



With A Little Help from RIST Philippines Flood Disaster Relief

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Students in Values 12 have learned that one can make a difference. Well, in this case, 24 individuals working together.



When the media reported that the Philippines had been hit by not one, but two typhoons, the class decided to take action. While one class organized donations of non-perishable food, clothing, and blankets, the other class organized a bake sale to raise money for the victims of the floods. Parents, students, and teachers donated baked goods for the sale. Altogether, the bake sale raised over 6,300 baht, and when combined with other donations from other individuals, RIST raised 15,000 baht!

On the morning of November 6, 2009, the classes saw the van leave the school for the Philippine Embassy with their donations. Lesson learned: we can all make a difference when we show we care. As Prim in Grade 12-1 said, "This experience increased my understanding about being a caring global citizen because it taught me to be aware of what is going on around me, and play a part to help people who are faced with difficulties in life." Many of the students felt empowered by their participation. Masa in Grade 12-2 reflected, "I learned RIST is strong enough to make a difference in the world."