

Kids want adults to behave better, give up vices

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AS CHILDREN enjoyed National Children's Day celebrations at government offices, military bases and other venues yesterday, a new poll revealed most kids want adults to shape up by giving up vices and generally behaving better.

Meanwhile, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Governor MR Sukhumbhand Paribatra urged kids to study hard, perform their duties diligently and have a volunteer spirit.

He was speaking at an event at the Thai-Japanese Sports Complex in Din Daeng. The complex – along with Vachirabenjatas Park (Rot Fai Park) – created six zones for fun activities that integrated the 12 main Thai values.

The BMA also unveiled the Children's Museum near the park yesterday, after it was closed for renovations for four years.

The authority will continue to stage

activities to mark children's day at its 37 youth centres, 38 libraries and 438 sport centres and schools until next Sunday.

A Bangkok Poll released yesterday found that 51.5 per cent of children want their parents to refrain from drinking alcohol, smoking and gambling.

Almost 49 per cent want adults to stop fighting, 42.6 per cent want them to refrain from overspending and 34 per cent want them to stop being dishonest.

Most children (88.9 per cent) heard about the 12 main Thai values via school recitals (33.5 per cent) and TV and radio (18 per cent).

The poll of 1,210 kids aged 6-14 in the greater Bangkok area, also found that children want parents to take them to an amusement park (34 per cent), a planetarium/museum (13.7 per cent) and a zoo (12.3 per cent).

Most wanted to become a soldier followed by a teacher and a doctor.

The poll also found that the most

desired gift item was an iPad/smart phone (29.2 per cent) followed by a computer desktop/notebook (22.2 per cent).

Among the various fun activities and gifts provided to kids yesterday, Ban Mai Khlong Khian School in Uthai Thani's Ban Rai district came up with an addi-



Clockwise from left: Children are accompanied by their parents or guardians while taking part in Children's Day activities at Government House yesterday. Boys get a feel of military hardware at an Army camp in Pattani. Children get a first-hand experience of broadcasting at the Nation TV studio.



tional condition for kids wishing to attend its celebration – to get free goodies, each child had to collect garbage. Tambon Ban Mai Khlong Khian Administrative Organisation head Amnat Khonkhiew said the idea was to teach the young that doing a good thing and being disciplined was rewarded.