

## The Entries of Pre-service Teacher's Diary

## **Teaching Diary**

## Day 4 - Suratthani School

9Agustus 2017

Mr. Bat picked us at 7.30 to go to Suratthani School. It needed around 5 minutes by car to get there. I and other 4 students are placed in Suratthani School for teaching practice by Suratthani Rajabhat University. Surathani School is one of the best school in this area. It has hundreds students. The School address is 88 Donnok Road, Amphoe Mueang Surat Thani, Chang Wat Surat Thani 84000. The school is very huge. The Facilities are complete.

We headed to The English Department to meet our mentor when we arrived at the school. My mentor is Teacher Mee (So sorry for not remembering your Thai name It's quite difficult). He is English teacher for M4 (Matayom 4 / grade 10) and M5. He is Thai. Teacher Mee and all of us went to Social Studies department in the second floor. We met the mentor for my 2 Philippine friends

Furthermore, I joined Teacher Mee's class with Clarissa to start the observation. I only observed two classes (M4 or grade 10 and M5 or grade 11). The observations were all done in the morning. I had lunch in the Student's Cafeteria. During the afternoon, we did not have any class to be observed. I spent the time by learning the school curriculum.

The teachers and students in Suratthani were friendly and nice. My first impression is that this school is too big for secondary level compare to the secondary school in my country. The best thing about this school are there is a halal food that you can find in the cafeteria. There are some Muslims as well in the school that you may face. Moreover, the school gave me permission and a room for me to do prayer.

I finished the class and back to our mansion at around 2 pm with tuktuk (a local transportation in Thai) with My friends. It costed 15 Batch for one way.

# Day 5 - Morning Ceremony at Surrathani School

10Agustus 2017

I prepared to go earlier to reach the school on the second day because I planned to walk to school. I was ready at 6.55. It needed around 30 minutes to arrive in the school by walking. On the first day, Teacher Mee told us that schools in Thailand usually conduct a ceremony every morning. It starts at 7.50 am. I was excited to join and experience how the ceremony of Thailand students. I used to watch it in Thai movies. I could not wait for it.

The ceremony began with singing Thailand national anthem by all member of schools. They also sang Surrathani province song and their school hymn. Then, they would do a prayer based on the Buddhist way. The students would seat on the ground when their advisor gave them some announcement. It finished after around 40 minutes.

After the ceremony, I was lucky due to a teacher form Philippine at Suratthani School treated us a cup of Thai milk tea ice. I loved it very much. It tasted really really good. It was refreshing. Thank you so much for giving me this amazing drink, you should try one when you come to Thailand, I recommend it strongly.

Let's start again.... My activities in the school for the first week are observations. So, I did another observation in Teacher Mee Class. I met different characteristic of students in the class. They are all giving me some lesson to take a note. I enjoyed the class observation. I hoped the result will help me in my teaching practices. I helped Teacher Mee by giving information about Indonesia

In the afternoon, I had lunch with some students from M4 in the canteen. They are very kind and good at English. I had rice and chicken for my lunch. One of students gave me a hand made white flower. Aww, they are so cute and creative. Thank you so much, students.

I continued to observe in another class again after having lunch. The class were on the next building to student's canteen. I went back to mansion at about 3 pm.

## Day 6 - Mother's day Celebration

#### 11 Agustus 2017

In Thailand, 12 August 2017 is the Queen's birthday. Most of people also called it as Mother's day. Every school will hold a celebration for this special day. My school makes one for it.

The celebration of Mother's day conducted during the morning ceremonial. Some mothers of the students were invited to join this celebration. It started with morning ceremony as usual. Some teachers and students were busy to make decoration for this event in the morning. The used flowers, ribbon, photos and flags to decorate. They did very well. The decoration was beautiful.

All wore blue color for their clothes because Blue is Queen's favorite color. The students and their mother gathered in one place. Their mothers were sitting in the chairs while the students were kneeling to their mother. The students also presented a flower to their mother. It was very touching moment when the students gave the flower to their mother. Some of them cried at this time. I was also so touched by them. Suddenly, I missed my mom a lot.

