

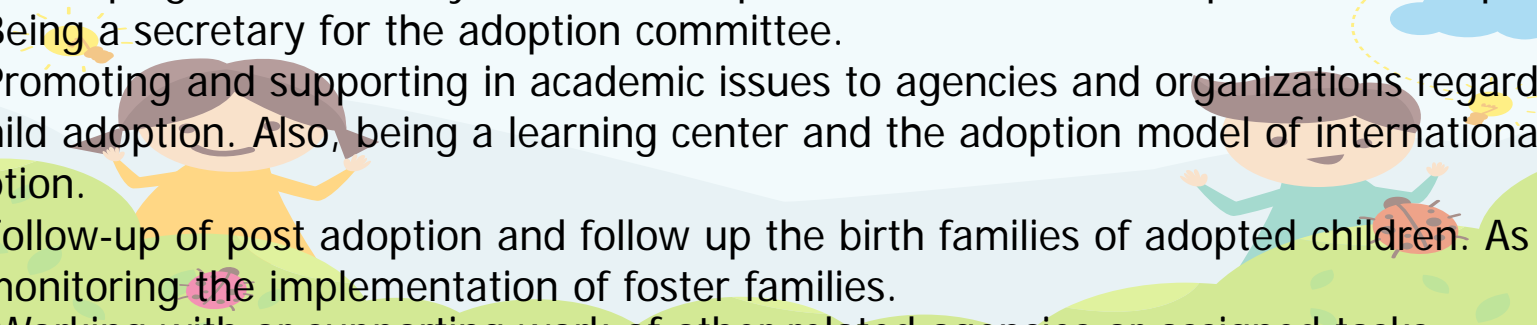


"CHILD ADOPTION CENTER"

