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Mew (Grade 11)**

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**Operation Smile's Mae Hong Son Mission, February 2018  
Kib (Grade 10 J)**

It was a short journey from Bangkok to Mae Hong Son, despite our connecting flight in Chiang Mai. During the first day, all anyone could focus on was going into the OR (Operation Room) and witnessing an operation. After we checked in at the hotel, we traveled for approximately 10 minutes to the hospital. At the hospital, we spent some time in the ward cheering the patients up. The anxiety of being in an operation room made the atmosphere quite tense. Nevertheless, once we played games and talked to the patients, they loosened up a little. Then the moment everyone was waiting for came – the OR. When I put on the scrubs I was screaming inside, I was going to see a live operation. I have never been in an operating room before so the experience was very exciting. I was not scared at all; the doctors were very relaxed as well. The atmosphere was not serious as the operations were small. Once we left the hospital we had a chance to go to the night market and ate dinner there. It was a time to bond with students from other grades as well do some sightseeing the local area. Next year, undoubtedly, I would participate in the Operation Smile Mission again. I highly suggest anyone that is interested in the field Medicine to take this opportunity to explore the field.



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