It was around 9.30 am when the celebration ended. The students prepared some foods for their mother. I and my friend went to the office afterward. Not too long ahead, Teacher Mee called me that the School vice director wanted to meet all students who joined SEA-TEACHER Project. Therefore, we directed to meet them in their office. We met the vice director of Academic, the vice director of administration and the vice director of financial. The director was busy so that we could not meet him personally at that time.

Furthermore, we continued our class observations until the end of the school. It was such great day to know something new about Thailand.

## Day 9 One day with lesson Plan

14 Agustus 2017

\*\*\*Hello, Happy Monday to all\*\*\*

Some people may hate Monday. It takes the happiness and fun on the weekend. Lucky for us, because this Monday was still holiday due to Mother's day celebration has not yet over. Actually, we had long weekend but we did not know where to go. We just stayed at dorm eventually.

"What did I do at the dorm?"

Well, yeah. I and my friends were working on our lesson plan before submitting to our mentor. I made a lesson plan for Grade 11. The topic was about TV around the world which focused on grammar. I tried to integrate it with writing skill. Suratthani School uses a book from MC Graw Hill

Education for English subject in all level. The book is on the picture. My mentor also gave me the curriculum that helped me to finish the lesson plan.

I thought that making lesson plan was not easy as it seems. For us who never made it or familiarized with it, may be it could be troublesome. But don't worry. As long as to try it, You will master it. As for me, I took around 3 hours to make one lesson plan. I searched for the suitable material as well as the presentation and media. It was a tiring day.

#### Day 10 [still] with Lesson Plan

15 Agustus 2017

On last Tuesday, I went to school as usual. I was out at 7.40 and waited for my friends. We walked to School for about 30 minutes. At the school, I made a promise to my mentor, Teacher Mee to bring my lesson plan for him in order to have some consultation. After read and check my lesson plan, He gave me an approval for it. There was no revision at all. Yeay. I was happy inside. My work paid off already.

For this day, I stayed in the office only. Teacher Mee gave me time to make a preparation for teaching practice on the next day. I did not observe the students. I would like to tell you some fun facts about Thai students that I saw it with my own eyes. It was interesting.

Here it is.....

Thai students always do "wai" for their teachers everywhere whey they happen to meet. They honor the teachers very much. There fore. in Thai, Teacher is a prestigious profession here. Not only doing 'wai", most of students in Thai will take off their shoes and kneel down when they want to meet their teachers in the office.

I was amazed to know it at the first because it does really different in Indonesia. I thought it was really cool. A teacher told me that Thai people do 'wai' for three people which are The King, the monk and the teachers.

## Day 11 – First Teaching (M5-7)

16 Agustus 2017

The time of teaching practice for me was nearly coming. I just prepared the material and doing some practices. I was really nervous. I tried to tell my to calm down. It worked on me but just a little.

My first class for teaching practice was M5-7 (similar to Grade 11-7). There were around 40 students. The lesson plan that I made was about direct and indirect (as I told you before). I was not sure that I can manage the students on time due to the school only allocated 50 minutes for each period. I

thought it was shorter than in Indonesia. We used to have 90 minutes for each period.

I entered the class at 11.10. Some students were in the class but there were some still outside the class. I opened the class and delivered all the stages of teaching as the lesson plan. I was excited with the students. Finally the class ended without so much problem. The only problem was that I missed the production stage during my teaching practice. I was not familiar yet the time allocation. The students was not bad. They were able to understand the lesson. The followed my instruction well. Therefor the aim of lesson was achieved.

I noted some feedback and comment from my mentor, Teacher Mee in the office after lunch time. He gave me a positive evaluation. Then I backed to dorm at about 3 pm with my friend after bought a green tea at the canteen.

Oh yeah, On that day, My friend from Philippine gave me something like cookies. It has white color and love shape. She told me the taste is sweet because it made from milk powder. It looked like castengel.

## Day 13 – Teaching M5/4 Students

18 Agustus 2017

It was Friday. I walked to school in the morning. The students were joining the gymnastics session in the school main yard. I just knew that the school did as the Indonesian school too. The difference is that in Thai not all students joined it but in Indonesia all member of school are obligated to join it. I did not join them. I just went to the office directly.

