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Eye **Opener**

Suwicha Chanitnun  
Rojana Manowalailao

# Ur gallery



**'Wildflower'**

**Purnima Ruanglerbutr**, 18, is a student in creative arts at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

"The Earth laughs with its vast fields of flowers. Beings from a planet without flowers must think we're blessed with joy to have such beautiful things around us."



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## PERSEVERANCE PAYS OFF

**A**fter entering Ramkhamhaeng University, I began to care about my grades because I wanted to prove to my parents that I could be a useful person.

When I attended Ruamrudee International School, I only had a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), which made me ashamed of myself. I decided to improve upon that, believing that I'm in full control of my destiny and that I'm responsible for whatever happens to me.

The difference in the teaching systems used by my high school and university brightened my prospects. (My university's modular system teaches courses in four weeks and follows up with a final exam, emphasising class attendance. I find this system easier.)

To achieve better grades, I've learned to manage my time carefully, dividing my time effectively between studying and playing.

When I was in high school, I played around all the time, in addition to watching movies and playing computer games. Now I'm more serious about my studies because I initially was paranoid about failing.

Dedication and determination are essential to achieve good grades. I've realised that procrastination and gallivanting around instead of studying could hurt my future.

The knowledge that I gather today will become a part of

me and someday may be useful to society. I've picked up a gargantuan amount of information about how to run a business and I don't regret spending a lot of time learning all this.

My perseverance during the second year of university studies has paid off. I recently received a ฿10,000 scholarship. Only students who achieve a GPA of over 3.8 are eligible for it, so I'm exceptionally proud of myself.

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