



## 20 years Anniversary's Global Campus Chiangmai

Unbelievable time goes by fast. I feel like just start GC yesterday. Things have been happened a lot in these 20 years. When first GCC was like a baby. We were starting how to crawl and walk. Learning how to believe in ourselves that we have potential, equal and same like as other. Disability is an illusion. Disability is doesn't matter. We could learn and shared. We growth up from step by step to develop our capacity and build learning organization. Because of world perspective is stigmatized disability. On behalf of GCC as a group of Person with Disability who are run organization with by ourselves visible in society. That's helps to change attitude both side PWD and Non-Person with disability. However, because of PWD have been separated and excluded for a long time from the complex society. Disability Culture is important to educate PWD, PWD's families, people in social and institutes.

Since GCC exited we have a lot of activities and classes. We also conduct seminar and workshop. We work with PWD more than one thousand persons in Chiangmai, Northern region and eastern of Thailand. We could empowerment PWD through any classes to become a leadership by direct and indirect more than 10 persons. The proportion of leadership is 80% of women with disability. Although most of them couldn't become a leadership but they could understand them self that disability cannot stop them. There has independence life.

GCC have been worked with many networks like as Chaingmai Provincial Social Development and Human Security, Chiangmai Univsersity, Payap University. ThaiHealth Promotion Foundation, many non-profit organizations. Because of support from Global Campuses Foundation has made GCC recognize from people, organizations and institutes.

Here is some high light of GCC. We help to opened the gate of Chiangmai University for student with disability. Before year 2010 if student with disability wants to study there, they have to pay for study with by themselves. That's to challenge for them cause almost of student with disability come from low economy families. At that time have only 3 of our

members who have disability study in CMU. Now in year 2023 have 60 students with disability study in CMU.

GCC started to worked with first faulty of Fine Art and increate more 7 faculties. GCC have activities to teach about disability culture in 20 years with CMU students around 2-3 thousand persons. And now teach in Faculty of Education, Multiculturalism department every semester. GCF and GCC have sing MOU with Chiangmai University then become partnerships for 11 years.

On the way of time Ka (Kachakorn) is also develop herself, started to study in Bachelor degree in open university Sukhothai thammathirat. And soon Ka designed to study in master degree at Faculty of Social Science, Department of Women Study CMU. Even while study have a lot of challenged from leg broken two time in two years. And Big spread Covid-19. Finally, Ka could graduate in 2021.

Although Thailand have been worked on disability and try to develop quality of life for PWD more than 3 decade until we have Disability Act, National Plan and Convention on The Rights of Person with Disabilities. However still challenged with PWD life because all of that is just the recommendation. It's no have punishment for whom do not comply with this Law. Because deeply of the believe for disability group still base on charity and not really sure PWD have ability. There emphasize on who are expertise but not PWD. That's why PWD could not have full participation in any level of programs. Whenever PWD come out and asking for our rights. It will be accused of being aggressive and cause PWD to be separate. Two decades of GCC works has shown a lot of participants number disability persons and non-person with disability. The change still slowly in any institutes. That's because of the long history believe of disability stigmatization our group.

Global Campuses Foundation mission of Education on Disability Culture arises to solve the trouble of separation between PWD and society. Space of learning, pace of life is the place to give opportunities for PWD expression our interested, passions, love and exhibit to both inside and outside as a teacher and learner. It could say that because the education mission made some understanding to academy people. And brought they support our program and become partnerships.

In every year GCC have a lot of activities to work with alliances for educate direct and indirect to them. Give our voice on behalf of PWD and participation in their work system. That's has shown from all photos in year report. That is some presentation how much many activities we had done all through year.

20 years old is a good age to look back on the journey way to see how we grow up. And celebrating in amazing of alternative way of learning.