On my way to the school and to the office, I met some wild dogs. In Thai, wherever you go, you will meet the wild dog easily because there a lot of dogs here. Even, in the school environment I also met one of them. The size and type of the dogs were various.

In the first period, I observed Teacher Mee Class again. I seated in the back and made some notes about the class. The class that I observed was only one. Some students made jokes during the feedback for their exercise. They made some funny sentences.

Then, I did my third teaching practices on M5/4 Class. I taught them about the similar topic with the two previous class. The class were very good. The students were intelligent and active. The did the assignment without any problem. They were very lovely. I was very happy to teach them.

## Day 16 - Lesson Plan 2 Consultation

#### 21 Agustus 2017

I went to School with Clarisa. I planned to consul my second lesson plan to my mentor, Teacher Mee. The lesson plan designed for M4 students. The topic was about the modal Should. As for the language skill, it focused on speaking skill. I made the lesson plan two days ago. I also sent it already to Teacher Mee through email last night.

At the office, Teacher Mee only have some comment about it. He already read my lesson plan at home. He did not asked to print it as well. He told me that my lesson plan was good. There was nothing to revise. He gave his permission for me to implement it in the classroom on the next day. I was happy.

I stayed at the office for the next couple of hours. Teacher Mee gave me time to do the preparation for tommorrow. I prepare the material. I printed all the worksheet. Also, I made the presentation. Even, I practiced my teaching in the office with low voice.

I and Clarrisa went back to mansion at around 3 pm. We walked for about 30 minutes. As usual, we talked about anything all the way home.

## Day 17 – Teaching M4/8

#### 22 Agustus 2017

On last Tuesday, there was a science day. The students of M6, they did an exhibition. There were many booths that displayed students' science art and works. They also sold some foods and drinks as well.

In the morning, When I was about to copy some materials for students, the copy machine was not working. There was a jump paper on it. I was a bit worry of it because I did not know to fix it. Then teacher Mee helped me to make it works again. He is very kind. I could copy the materials at the end. Thanks for Teacher Mee.

On the second period, I taught M4-8 students. Their class was on 633. I opened the class. I did the teaching practice without any problems. The students were very enthusiastic during my teaching. It made me more excited. They asked some questions to me. One student asked me about Indonesia fruit, Salak. He confirmed if Salak is from Indonesia. "Yes, That's right", I said to him

After that, I just stayed at the office doing some business until the time for going back to home. I went home at about 3 pm with my friend. I bought some foods for dinner in the market. I bought fried chicken and chicken curry.

We cooked the rice. The dinner was really tasty..

## Day 18 - Friendly Muslim vendor at the cafeteria 23 Agustus 2017

I went to school on foot just like usual. The students were still doing the morning ceremony. I walked to the office directly as I had to prepare my materials before dong the teaching. I would teach the M4/1 students at period 4 started from 11.10 until 12.00. I was not sure, when suddenly, I was unable to teach the students because my mentor had taught them already in the class. He might forget that I would to teach on that day or there might be misunderstanding between us. That's alright for me. Finally, I just observed them. during the observation, my mentor asked permission to go to toilet. He said his stomach was not good. So he excused himself from the class. He left the students with an assignment to do.

During the lunch time, I ate at the cafeteria. In Suratthani School, there is only one Muslim vendor. Therefore, I had only one choice to eat. The vendor's name is Sallipah binti Ismail. She is Muslim from Pattani. I was very happy to meet her at the first. When I ordered my food, she told me about her house. Then, She invited me to come to her house which near a Masjid on the 1st September 2017 So that we can do the Idul Adha pray there. She also told me that she would like to cook curry for me on that day. She let me to bring my friends as well. Also, She would like to pick me up at my accommodation. Owh, She is really kind. She game her name card. She asked me to contact her later.

In the afternoon, I joined the Philippinos club with Clarissa. The students were learning about one of food from Philippine. It was ChonManuk or grilled chicken. The students were very excited to taste the chicken.