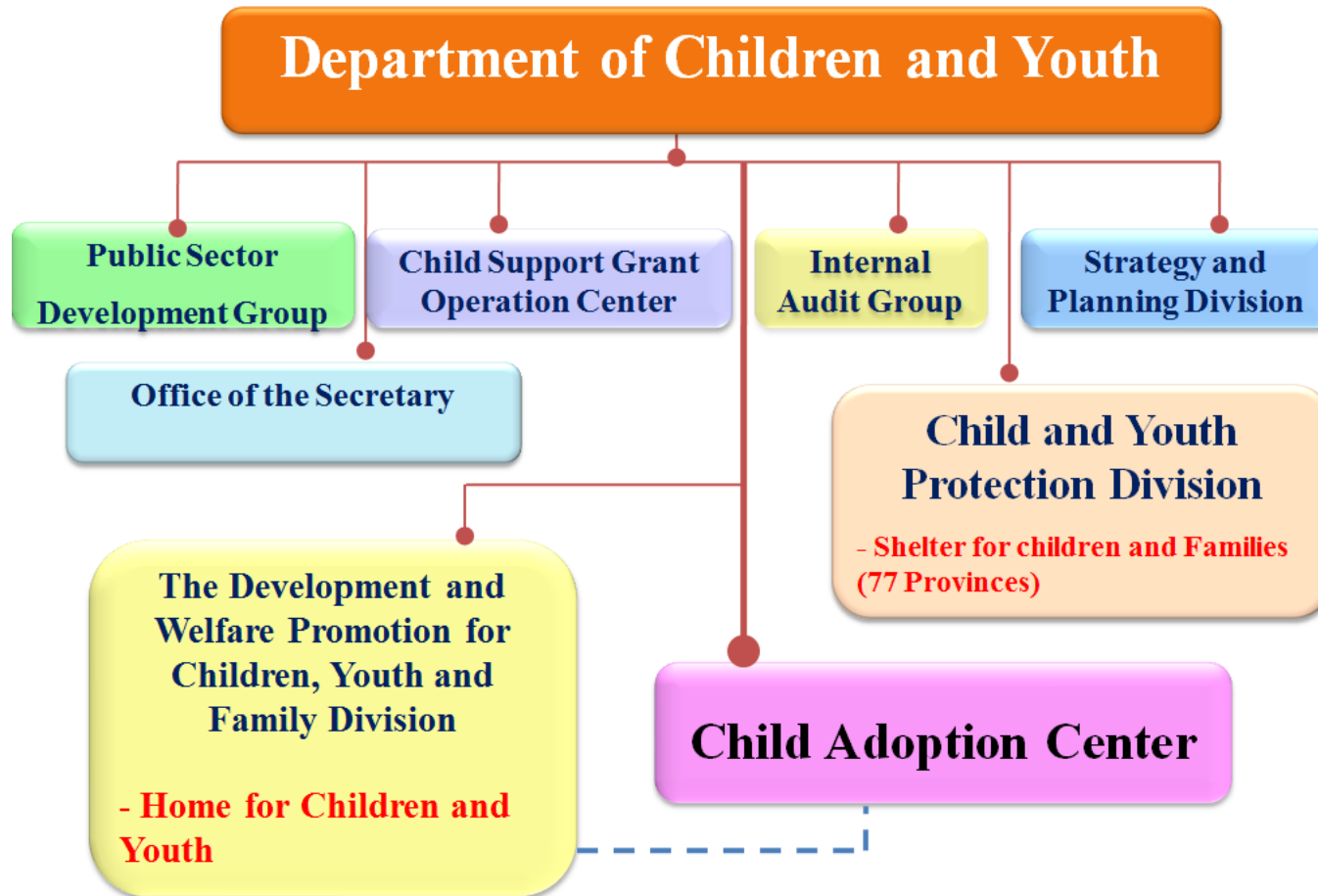
## History

During the year 1976-1977 were found the large number of the child sole and trafficking to aboard. At that time, the Council of Minister had resolution 'preventive measure for child trafficking which prohibited hospital or clinical center gave the child to anyone for raising or adoption" subsequently they had resolution to establish "the Child Adoption Cente" on July 20, 1977. Meanwhile, to draft initiation of bill Child Adoption Act. And appointed the Child Adoption Center responsible under the law.

# Mission

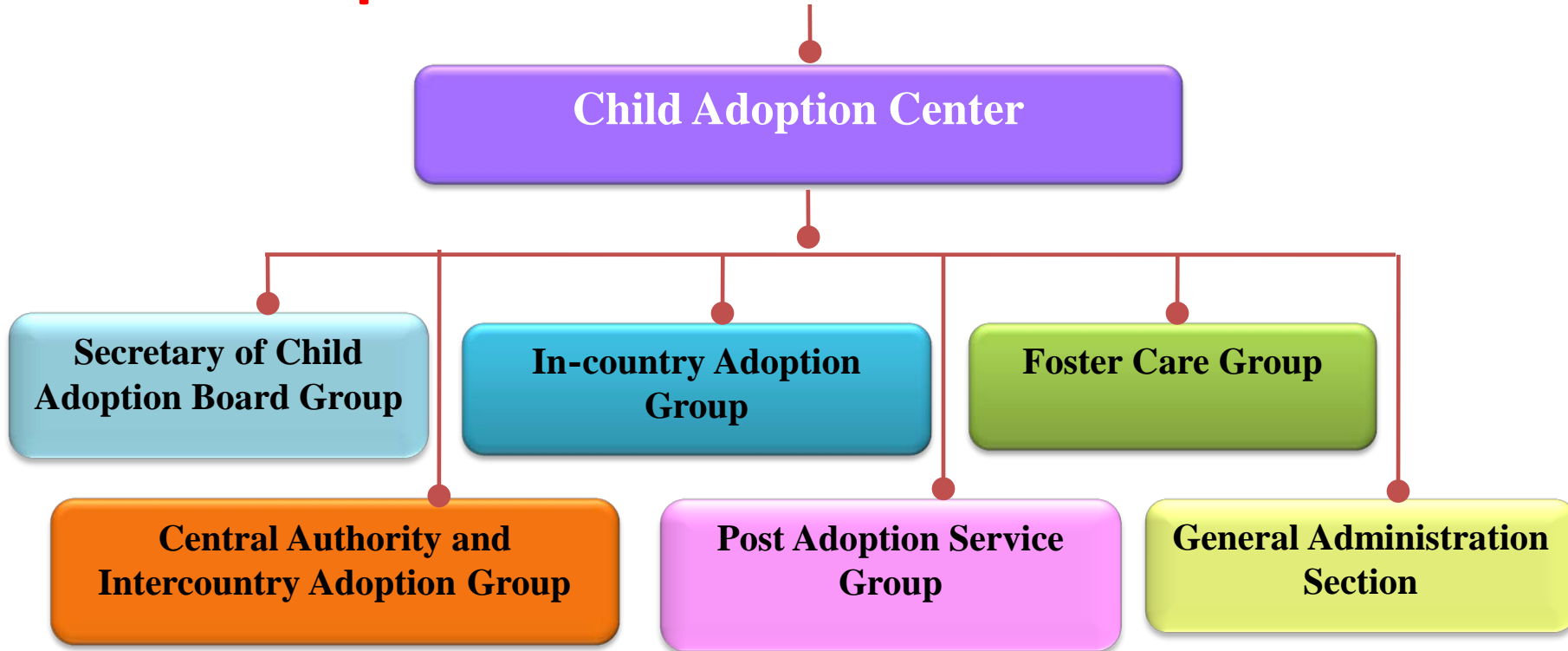
- (1) Being the center for the implementation of child adoption by providing adoptive families both Thai and foreign families as well as providing advice, consulting and coordinating agencies involved in adoption and to be the central authority for intercountry adoption.
  - (2) Providing foster families for children. Arranging temporary foster families for children in the shelter of welfare protection and foster home. Also, coordinating, promoting and supporting knowledge to relevant agencies that related to foster families.
  - (3) Reporting the situation of requesting children to be adopted both Thai and foreign adopted families. Also, developing measures and working operation for child adoption.
  - (4) Developing information system, follow-up and evaluation all the process of adoption
  - (5) Being a secretary for the adoption committee.
  - (6) Promoting and supporting in academic issues to agencies and organizations regarding to child adoption. Also, being a learning center and the adoption model of international adoption.
  - (7) Follow-up of post adoption and follow up the birth families of adopted children. As well as, monitoring the implementation of foster families.
  - (8) Working with or supporting work of other related agencies or assigned tasks.
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- A cartoon illustration of two children playing on a green grassy hill. On the left, a girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange shirt, is jumping or running. On the right, a boy with brown hair, wearing a teal shirt, is also jumping or running. The background features a light blue sky with a few white clouds and a yellow sun partially visible on the right. The overall style is simple and colorful.

