Fifteen people from Suk Samran participated in a "study tour" to Songkla Province to learn how a garbage recycling program has made communities cleaner and healthier, while earning money for community programs. Participants saw how collecting and selling bottles and plastics can benefit school programs and how household organics can be converted into fertilizer for gardens. Songkla village volunteers explained how their cooperative works to separate and sell trash. “Plastic is not trash,” said one volunteer. “It represents money for the community.”

Health volunteers, community volunteers, TAO staff, religious leaders mostly from Village 4, as well as representatives from Village 1 and 2 participated in the study tour.

Scheduled December Events:

- SiriConsult – Revolving Fund     Dec. 17-18
- Disaster Preparedness Training      Dec 19-22
- Groundbreaking Ceremony for Community Center        Dec 27

The Khampuan Tambon Administration Organization completed several development and improvement projects in Tambon Khampuan during fiscal year 2005:

1. Drainage system construction, village 5  73,000 Baht
2. Water canal dredging project, Ban Thaklang, village 4  345,000 Baht
3. Village store construction, village 6  568,500 Baht
4. Ditch dredging project, village 3  220,000 Baht
5. Land reclamation project, Baan Neua, village 2  221,280 Baht
6. Street signboard project  300,000 Baht
7. Sport field construction, village 7  418,000 Baht
8. TAO office renovation  180,000 Baht
9. Boat pier construction project, village 2  2,922,000 Baht
10. Boat pier construction, village 4  2,922,000 Baht
11. Boat pier construction, village 7  2,922,000 Baht
12. Water canal dredging project, Pak Klong Klouy, village 4  1,673,000 Baht
13. Water canal dredging project, Baan Talay Nok, village 1  4,181,000 Baht
14. Multi-purpose building project, village 1  499,000 Baht
15. Wier construction, village 1  454,000 Baht
16. Land-fill project  76,000 Baht
17. Land reclamation project, village 4  96,000 Baht
18. Road improvement in the areas affected by Tsunami  97,395 Baht
19. Land reclamation for Tsunami housing replacement, village 7  153,000 Baht
20. Water supply system project, village 4  3,000,000 Baht

During November 20-26, 2005, Khampuan TAO sponsored a study tour on organization, administration and management, and professional groups. The purpose was to foster a coordinated vision of future development between Tambon communities and the TAO. Participants included TAO Council members, Tambon officials, community leaders, and youth leaders financially sponsored by the Khampuan TAO 2006 fiscal year budget.
USAID, Coca Cola Dignitaries to Visit Dec. 27

USAID Regional Development Mission Director Timothy T. Beans and Jeremy E. Plotnick, Public Affairs Director for Coca-Cola (Thailand) will be among the dignitaries at the December 27 groundbreaking ceremony for the Khampuan Community Center.

The ceremony will begin at 11 am at the site of the new center, off Route 4 near the Children’s Center in Village 2. The public is invited.

Technical Assistance is Available for Revolving Fund Members

In late Oct., 5 million baht from the USAID Revolving Fund was distributed among five villages for the support of 250 micro-enterprises. A ceremony was held in each village.

The field staff is currently working with the Revolving Fund committee members to assess the need for technical assistance and training for fund members. Any fund members who feel they could benefit from training or other technical assistance are urged to contact one of their fund’s committee members.

SiriConsult, which provided the initial Revolving Fund training, will also visit Suk Samran on Dec. 17-18 to assist the committees with their accounting and bookkeeping.

NGO News - Thailand Environmental Institute, Saha Thai, NATR

The monthly coordination meeting was held on November 15 at the TAO office in Khampuan. The groups attending this month were NATR, Saha Thai, Thailand Environmental Institute (TEI) and USAID.

TEI informed the group of several of their activities including a diesel boat engine repair course, ecotourism, rare species management and institution structure development.

Saha Thai is giving scholarships to children of several villages and is building an office which will eventually be donated to the community to serve a learning center. NATR is continuing several of their community development initiatives including assisting with the purchase of land for an elementary school in Village 1, and soap making.

Look for more on these groups in upcoming issues of ‘Khampuan In Action’

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