#### Day 19 – Teaching M4/1

24 Agustus 2017

In the morning, I was walking to school as usual. However, it was different. My 2 other friends from Philippine joined us for walk. There were four of us who walked together. we were out at the similar time.

The students at school were still did the morning ceremony when we arrived. We directed to the office. We met nobody there. Then, we just did the preparation for our class. I was very excited to teach the students. I would teach M4/1 at period 3. It started at 10.20. I waited for Teacher Mee but he did not show up. I was a little worry when it was about the time, I still could not find him. I waited for another 10 minutes. The class was a bit late to start. Then, I went to the class by my self to check if he was already in the class. However, I did not meet him in the class. I asked the students, They were also

not sure about him. Finally I decided to teach the class because I was preparing to teach them from the start.

Unfortunately, When I was about to teach students, suddenly my laptop did not work for a moment. I was shocked, I just used it a moment before without any problem. I tried to not use the laptop and continued to help the students learn with my best. I did not follow the lesson plan and made some changes to meet the situation. At the end, the teaching process was running well. The students were very lovely, active and obedient. 12 am was our lunch time. I and my friend ate lunch at the cafeteria. I had my rice with omelette and chicken. After that I joined the class M6/9 to do the observation

We visited Teacher Kookai's office in the third floor of foreign language building. I took a look at the foreign language classrooms. It was amazing. The classes have different design and interior depends on the country. We went home earlier by tuk-tuk. I took a nap afterwards. I had dinner with my friends in the mansion. We cooked the meals together.

## Day 20 – Students Army at Suratthani School 25 Agustus 2017

On last Friday, there was special and improtance occasion in the School. Some school donors were invited to the School to have a meeting. I was not sure what the meeting about. The donors came at the same time as the students. It was around 7-8 am.

In order to greets them, some students of Suratthani School who joined army class made a line along the way from the school gate to the students building, the location of the meeting. When donor's car passed through them, all students would sallute them. They did the sallute for each of donors.

## Day 24 – Teaching M4/8 about Indonesia 29 Agustus 2017

The sun was not really hot when I went to School on Tuesday morning. It was sunny. I walked with Clarissa. We went to different street. It is claimed to be the shorter way to reach the School from our mansion. We wanted to prove it by taking this way. We went straight to the Chonkasam road and then turned right near the intersection at the end of chonkasam road. We passed the Suratthani Provincial Administration Center beside the Suratthani School. In the end, we both agreed that we arrived at the School faster than before. The students were still having the morning routine. They sat on the ground and listened to the announcement from the Teacher who spoke it in the center of stage. It was full in thai. I did not understand any words. The main yard was wet, so the students did the ceremony on the main road from the gate around. I walked straight to the office. I did not join them for the ceremony.

I prepared my materials for teaching M4 students. I printed the

worksheet and copied by my self. I checked the file for the presentation stage in order to make sure everything was good. The period started at 10.20 am. My topic was about Indonesia tourism. I taught the students about listening for details. I showed them some advertiment video of Indonesian Tourism. They were amazed of it. The students did the exercise related to the video. The worksheet consisted of some questions about the information in the video. We discusse the answer togther. I provided some gifts for student who answered the question correctly. They competed each other to get the gift. I instructed the students to make a simple poster about West Papua in group in the end of class. They also had to post their poster on instagram. I have them the deadline to post it before the week end. The students were happy and enjoyed the lesson.

I ate my lunch at the cafeteria with Clarissa. I had chicken curry with rice. Princess and Maro joined our table to have the luch. All of us ate different menu in one table. Then, office was our next stop. We walked to home at around 3 pm. We visited a store near the market to buy instant matcha just like a day before. We went to wrong direction at the beginning. We still used google map to help us find the location. We entered the store. We wanted to buy the thai tea and matcha but there was none left. We asked for more to the staff but there was no more. The stock was empty again. They were not sure when they would retock it. We visited the market again, I looked around and saw anything if there was something that I can buy. At the end I found nothing.

We finally continued walking to our dorm. We would like to back to the store on the next day. My friend from Surapittaya School offered me some halal street food. We ate it for dinner at my room together. I was not sure about the name. However all of them were yummy.