

Thai Village Children

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During this work camp we met various kind of people in Thailand. People whom we remained impression mostly is the children whom we met at the work place-Pam Bog-. We were playing, singing together and had a good time. Children of village of poor Thai is not educated enough. They go to school only two years. That's one reason why the lack of teacher's number. If the children want to enter a school of higher grade, they gave to go to big city like Chiang Mai. It means for them spending a lot of money, sure, it is nearly impossible for them. Instead of going school, they gave to be a labor when they grew up. The children who I met in that village looked very thin, it seemed the result of short of nourishment. But they were very cheerful and glistening and I loved them. Now Japan, a playing field of children decrease more and more. An open space was changed to building or apartment-house by developers. So children cannot play out of doors. Therefore they usually stay in

indoor and play a TV game or any other gimmicks. And their parents force them to go to private schools-ex, swimming school, arithmetic school etc.-, so they are gradually losing their time to spend by themselves. I think children learn many things from playing each other that they cannot learn only their school-life. As compared with such Japanese children, The children seems more pure and happy. There is no bullying. We didn't meet children who sells something in the street of that village, but we met such children in Chiang Mai and Bangkok. In Thailand, there is various kind of problems cover in children but they don't discourage and keep smiling. We could not understand their language, but they were kind enough to us. I will never forget it. We Japanese must extend our range of vision more and more. And I hope to get the opportunity for considering Japan of Asia, Japan of the world. At last, I thank you for every people who took part in this camp with me. I look forward to see in you again.