

# Wisdom of the Lotus at Joy's House

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Pimpisut Jamornmarn, a Mathayom 4 student at Pingkarattana School, Chiang Mai, displayed 54 coloured pencil drawings at an exhibition entitled "The Wisdom of the Lotus", held at Joy's House, San Pheesua, on September 9. The artworks were based on the Buddhist motif of the lotus flower and money raised by the exhibition was donated to the "School For Life" in Doi Saket district, Chiang Mai.

Pimpisut was inspired to create her art after watching her mother's involvement in the "School For Life" project. "School For Life" is a school based in Doi Saket that provides an education for children whose parents have abandoned them, been

incarcerated, or become infected by HIV/AIDS.

As she was growing up, Pimpisut studied art under Kamon Thongkham. Recently she discovered a theme which she wished to pursue and over the course of a year produced the 54 drawings inspired by the lotus flower and Buddhist teachings. In the flyer for her exhibition Pimpisut wrote, "The lotus flower is a symbol of the colours of my heart. It makes me calm and gives me peace. I am growing up in a Buddhist family and learning to walk the middle way, searching for wisdom and enlightenment. This is my way of doing something good instead of wasting time with computer games, shopping or the latest fashions."

The exhibition attracted nu-



**Artist Pimpisut Jamornmarn at the exhibition's Thai dancing show.**

merous guests, including Prof. Dr. Jurgen Zimmer, the founder of "School For Life". Students of the school gave shows demonstrating hill tribe dances and music. Various stalls sold food and snacks, money from which was donated to the "School For Life".

The "School For Life" is located in Doi Saket district in Chiang Mai. It currently provides an education for children from difficult backgrounds. The students come from Akha, Lahu and Yao hill tribes, as well as 30 students who survived the Tsunami. At the moment the school provides education from Kindergarten to Mathayom 1 and will expand to Mathayom 3. The school is visited every year by HRH Princess Sirindhorn.



**"The Wisdom of Lotus" by Pimpisut Jamornmarn.**