



Revenue Department News

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25th July 2012, Dr. Satit Rungkasiri, the Director-General of the Revenue Department, presides over the RD Youth Club Season 4 at Pra-Uthen 1 Room, 2nd Floor, the Revenue Department's Head Office. More than 6,000 students in grades 1 through 6 have joined the Club this season. Various edutainment programmes applicable to their ages and interests have been offered at schools. Two official songs of the RD Youth Club have been released with lyrics reflecting positive attitudes towards tax. They are now available on CDs and DVDs Karaoke, and a number of copies have been sent to educational institutions for further distribution. This project represents one of the Revenue Department's strategies - building a sustainable tax base.

Director-General Dr. Satit Rungkasiri stated that this season, there will be more than 6,000 students in grades 1 through 6 joining from many primary schools in the Bangkok metropolitan region and surrounding provinces as follows: Petcharawut Wittaya School under the Royal Patronage (Bangken District, Bangkok), Rungruang Uppatham School (Bangna District, Bangkok), Narknawa Uppatham School (Suan Luang District, Bangkok), Promratrangsarn School (Bangborn District, Bangkok), Mooban Setakit School (Nongkhame District, Bangkok), Darunanukul School (Samutsongkram), Dusit Wittaya School (Ratchaburi), Saraburi Kindergarten (Saraburi), Anusorn Suppamas School (Samutsakorn), and Wat Pitula Thi Rat Rang Sarit Kindergarten (Chachoengsao). The RD Youth Club team will visit these schools throughout August, 2012 and arrange a variety of activities for students to encourage positive attitudes, for instance, meet and greets with celebrity taxpayers such as Sarah Legge from Manee Dan Suang Series, Minthitha Wattanakul (Mint AF3), Patarapon Too-Un (Ron AF5), and Chainon Chantem (Off). Special for this season, two official songs of the RD Youth Club were composed – 'RD Youth Club' with fast rhythm and 'Pua Muang Thai' (For Thailand) with slow rhythm. The meaning of lyrics emphasises good citizenship and benefits of paying tax and is made so explicit that students can easily understand and remember. For further distribution, CDs and DVDs Karaoke have been sent to educational institutions, including the Office of the Basic Education Commission, the Office of the Private Education Commission, and the Department of Education Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

The Director-General further said that the past three seasons of the RD Youth Club have been considered a great success with more than 11,000 students participating in the programme from the following schools: St. Francis Xavier Convent School, Sainamtip School, Rama IX Golden Jubilee School, Wichutit School, Pibool Uppatham School, Wat Dokmai School, Ban Bangkapi School, Maepara Fatima School, Ampornpaisarn School, Phyathai School,

Pracha U-Thit School, Watkratumsuepla School, Thainiyomsongkroa School, Prathom Nonsee School, Sattahip School (Chonburi), Sukhondheerawidh School (Nakhon Pathom), and Jirasart Wittaya School (Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya). Feedbacks from participants and all related parties were favourable, and the Revenue Department has arranged a number of similar programmes for all other groups of citizens. This kind of social activities implicitly enhances a sustainable tax base in the long run, and the tax collection trend has so far been positive.

Any juvenile interested in the RD Youth Club can visit www.rdyouthclub.com, which provides latest news, current top stories, tax knowledge as well as chat forums or log on 'RD Youth Club' You Tube channel for videos of highlighted activities.

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