

Looking Back on a Year of Hope and Help



2022 saw continued ramifications of the Covid-19 pandemic across Pearl S. Buck International's global affiliates and the children and families they serve, but thanks to generous child sponsors and donors, the impoverished and marginalized members in our programs continued to receive nutritional, educational, health, and livelihood aid.

- Pearl Buck believed an education was key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and across our global programs, 99.78% of students progressed to the next grade level.

- The Philippines continued to support families deal with food insecurity by educating them on how to grow nutritious foods with the Backyard Gardening Project.

- Thailand also helped to support families dealing with food insecurity by providing education for the raising of livestock such as pigs and chickens so they not only have food, but they can also have a source of income with the sale of the animals.

- Thanks to the generosity of PSBI sponsors and donors, Vietnam was still able to supply the orphans with healthy food when the government had to divert resources from the orphanages to deal with COVID-19 outbreaks.

- Chongshi Girls School is helping keep the legacy of Pearl S. Buck alive with a curriculum dedicated to her life and literary works.

- Korea started a wonderful initiative to bring support to elderly Amerasians who are still struggling due to the circumstances of their birth.

- Taipei-Taiwan is helping immigrant families deal with the struggles of the pandemic by offering counseling to deal with the emotional toll the pandemic is taking on them.

In all, the overseas affiliates continue the legacy of Pearl S. Buck to do outstanding work with marginalized populations despite the hardships of the global pandemic. All of this humanitarian service to the most vulnerable around the world this past year was thanks to your generosity and kindness. You provided help and hope and ensured Pearl Buck's legacy of reaching out to marginalized and impoverished children, families, and communities could continue. Thank you!



Lunar New Year 2023

BRIDGING CULTURES  CHANGING LIVES

Celebrating the Year of the Rabbit



Lunar New Year will fall on January 22 in 2023. Lunar New Year is the beginning of the calendar year based on the lunar calendar and is celebrated by many cultures, including people in many of the Asian countries served by Pearl S. Buck International. January 22, 2023 will mark the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit.

In China and the Philippines, red is a symbol of good luck, so people wear red and hang red lanterns. Children often receive small gifts in red envelopes.



Though the pandemic changed some of these things over the past few years, typically Thai people celebrate the New Year for three to four weeks allowing for travel. Students who study away from home use this time to travel home. Thai schools hold parties with games and performances and students exchange gifts.

A number of Thai people visit their temples to make merit either on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day and attend meditation retreats over the holiday.

Thai Buddhists make merits by offering donations to the monks, listening to sermons by the monks, giving food and releasing birds or fish.

The Vietnamese people celebrate Tet Nguyen Dan, which translates as "the first morning of the first day of the new year" and falls on the same day as Lunar New Year.

Tet is a seven-day celebration where offerings are made to the Kitchen God to bring good luck in the new year.

Ancestors are honored by burning incense, and a feast is prepared to celebrate the new year. Families then go to their places of worship to pray for the new year to be prosperous.

This year, the Pearl S. Buck Volunteer Association will be hosting a Lunar New Year celebration at Pearl S. Buck International. This family-friendly event, which will be on January 22, will have a range of games and activities to teach children and their parents about the Lunar New Year celebrations around the globe.

If your sponsor child celebrates Lunar New Year, you can send them a gift by December 31. <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/sponsor-a-child/giveagift/>

Happy Year of the Rabbit!