# Ministry of Social Development and Human Security

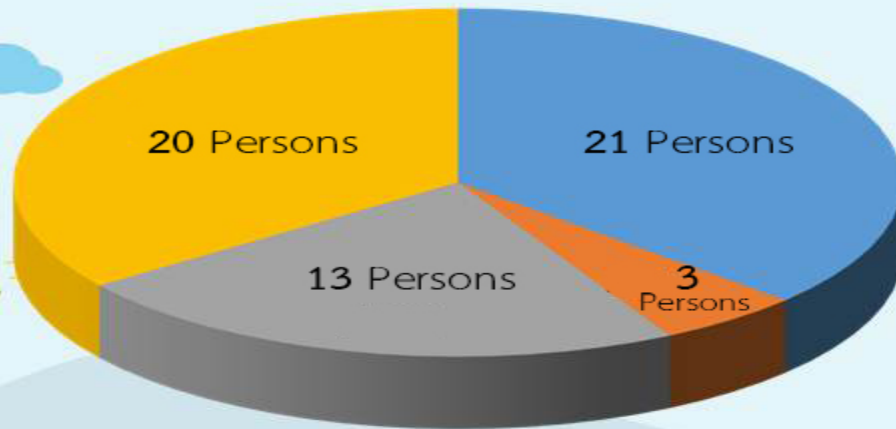


# Organization Chart

## Department of Children and Youth



## Number of working Staff at the Child Adoption Center



- Civil servant
- Government Permanent employee
- Government employee
- Temporary staff

Total 57 persons



MRS. PRAPIMDAO SATAKE  
Director of Child Adoption Center



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Director of Post Adoption Service Group



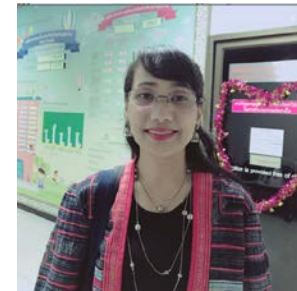
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Head of General Administration Section





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Director of Child Adoption Center





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Director of Post Adoption Service Group

# Post-Adoption Service Group

Child Adoption Center

Department of Children and Youth

Ministry of Social Development and Human Security





“Who am I ?”  
“How am I  
different from my  
parents?”

