

2018's ACE Winners Impact

Winners from last year's AMCHAM Thailand's CSR Excellence awards speak on their projects and subsequent impact

For the past ten years, AMCHAM Thailand has acknowledged outstanding commitment in CSR awards with the American Chamber Of Commerce In Thailand Corporate Social Responsibility Excellence Awards; ACE for short. Each member striving for this recognition has exemplified excellent work within their company's CSR initiatives. For more information, please email Kittie at kittie@amchamthailand.com

Cargill Siam Ltd.
Winner of the 2018 AMCHAM CSR Excellence Special Award "CSR Excellence (under One Million Baht)"

Name of CSR Initiative: Cargill Cares: Healthy School Project

At Cargill, we are committed to our community and strive to lead the private sector in nourishing the world in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way. We strongly believe that every child deserves nutritious and healthy meals.

The "Cargill Cares School Lunch" program started in 2014. After surveying nearby schools, we identified opportunities to improve child nutrition, particularly with respect to protein, which plays a key role in developing learning ability. As a result, Cargill began to provide protein and other age-appropriate nutritional requirements. Today, the Cargill Cares Healthy School Project consists of three major activities: the Cargill Cares Nutrition Program, the Master Chef Junior Competition, and the Cargill Cares Volunteer Program.

The Cargill Cares Nutrition Program provides over 400,000 healthy meals annually to fourteen schools and 1,300 students in Saraburi and Nakorn Ratchasima provinces and will be expanding to schools near our other factory.

With support from Cargill, schools are now able to reduce their lunch costs and allocate funding elsewhere, knowing that the children are being provided with the nutrient



rich meals that they need to grow. We also encourage parents to join the school's kitchen staff to prepare meals, building a stronger sense of community and easing the burden of expenses borne by the school.

In 2018, Cargill Cares initiated a new activity in honor of World Food Day. The Cargill Master Chef Junior Competition is a half-day event providing primary students the opportunity to learn more about nutrition and raise awareness of global hunger and the prevention of food waste. The program highlight was a cooking competition in which children were

encouraged to create their own menu from our listed ingredients. The competition was closely supervised by teachers and volunteers to ensure that the children cooked safely and were engaged in learning around nutrition throughout the competition.

The Cargill Cares Volunteer Program engages over two hundred employees in building school greenhouses for growing organic vegetables to use in the school's lunch programs. This project saves on school food expenses while providing fresh and nutritious vegetables for students and staff.

2019 marks Cargill's fiftieth anniversary in Thailand and we are making special efforts to celebrate this milestone. Our goal for 2019-2020 is to extend our program to encompass at least fifty schools and five thousand students. We have partnered with Save The Children to extend our reach and further our efforts to see children grow healthy, happy, and ready for the future. ■

