

MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

The term 'media' in this document is to mean any person or company who wishes to make any journalistic articles about any of the projects managed by the Father Ray Foundation. This will include any newspaper and magazine journalists, documentary filmmakers or news filmmakers.

All projects should be aware of the policies and procedures when contacted by media personnel.

All requests from members of the foreign media profession should be asked the following questions:

- Name of requesting journalist/photographer
- Name of company requesting media proposal.
- Subject, content and time of media proposal.

After collecting information from requesting foreign media, or local non-Thai language media, contact must, at the first opportunity, be made to Mr. Derek Franklin at the Father Ray Foundation Welcome Center derek@fr-ray.org.

Photography

The Father Ray Foundation follows local Thai law, set by the Department of Social Welfare & Human Security, which states that

“No image of a child who appears to be in distress shall be used to raise funds for charitable purposes”

“No surname of a child who appears to be in distress shall be used to raise funds for charitable purposes”

With this in mind, the Father Ray Foundation has published its own set of guidelines that are made public to all visitors on arrival at the Orphanage. Staff members at the projects managed by the Father Ray Foundation are made aware of the policy.



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We understand that visitors to the Father Ray Foundation want to take photos of our children, and we have no problem with that. However, the Father Ray Foundation respects the law of the Kingdom of Thailand, which prohibits displaying children in difficulty for the purpose of fundraising.

As part of our Child Protection Policies, we ask that visitors follow these guidelines:

1. We ask that you do not take any photos of any children who are in distress. Some photos may make the children look pitiful, and this is not the image we try to give. You will notice that our children are clean, happy and healthy, but on occasions children do cry and get upset. We do not want people to think that our children are always unhappy.
2. No photographs must be taken of any children, babies or students in a state of undress or when showering or bathing.
3. Photographs that are to be used in the mass media (TV, newspapers & magazines or the Internet) must have prior permission from the President of the Father Ray Foundation, and must be submitted to the President of the Father Ray Foundation prior to publication.

