

# Teachers' Appreciation Day

We held *Wai Kru* Day known as Teachers' Appreciation Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020. *Wai* means to greet with hands pressing together and bowing, and *Kru* means “teacher” in Thai. Teachers are very respected in Thailand. *Wai Kru* Ceremony is held at all schools in Thailand every year.

We started the ceremony at nine in the morning. All students gathered in the school assembly hall. School Director, all teachers and students attended the ceremony. School Director gave a short speech about the meaning of *Wai Kru* and about this special annual event in Thailand.

Then, the students recited the *Wai Kru* chant which expresses respect and gratitude to the teachers.

The students sat on their knees, *wai* and gave flowers to teachers for giving knowledge, support and inspiration to learn. Teachers gave them words of encouragement, tying a white cotton string around the wrist of students for good luck in the future.

After that, short questions about *Wai Kru* Day were asked to the students. Prizes were given to those who could answer the questions.

The ceremony ended after taking group photos.









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