

## “Plastic is not Trash. It Represents Money for the Community”



*Suk Samran villagers take notes as a Songkla village volunteer explains how his cooperative works to separate and sell trash.*

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:

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

## KHAMPUAN TAO NEWS

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

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| 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, village1                    | 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 |



**Khampuan TAO Chairman  
Dhari Manoch**

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.

The Post-Tsunami Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development and implemented by the Asian Institute of Technology, University of Rhode Island, and University of Hawaii in cooperation with the Khampuan TAO (Tambon Administrative Organization) in Suk Samran District, Ranong Province, Thailand. The goal of the program is to demonstrate how participatory, issue-driven and results-oriented processes can be applied to restart livelihoods and rehabilitate coastal communities affected by the Dec. 2004 tsunami in several coastal villages along the coast of the Andaman Sea.

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**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.

*Timothy T. Beans*

**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’

**Meet The Staff of Khampuan Tambon Administrative Organization**



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