Teenagers who were adopted at any age may experience identity confusion as they confront the primary questions of adolescence

## Birth Relative Contact

Many adopted children and adults desire or even need information about their birth family or to reconnect with birth relatives. This desire in no way reflects upon adoptive family relationships or the quality of parenting that adopted children received.



The rights of the child to obtain information about his or her origins derives from the right to know his or her biological parents.

Article 7(1) of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



## Purpose of Root Search

When a family search is requested by a domestic adoptee or an overseas adoptee adoptive parents or by birth family. Child Adoption Center will perform fair and impartial. Ensure transparent adoption records, while protecting the mutual trusts, and the rights of the adoption triad.

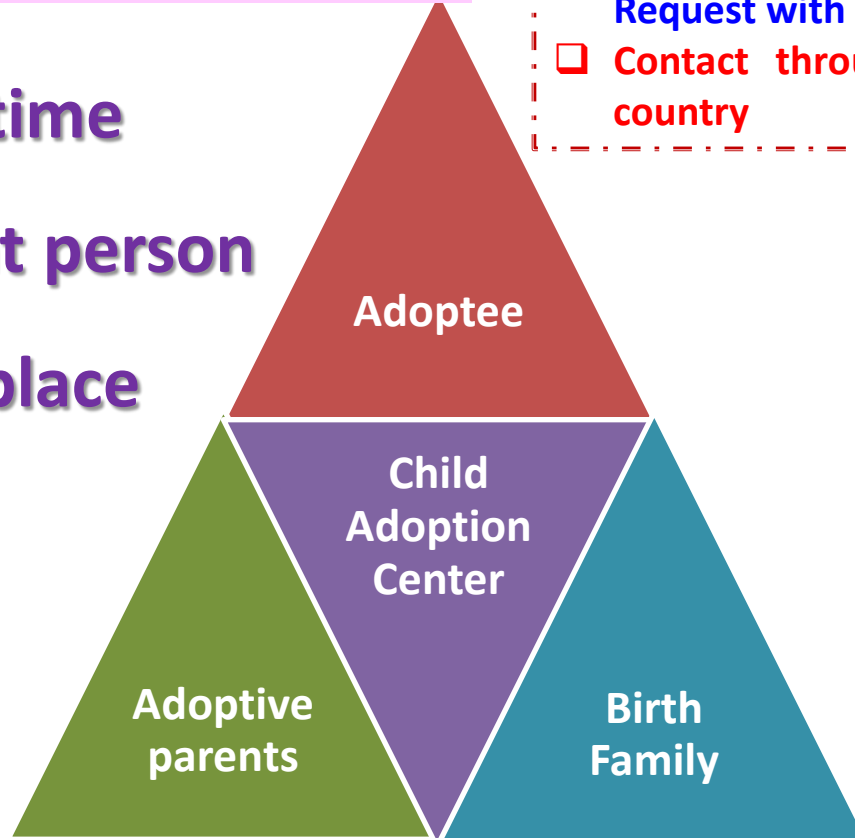


**Who has the rights  
to search Root and  
Reunion?.....**



# Adoption Triad

- 18 years and over : Direct request.
- The child's age between 10 and 18 years : Request with adoptive parents' agreement
- ☐ Contact through Adoption Agency in such country



- On the right time
- With the right person
- At the right place



# Best Practice

## Adoptee & Adoptive Parents

- 18 years and over : Direct request through Adoption Agency in such country.
- The child's age between 10 and 18 years : Request with adoptive parents' agreement through Adoption Agency in such country .
- However, age restriction will not be taken into consideration if an adoptee is under a serious physical or mental condition and there is a diagnosed from a doctor, psychologist or social worker on behalf of adoptee to improve the adoptee's health condition ( in this case : doctor' s medical report, psychologist or social worker's notes is required).

