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## Continuing our Mission: Doing More for the Less Fortunate



### Traveller's Reflection (22nd Charity Trip :1719 Jun 2017)



It has been more than a week since the trip to Chiang Rai organized by SCOT, but this amazing after-effect from giving, sharing, caring has kept me very happy and positive. It's not my first time engaging in charity activities, but this trip has made me realized that such activities are truly opening up a two-way traffic in enhancing each other's life – Improving the environment for them, and nurturing the compassion and empathy in us.

SCOT has organized a great itinerary starting from meeting up and breaking the ice, doing shopping and packing the gift bags according to the different profile of the people we're visiting. This is so thoughtful since one-size fits all never really works! We even managed to do a short hike to connect with the nature as well as enjoying yummy cakes and coffee! It's always a dream to achieve work-Life balance, right!? We visited the villages and schools where SCOT has their footprints in building working and clean toilets and dormitories for the local students who had to travel too long to get to school. Seeing how the locals taking good care in the facilities and themselves makes all these investments worthwhile. Lucky Singaporeans like me growing up in HDB makes it difficult to imagine what life is like without proper sanitary systems and a safe place to sleep in. Even when I lack the language skill to hold deeper conversations, I could see and feel their appreciative gestures through their happy faces and the great effort in putting up good performance just for us.

While I've experienced many CSR projects not repeating often enough, I'm truly amazed by the SCOT team doing this for all the less privileged people for more than a decade, without fail.

Thank you for having me. Now that I'm living in Bangkok and receiving so much kindness from the people on a daily basis, It means a lot to me knowing that I have such great opportunities to give back to Thailand.

-- Julia Tan

