# New Business to Confront Global Challenges A case study of Thai Women Entrepreneurs

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## Two women entrepreneurs

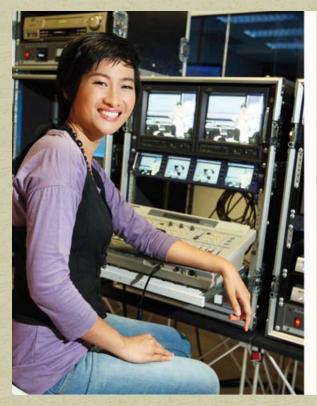
- Two different lines of business
  - Education
  - Arts and Crafts
- Challenges
  - Knowledge required in a borderless world
  - Creative economy
  - Social enterprise

## En-Concept: The Joy of Learning

- Ms. Alisara Thanapakit (Nan)
  - A teacher who "sings English"
- 1994: dark hours → → brightest days
- Age 17: started a tutorial place
  - 7 students
- Fear of learning English
  - grammar, vocabulary, accent







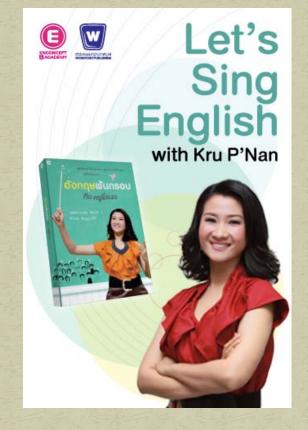
- How the brain works:
  - Left: logic, technical knowledge
  - Right: emotion, imagination
- New ways of presenting information
  - Adding songs, make it fun





- Captures thirst for knowledge
  - with an inspiring innovation
- Education + Entertainment
- Rhythm helps memory
  - fun, related to daily lives





- Memory + Melody = Memolody
- A variety of lyrics:
  - Economic terms → debt, assets
- School as 'community of learning'





- Success: A super star English teacher
- Building herself into a brand
  - 8 enterprises in her network/chain
- More than 30 branches, hundreds of thousands students
  - Teleconference
  - Recruiting "edutainers"
- Dare to dream
- Make it come true





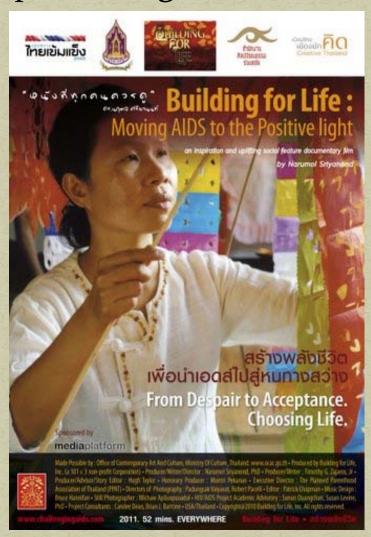




#### Chiengmai Design: Building lives through SMEs

- Dr. Narumon Sriyanond: a film maker
- Documentary: Moving AIDS to the positive light
  - Acceptance is the key
    - Support from family
    - Responsibility for family
    - Give back to the community





- Grass roots industry
  - Using silk fabrics / natural products
  - → fashion items, decorative accessories
- Social value fashion business concept
  - On-line clothing for the global market







- Creations by HIV positive women in rural Thailand
  - Plus local artisans
- on line boutique
- customers community relationship
- Webcams work in progress
- Ultimate Aim: Economic empowerment







- Ultimate aim: Women's Economic empowerment
  - → community and social development







