



## 1,000!

This year we will at last reach our target to support 1,000 scholarship students. We ended 2007 with 960 students but will open the 2008 academic year with around 1,050. That's a great achievement in itself, but the good news doesn't stop there. We can now give scholarships from the first year of high school right the way through to university Master Degree. That's up to **12 years** of support!

These breakthroughs were possible only because of the remarkable generosity of our supporters worldwide. In particular, last year SET president Sievert Larsson established his own charitable foundation, funded from the profits of his insurance business. Through his foundation, Sievert not only increased his direct support to SET but also asked director Peter Robinson to seek out and assess other charities which might need help and with which SET could work in partnership. Two have so far been chosen – the Foundation for Karen Hill Tribes and The Anglo-Thai Foundation. Both are well-established and work in similar ways to SET. Funding will come first from Sievert's foundation to SET and will then be redirected in full as donations from SET to the two charities.

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## Making ends meet

**Even with their scholarships and welfare grants, many students still have to find part-time work to help support their families.**

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## University scholarship rates increased

Not only have we greatly increased the number of students receiving support, we've also raised the value of our university scholarships. Rates were last increased in 2005 but since then education-related costs have risen steeply. The rate of 12,000 Baht pa was increased to 16,000 Baht at the opening of the second semester last year. We hope to increase that still further next year, possibly to 20,000 Baht. For the time being, scholarship values for college and high school students remain unchanged but will be reviewed soon.



At the end of the university academic year in March, another 60 SET scholarship students completed their Bachelor degree studies. This year, we're awarding scholarships to more than 1,000 students, including 500 at university. Our scholarship rate for university students has now been increased to 10,000 Baht per semester.

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## Giving made quicker and easier with PayPal

Supporters can now make donations to SET quickly and easily by credit card. SET has opened an account with PayPal - the most secure way to pay for goods or to donate to charity via the Internet. Just click the 'donate' button on the SET website and enter the amount you wish to give. PayPal will usually automatically advise SET of the donation within minutes. A receipt for credit card donations will be sent by SET to donors in the usual way.

Credit card donations come directly to SET in Thailand but we hope our UK supporters will continue to donate by cheque or standing order direct to SET in the UK. That way the value of donations from UK tax payers is increased by a hefty 28%, through the Gift Aid program.

However you chose to donate, we thank you for your support of our needy youngsters.

[www:thaistudentcharity.org](http://www:thaistudentcharity.org)



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## Help us expand, please

With this issue of SET News are a couple of copies of a simple leaflet about our work. Please help us expand our supporter base by passing them on to friends or colleagues.

*Thank you.*