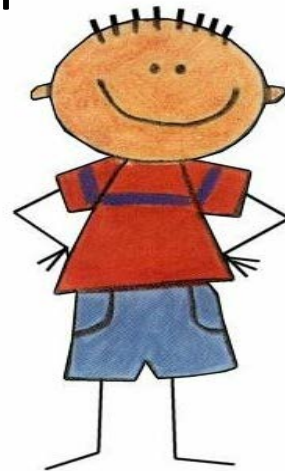
# Best Practice

## Birth Family

- A birth parents who giving consent to adoption are able to start searching for an adoptee with special reasons, such as biological parents in serious health condition, biological parents which bequeath to adoptee.
- **Notice** : If the birth parents passed away, the adoptee's immediate family, siblings and relatives in this order may apply to be in contact with the adoptee ( a written proof of the evidence of relationship to the adoptee should be submitted )
- Birth parents have to request through Child Adoption Center only. After CAC contact to adoptive family. In case of adoptive family has unlikely to contact birth parents, We do not give any information to birth parents.

# Search Request Process

- ❖ Adoptees or adoptive parents who live overseas may request a birth family search from the central authority of the adoptive country or their cooperating agencies, or request through the Child Adoption Center of Thailand.
- ❖ Adoptees or adoptive parents who live in Thailand have to request a birth family search only from the Child Adoption Center.

