you will enjoy the 2nd Newsletter”