

The perfect mix of variety of cultures

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The children in School for Life Chiang Mai are mostly from ethnic minority groups from various border areas. They have different cultures and ways of living as they are Lahu, Akha, Hmong, Lisu, Karen, Tai Yai and Thai. That’s why we create a rich and unique cultural diversity in our school.

I am Miss Kanjana Sereerungreungchai, a teacher. I am a Karen and I have an idea to bring the diversity of these different cultures into a productive and creative relationship, I want to balance unity and diversity. So I tried to develop the activities and performances based on the mixed variety of cultures in order that the School for Life will be well-known in the society as a model for intercultural education.

Moreover, the learning of performances, such as bamboo dancing, Thai boxing and traditional dance are to improve solidarity, togetherness and mutual respect among our children and the community.

These integrated learning activities are done under the Center for Cultural Heritage and Development, one of the Centers of Excellence of our school’s concepts. The children can learn and share not only their own culture but also History and Art. I think it is a very good way to teach our students to be proud of their own cultures and at the same time it is also the way to keep the heritage of cultures of various ethnic minority groups.

We were sometimes invited to perform the cultural dances at temple fairs, charity events and events of other schools, and our children could learn new experiences outside the school.

Our children are very happy in doing and performing the activities as it is the culture in their mountainous border area. And, people were very pleased to watch our performances at every event in the past and gave rewards to us too.

We are proud of it and will try to develop more and more in the future.







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