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สวัสดี คณะอาจารย์ เพื่อนๆ และ แยกผู้มีเกียรติทุกท่าน ดิฉัน (Witisada Wattananimitgul) ดิฉันกำลังศึกษาด้านเศรษฐศาสตร์ ที่ Pomona College

My name is Witisada Wattananimitgul. I am currently a sophomore studying economics.

HRH's dedication and involvement to education in Thailand is a large part of why the Thai Community of the Claremont Colleges is proud to have such strong ties to our home country. Pursuing higher education for my peers and I could not be possible without opportunity. We are deeply grateful and inspired by HRH's commitment to education in Thailand because without such influence and progress, many of us would not be at the Claremont Colleges today. Education is essential to Thailand's growth – not only economically, but socially. As a member of the Thai Community of the Colleges, I can speak for both myself and my peers when I say we are committed to carrying on HRH's mission to improve accessibility and quality of education in our home country. When I was six years old, my family and I came from Thailand to the United States. I was a first grader who knew only a couple words of English. Through public programs similar to that chaired by HRH such as Ananta Mahidol Foundation, I was given the opportunity to pursue higher education at this very institution. The quality learning, critical thinking, Professors, Peers, and support of Pomona College have transformed me. I plan to use the lessons I have learned at this preeminent institution to promote educational reform in my home country.

สุดท้ายนี้ ดิฉันหวังเป็นอย่างยิ่งว่า การเสด็จมาเยือนของ HRH ในครั้งนี้ จะเป็นการเชื่อมความสัมพันธ์อันดีระหว่าง Pomona College และประเทศไทย

I sincerely hope that through HRH's visit, we can strengthen connections between Pomona College and Thailand. Thank you.