

Asia-Pacific International University (AIU) Flood Relief Efforts in Ayutthaya province

The recent months have been challenging for the Kingdom of Thailand. The country has been hit by the worst national flood disaster in over 50 years. More than 60 provinces including Ayutthaya, Pathum Thani and Bangkok have been heavily inundated which led people to evacuate hastily to save their lives.

However, there are many Thai people who do not have the option to vacate. They are left stranded in their homes by the deep water and are unable to move around. Parents have difficult times to get basic necessities, such as food and water for their family. Daily-wage workers are struggling to survive as they either cannot travel to their workplace, or it is closed down because of the flood. Thus, a call for donations to provide relief packages has been made to help this critical situation.

In response, Asia-Pacific International University (AIU) has been actively involved in three flood relief efforts. The target area is the province of Ayutthaya:

October 16: Ten AIU students and two AIU staff delivered 500 supply packages together with Thailand Seventh-day Adventist Mission (TAM) and Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) to three flood-affected areas in Ayutthaya. A boat was used to transport goods to the locals.

October 21: Within 7 hours, over 48,000 baht was raised to assist TAM and ADRA to deliver 107 urgent packages to a stranded village in Ayutthaya.

October 30: Together with TAM and ADRA, 22 AIU students along with AIU faculty and staff dispatched 500 relief packages to two flood-affected areas in Ayutthaya. Each package contain 5 kg of rice, 6 packs of instant noodles, 6 cans of canned fish, medicine, candles and lighter, sanitary pad and 2 dozens of bottled water.

In total, an astounding amount of over 185,000 baht has been raised for the flood relief projects and more than 1,000 packages were delivered to the flood victims.

Presently, AIU is still continuing with flood relief efforts and are inviting other universities, institutions and organizations to collaborate in a fundraising effort for the flood crisis in Thailand.

The relief effort would not have been possible without the kind and generous contribution, whether in financial or physical help, from ACUCA and member-institutions, AIU academic and service departments, and AIU faculty, staff and students. “We thank you for your generosity in helping the people affected,” expressed Dr Loren Agrey, AIU President in his appreciation. “Please pray that our efforts will be blessed and that the people in need will benefit from the necessities that have been and will be supplied to them.”



AIU students in the boat that they use as a mode of transport to deliver items to the locals.



AIU & ADRA team with the packed donation items.



Khun Pattraporn Paengpanga (AIU HR Director), Khun Sorawit Chaipisit (AIU Student Administration officer) and Khun Tirat Somphan (AIU Student Activities Coordinator) handing over relief package to a local.