

Joining in for Joy!

They came from all over on the morning of August 13 (In Thailand, Mother's Day falls on August 12, the Queen's Birthday) -- Corporate sponsors, TV celebrities, singers, hairstylists, makeup artists, Facebook page fans, company staff, volunteers --- to join in and help make a massively memorable Mother's Day event for the women, teens and children of the Emergency Shelter at Don Muang.

Oishi, one of our traditional lunch sponsors, took a major role this year by helping to 'add value' to this event. Along with Channel 5, they co-hosted the entertainment and games, along with fans who responded to Oishi's announcement of the event on their Facebook page.

Set up in the lush gardens of the Shelter, the team took the stage with a couple of celebrities to add spice to the event, serving up songs, jokes and games for all. On our part, this was a culmination of several weeks of contacting lots of individual and corporate sponsors for contributions of supplies. There were gifts galore for everyone -- food, drinks, entertainment, games plus an opportunity for a makeover with hairstylists on hand from Cut and Curl Academy, makeup-artists from Katrina of Kesins and Ken Kavin. Clare Smith, body art specialist from Australia, provided some awesome face-artworks on the kids and others who wanted to be picture-pretty!



The activity was beautifully set up on the sprawling lawn of the Shelter, thankfully shaded by large trees. We opened the program with our very own rendition of "Happy Mother's Day to Yooo, happy mudder day to yoo...." along with the traditional cutting of the creamiest, most delectable chocolate cakes from Secret Recipe and the Miracle Grand Hotel. The hotel also treated everyone to various mouth-watering pastries. To add to the pleasure, we distributed cups of Cremo icecream, generously donated by Chimthana.



Then the entertainment and games began with loads of action, fun and laughter especially with the participation of our two celebs, Lydia and Tae. We ended our round of Musical Chairs with three winners as no-one could determine the real winner as the game ended with one of remaining three girls running off with the chair! Ha!



Anyway, with an array of gifts from our many generous sponsors, we were able to give them a couple of large baby hamper gifts for them to share. Then they were also given a chance, along with several other girls, to have an opportunity of a hairstyling job and a makeover!



More games followed and more gifts were handed out throughout the morning's activity.



Danish musicians from the band 'Sorbic' brought in the charm of farangs (white foreigners) singing their own compositions of Thai love songs -- in impeccable Thai -- enough to win the hearts of their female audience!



After the stage entertainment, the girls lined up to receive goodies including cosmetics, perfumes, hairdyes in Revlon beauty packs from International Beauty Products; bathrobes, sandals, towels from Miracle Grand; diapers, baby powders, baby clothes, bottles, toys and other baby supplies from the Rangsit Babies' Home and the parents and

staff of the Ban Job Rak school. There were also snacks for all from Tong Garden and tasty fruity drinks from Malee.



Toys and gifts for the kids as well!



Baby supplies for new momies



Tucking into a yummy Oishi Lunch



Food for the soul --- specially-made inspirational booklets given to all the girls and residents at the Shelter



The ladies with their gifts

Truly, it was a day to remember -- made possible by a collaboration of so many who care!



CTM manager Debbie (middle) flanked by Khun Paisan, Vice-president for Oishi, on the left and Khun Gorawin, head of admin, in the Shelter, on the right.