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## PRESS RELEASE

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SOS Children's Villages, which works globally to ensure children have a supportive family, is encouraging people to celebrate the UN International Day of Families on 15 May. SOS Children's Villages Thailand (as a member of SOS Children's Villages International which is active in 133 countries over the world) commemorates this special occasion to conduct the press conference and the interesting activities of the campaign "Moments Make Families" at Living Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Siam Paragon.

Pol Maj.Gen. Norawat Charoen-Rajapak, President of SOS Children's Villages Thailand said about the objective of this event "We know that every child should live in a family who will support them to reach their potential. The International Day of Families will be a special day to take some time to giving thanks to our own families, and to remember and reach out to all those children throughout the world who do not have a family that nurtures and gives them a sense of belonging."

"At this moment, the figures on the number of children without a family is quite critical, every 7 of 100 Thai children are without parental care. SOS Children's Villages Thailand or SOS Children Foundation (Registered name) has been concerned on this issue and worked actively since 1971 to help Thai children who have lost the care of their parents. We believe that the family is the best environment for a child to grow. Children are brought home to SOS Children's Village. They are cared in SOS family "A loving home for every child" by our four principles which are: mother, brothers and sisters, house and village.

We help children to grow up in the most natural way possible and develop their individual skills, interests and talents. We guide them on their path from childhood to adulthood. We support these children to become independent, responsible and contributing members of society. There are more than 400 integrated youths and adults from SOS Children's Villages Thailand who are living as independent, responsible and contributing members of society. Presently, there are 600 children caring in five SOS Children's Villages; Bangpoo Samutprakarn, Hatyai Songkla, Nongkhai, Chiang Rai and Phuket."

Children become a part of family and have a happy childhood once again because the support from SOS friends and donors who make a child's life difference. It is not only giving food, clothing, health and education but let them to have a loving home.

The celebrities, guests and sponsors also attended the event. Vae Soe, the actress and model with her loving daughter, Kon-dee shared about their loving family in the talk session. She really admired SOS mothers work for her family “SOS mother is the adorable person to devote her life to children who are not her biological but she cares and look after them as the same as her real child. The bond relationship between mother and children is very impressive”

Tuk, the comedy actress with her son, Poom also said “I totally agree with the caring concept of SOS Children’s Village. One can grow up to be a good person is not just having food but the caring is a key. Childhood is the foundation of one’s life and influence to his future. SOS family can do it even children even lost the parent before but here they have a family again. The family can take care and support each other.”

Finally, Boyd Kosiyapong, Music Producer and celebrity said “All you need is love. SOS children are lucky to become a part of family again. This second opportunity is special to let children who ever lost everything learn how to love and be loved once again.”

You can become a SOS friend to give the second opportunity in life to children who are still waiting to be a part of a loving home once again. For more information, please visit the website [www.sosthailand.org](http://www.sosthailand.org) or tel. 02-3801177

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