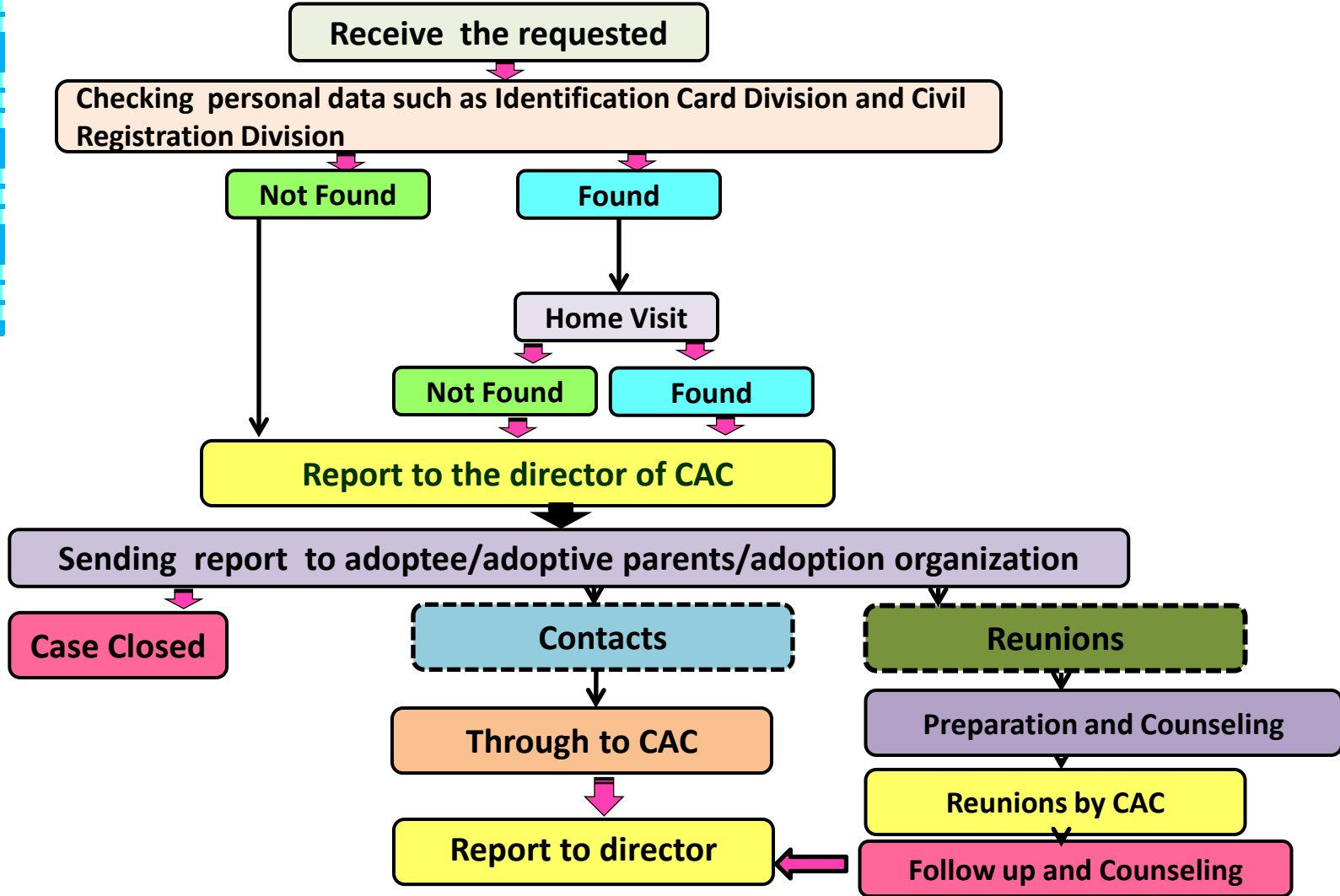


# Required Documents

- ❖ Copy of Thai Adoption Registration
- ❖ Copy of adoptee's Thai passport
- ❖ Copy of adoptee's Thai birth certificate
- ❖ Copy of adoptee's Housing Registration
- ❖ Copy of "Child's Background to be adopted"
- ❖ Photo of the adoptee ( taken within the last 6 months )
- ❖ Other related documents and pictures from the original adoption that might help with the birth family search



# Process of Root Search



# Reunions

- When an adoption triad (adoptee, adoptive family, or birth family) requests contact or reunions, Child Adoption Center and the adoption agencies should provide consultation and information including the cultural information of the respective country.
- The location for the initial reconnection shall be provided by the Child Adoption Center / relevant adoption agency and a post-adoption services worker should be present.
- If an adoption triad (adoptee, adoptive family, or birth family) wishes to maintain contact or continue reunions, it shall be done through the Child Adoption Center or adoption agency



# **Preparation for Root search and Reunion**



**1. - Conduct the home visit of the child's birth family.  
- Reported the home visit to the Adoption Agency such as**

- Current Status of the child's birth family
- Reasons for relinquish the child into the care of DCY
- Desire to contact the child through Child Adoption Center

**2. Contact between adoptee and birth family via E – mail, letter through Child Adoption Center and Adoption Agency**



### 3. Preparation before the Reunion

- **For the Adoptee and Adoptive family**

Consulting with a psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker to give advice to children and family to prevent psychological problems or culture shock including, not creating excessive expectations that may cause disappointment and affect development in teenagers and family relationship by the Adoption Agency.





### 3. Preparation before the Reunion (Continue)

- **For the Birth family**

Consulting with the official of Post Adoption Service Group to prepare for the birth family for learning the culture of raising children by foreigners. Moreover, we will prepare birth family to be ready without creating expectations that children will come back to care themselves and will explain the purpose of the children that it is not a return to nurture, but to fulfill the feelings and doubts, why they were adopted? Which is to find the child's identity in one way in order to advance through the development and future growth by Child Adoption Center



## 4. Appointment the date and place of the Reunion

- Generally at the Child Adoption Center
- In the case of another place, we will consider the necessary on case by case.
- Both of them prepare a little gift for giving to each other
- Coordinate with the adoptive family that the Child Adoption Center has translated into English only, in other languages the adoptive family have to prepare an interpreter to help translate communication.





## 5. Process of the Reunion

- 1) Final consult both of them by Child Adoption Center
- 2) The first meeting has only the birth parents, the adoptee and the adoptive family

\*\*\*Take Time\*\*\*

- 3) Meeting with his/her relatives
- 4) Exchange the little gifts and group photo
- 5) Have a rest time together such as have lunch, afternoon tea etc. which the official will stay with them



## 6. After the Reunion

The Child Adoption Center will have the home visit to consult the psychological, emotional, social impact of the birth family and cooperate with international organizations to follow up with adoptive family and adoptee, as well as informing the Child Adoption Center also.



- If you change the address/ country, please inform CAC
- Please send the child's update, photos every 2 years to CAC
- Please keep contact with CAC

- **Post Adoption Service Group**

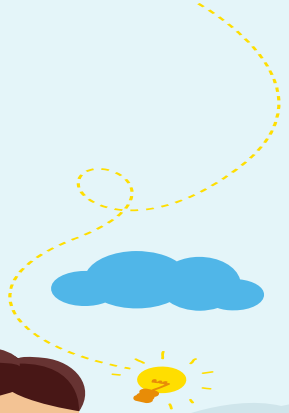
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# Nativeland Visit Program



# Mission of Child Adoption Center , Department of Children and Youth

- To promote and support for Thai adoptees to develop their potential and their own personality.
- To completely provide the opportunity to let them grow in a kind and stable family which cover the intercountry adoption which is useful in such matters in case a child is unable to find a suitable family in the country.
- The Child Adoption Center will organize activities and projects after the registration of Thai children who are adopted by foreign adoptive families.
- To check up the progress of adopted children.
- The organization also tracks and investigates the biological parents, including relatives of adopted children to serve the demand of the
- adoptive family in order to contact for the biological parents and adoptive family for bringing the children back to visit the welfare institution and the hospital that the adopted child had received for service.



