

# The Chaipattana Foundation's Post-Tsunami Housing Project



After the recent tsunami devastated the six provinces in the South of Thailand, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn asked the Chaipattana Foundation to provide immediate relief that meets the traditional lifestyle of survivors.

In Phang Nga province, the villagers of 23 households in Thoong Nang Dum village and Pra Thong Island, Kuraburi District lost their homes and some of them did not wish to return to live in the destructive areas. Her Royal Highness, therefore, asked the Chaipattana Foundation to purchase appropriate pieces of land for the construction of permanent housing.



A piece of land with the total of 5 rai (2 acres) at Kuraburi District was purchased to establish the **“Chaipattana-Thai Red Cross Village-World Vision”** for those 23 households. World Vision, the foundation for children, is in charge of the construction and the Phuket engineers take care of the design. In addition to providing the villagers



moved to live in this village can continue to earn their living through fishing and at the same time they will learn how to live harmoniously with the forest according to His Majesty's initiative.

Baan Thoong Rak is situated in the National Conserved Forest area which is 11 kilometers away from Pra Thong Island. A small creek which leads to the sea makes the area suitable for establishing the village which will consist of a child development center, a school, a health center, an infrastructure, a public utility system as well as a quay. The village plan has been arranged by the Desktop Company Ltd. and the establishment is being carried out by the Technical Service Engineer Department, the Royal Thai Army. After asking the villagers' opinions, 115 households wished to live in the Chaipattana-Thai Red Cross Villages.



houses, a common area was arranged to conduct other activities or it can be served as a backyard garden.

Pra Thong Island was another area which was seriously damaged. The villagers of Baan Nam Khem were allocated to stay in temporary shelters in the mainland which were not enough for every affected household. Over 140 households still remain unaided. Then, the Chaipattana Foundation together with the Thai Red Cross Society and the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment prepared a proper location at Baan Thoong Rak, Kuraburi District with the total area of around 300 rai (120 acres) to set up the **“Chaipattana-Thai Red Cross Village” (Baan Thoong Rak)**. The villagers who

