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Congratulation Gala Dinner for new appointed senator ML Preeyapun



Newly appointed Senator for Chiang Mai ML Preeyapun Sridhavat welcomes the guests to listen to the Children's Choir.

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ML Preeyapun Sridhavat is the Vice President of the Woman's Association of Thailand, Director of the Chiang Mai Ballet Academy, Honorary Consul of Peru for Northern Thailand and Judge in Chiang Mai Court and now newly appointed Senator for the Province of Chiang Mai. A gala dinner was held in honor of this accomplished woman at the Grand Ball room of the Empress Hotel Chiang Mai, on Friday the 20th of May under the leadership of Ongkarn "JOJO" Chaiongkarn.



Preeyapun.

Historical costumes were shown and the acting of the celebrities was quite enthralling. Other highlights included music and dances from the musical "Evita" followed by another fashion show of Chiang Mai celebrities giving their homage to Chiang Mai's Evita Peron! Master of Ceremony Montri Wongkasern, Vice President of the Chiang Mai Chamber Of Commerce performed a Latin style dance with Raya Luelai on stage so that Chiang Mai's Empress Hotel was transformed into Latin America taking all the guests into another world!

Friends of Senator ML Preeyapun Sridhavat who performed in the show.

Many organizations were involved in the program and more than 300 guests congratulated ML Preeyapun on her very special success.

Governor ML Panadda Diskul, Mayor Tussanai Buranupakorn, Judges of the Court of Chiang Mai, Consul Generals, Consuls and Honorary Consuls of Northern Thailand, Presidents and Chair of many charity organizations, business people, and local politicians all gathered to pay their respects and offer their congratulations to this dynamic leader of Chiang Mai.

Entertainment included dances from the Chiang Mai Ballet, a children's choir singing the ABBA song Dancing Queen (so the connection to the Dancing noble lady of Chiang Mai was clear) and a short summary of a historical movie about an important Thai Queen who sacrificed her life for Thailand. The evening culminated in a fashion and dance show consisting of Chiang Mai celebrities to honor ML



The Chiang Mai Mail team offers their congratulations and best wishes to Chiang Mai Senator ML

Frank Sethi of Fashion King and Raya Luelai were some of the honored guests at the event.

The evening ran late when donations were given by The Empress Hotel, the Lion's Club Saraphi, local business people and Phuenthai German International Organization, who also co hosts the event with a special 10,000 Baht donation. Section president Wuttipong Arayatumsopon gave the cheque with help of his assistant Khun Zarf, Janet Henry, Bobby Khotbuntao and Dr. Dirk Weeber Arayatumsopon to the new Senator to present to the Northern School for the Blind.

Thailandfriends International coordinator Janet Henry took part in the fashion show wearing a rainbow dress to show that the unity of the people is important for Chiang Mai and Thailand. Thailandfriends board member and soon vice president Bobby Khotbuntao wore a classic latino styled suit and stunning blue hair while Dr. Dirk Weeber Arayatumsopon wore a European Baroque Emperor Costume.

Preeyapun Sridhavat.



Senator ML Preeyapun Sridhavat is surrounded by friends who performed in the show.



Chiang Mai Mayor Tussanai Buranupakorn offers his congratulations to ML Preeyapun on her appointment as Senator for Chiang Mai.



Phueanthai offers a cheque for 10,000 Baht to Senator ML Preeyapun for the Northern School for the Blind.



Fantastic shows kept the audience entertained at the event at the Empress Hotel on May 20, 2011.



The Chiang Mai Ballet performed at the show.



Phuenthai German International Organization: from left to right Wuttipong Arayatumsopon (President Section Thailand), Wuttipong "Bobby" Khotbuntao (Board Member - Vice President in Appointing process), Janet S. Henry (International coordinator), Frank Sethi (1st cashier, Board member), Zaft Yula Atha.



Kate Chulaluck Setthakorn was one of the models at the fashion show at the Empress Hotel.