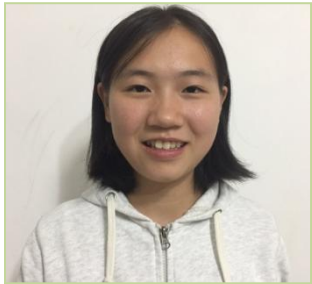


# Our unique experience in School for Life

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**Teacher Joy**

We are a private school in China, and we are specialized in language teaching. This year we launched a project to help students learn Thai in four months. In the first three months, our students learned the basic Thai online. In the fourth month, we decided to come to Thailand and totally dive into and

immerse in the authentic language environment and Thai culture. Luckily, we found a school named School for Life, which is proven to be an ideal location for us. On December 13th, we arrived here to start our unique experience.





The school fully understood our intention, which is to practice Thai language. In order to better help us, the teachers carefully put students of different age into different grades, where our students could easier learn Thai by just following what local students are learning.

The day of our arrival happened to be an outing day for the whole school. We went together to an exhibition of plants in Huai Hong Khrai Royal Development Study Center. We assumed that students of two countries may need at least two or three days to get familiar. Turned out, they hit it off at once, thanks to the Thai children who took the initiative to make friends with our students on the first day. They taught us Thai, showed us the campus, and took us to the plant exhibition, teaching us Thai all the way. Although learning is not obligated, we were very impressed by how Thai students were curious and eager for knowledge.



By the evening, students of two countries became very good friends. Boys were playing football together, and girls went dancing together. They had so much fun that it was hard to say goodbye.





At the end of the first day, we thought that our student may find it is hard to adapt. To our surprise, they all loved here! And told us that Thai children were really warm and cheerful, they really liked it here!





Early next morning, the bell rang at 5:30. We did morning exercises with Thai students and did cleaning after. All the students cleaned the campus together, older students help younger ones. What we saw really touched us. This is what's so special about this school. This school attaches great importance to the cultivation of children's physical health and character building. Teachers here are helping students to become cheerful, positive citizens who are also good at cooperating with others. This is much wiser than schools that only focus on scores.





Thai children were very good at cleaning. In contrast, our students appeared to be clumsy.

At 9:00, the long expected class had finally begun. What is the class like here? The class here is small with not many students. In the class, teachers taught things that very helpful in daily life, such as how to deal with some diseases and such. Some of the courses are hard to follow for us, yet Thai children would be willing to explain to us.



Our children also took some time to briefly introduce Thai Students Chinese language and Chinese Kung Fu. Thai students were very interested and had a good time in class.







In the afternoon, we have a lot of free time. Thai children taught us how to braid hair, weave garland, cooking, dancing, riding bicycle, playing volleyball and training Muay Thai. . .



Also, we were luckily having Christmas Day only one day before we left the school. New experience of December 25<sup>th</sup> dance and sing with full of happiness, taste some delicious food, open our Christmas presents in excited, finished our whole trip in a perfect ending.







We first came with only one expectation of language learning, but later we realized that we had gained more than just language skills. We got new friends, met nice teachers, and got the experience of living in beautiful environment. The cheerfulness of Thai children is one thing that is most unforgettable.

This school is really a school for life for they are helping students to have a better future. For children who are from poor families, this kind of education could be the greatest gift in their lives. At the same time, our school also believes that the purpose of education is to help students to achieve psychical and mental health, and become someone useful to the society.

Therefore, we sincerely hope that we can help in our ability to support this school with some of our resources and establish a better friendship. We also truly hope that if any of there are Thai children who is willing to learn English, we would be more than happy to help them master the language, and even support them to apply China's famous universities one day in the future.

We are very grateful for the two weeks we had together in School for Life. It was a really amazing experience. Our best regards to the school, and sincerely wish we can meet again.





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