# Mission of Nativeland Visit Program

- To let Thai adopted children find their own identity in their home country and develop the potential of **them**.
- To raise their realize pride in the nation, religion and loyalty to the monarchy of Thailand.
- Thai adopted children and adoptive families were also given the opportunity to attend HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn or a chance to attend the courtesy call on the executive persons of Thailand.





- Thai adopted children can learn skills about understanding and conserving Thai traditions and culture along with touching the way of life of Thai society and pride in being Thai and will be used to publicize in the country where the adopted child resides as well as creating a responsibility to help in the Children's Homes and institutions.
- To follow and evaluate the adoption of children to be used to improve the performance to be more effective.



# *The objectives of 'Nativeland'*

1. To promote and increase knowledge, understanding and co-serve traditions Thai culture along with touching the life of Thai society which is a bond and pride in being Thai belonging the home country of the adopted child.
2. To bring adopted children back to visit the home country and will bring knowledge and experience from traveling back to Thailand to publicize in the country where the adopted child resides.
3. To create a good relationship between adoptive families and adoptee; and among adoptees. In addition, it is the opportunity to make better cooperation among the organizations which are responsible for child adoption.





4. To improve work capabilities from the information which we gain from following-up of adoptive families.

5. to promote and publicize our program about intercountry adoption work to be known to the general public and the wider society both in the country and abroad.



# Nativeland Visit Program had been held for 8 times

- 1.The first program was held in August 1992. It is on the 5th anniversary auspicious occasion of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit.
- 2.The 2nd program, held in July 1995, was held on the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's 50th anniversary celebrations.
- 3.The 3rd program in July 1999 was held on the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's 6th anniversary.
4. The 4th program was held in July 2002





5. The 5th program was held in July 2006
6. The 6th program in July 2009 was held on the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Child Adoption Act, 1979
7. The 7th program in July 2011, held on the auspicious occasion of HM the King's birthday His Majesty the King's 7th Cycle, December 5, 2011
8. The 8th program was held on special occasions in the year of the auspicious occasion of the fifth anniversary of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn during the period from 1 6th to 26th July 2016



# The 9<sup>th</sup> Nativeland Visit Program

The 9<sup>th</sup> Nativeland Visit Program will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 in order to celebrate the royal coronation of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun (พระบาทสมเด็จพระเจ้าอยู่หัว วชิราลงกรณ์ บดินทรเทพยวรางกูร) and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Child Adoption Center. The program will be held in Bangkok and out of Bangkok. There are 7 main activities;





# The 9<sup>th</sup> Nativeland Visit Program

1. Press conference for the event
2. Joint meetings on intercountry adoption processes with intercountry adoption organizations and agencies
3. Meetings on guidelines for follow-up root of origin and preparation for facing between adopted children and birth families.
4. Welcoming ceremony
5. Sports activity which celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Child Adoption Centers anniversary
6. Visiting babies' home in Bangkok where adoptee lived



# The 9<sup>th</sup> Nativeland Visit Program

7. Courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Thailand or government administrator

8. Study visit in the central part of Thailand to study the history and culture of Thailand

For out of Bangkok activities; there are 5 activities such as visiting at historical places, visiting babies' home or attending farewell ceremony. The program has targeted about 500 participants from 15 countries.

Currently, there are about 400 adopted families accepted to join the program.





# The 9<sup>th</sup> Nativeland

## Expectations

1. Thai adopted children will develop their potential for their better life with bright future and searching for their root will fulfill their life.
2. Adopted children and adoptive families will have knowledge and understanding about Thai culture and will experience Thai particular features and walk of life. Experience the above things might lead to promote Thailand to their own country and might lead to inspire their mind in helping children in babies' home or other further social assistance.
3. Thai adopted children, Adoptive families and the staff who work in the field of intercountry adoption will build network and further cooperation.



Many thanks for your kind attention

