



## Kamphuan Community Learning Center Welcomes New Director Phanuwachr Phattadhol

We wish a warm arrival to the new director of the Tambon Kamphuan Community Learning Center Khun Phanuwachr Phattadol. A graduate of Chulalongkorn University, Khun Phanuwachr has recently returned from living in the United States. Prior to coming to Kamphuan, Khun Phanuwachr worked at the Department of Human Services for the State of Colorado. He has extensive marketing experience in the public and private sectors. Khun Phanuwachr has taken the task of coordinating the development of outreach activities for the Learning Center and overseeing the construction of a multi-element exercise trail.

## Water Quality Monitoring for Watershed Management

In January 2007 the program conducted a two-day training program on Water Quality Monitoring for Watershed Management at the Ranong Coastal Aquaculture Station in Ratchacrut, Ranong. Taught by Dr. Kevin Hopkins of the University of Hawaii, Katie Wolff of the U.S. EPA and Chris Dunbar of the University of Rhode Island, this professional skills development training focused on providing participants with techniques and theory on environmental monitoring. Program attendees included individuals from Ranong Aquaculture Field Station (9), Leam Son National Park, Kasetsart University Marine Lab and the Provincial Fisheries Office.

Katie Wolff has been working in Kamphuan through April to develop a water monitoring plan for Klong Naka. The plan will assess the impacts of shrimp farm, grouper cage and green mussel aquaculture in Klong Naka. This plan will make recommendations on how to maintain good water quality for sustainable small-scale aquaculture in the area.



*Katie Wolff explaining Geographical Information System*

## Free Computer Training Program Offered at The Learning Center

From the 6-10 of August a General Computer Training program is schedule to be presented by the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication (ITC). We are currently seeking participants from the community of Suksamran to attend this training. Meetings for the Governing Board and Local Area Steering Committee are schedule for next week, for more information on these meeting please contact Khun Phanuwachr at the Learning Center or at [pphatthadhol@gmail.com](mailto:pphatthadhol@gmail.com).

## Fisheries Outreach Activities in Kamphuan

Head of the Department of Fisheries Suksamran Sub-district together with officers of Department of Fishery of Ranong Province visited fishermen who have joined the sustainable fishery project in Naka area on May, 24 2550. The activity was undertaken to enforce the ban on the use of unsustainable fishing gear such as push nets.

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 Kamphuan 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 December 26, 2004 tsunami in selected coastal villages along the coast of the Andaman Sea.

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## TAO News

1. The Chairman and deputy chairman of Kamphuan TAO went on a study visit, focusing on Local Development to India and Nepal from 18-26 June 2550. This field trip was part of the field study abroad project for the year 2550 for local administrative committees of Ranong province.
2. Civil Defense Volunteer training registration was held by TAO Kamphuan on 20 June 2550 from 9.00 am - 16.30 pm at Kamphuan Tambon Administrative Office. The training will be at the Tambon Kamphuan Community Learning Center (Green building) 2-6 July 2550.
3. Kamphuan TAO is seeking an assistant tax assessor officer position, interested applicants should contact the Tambon Administrative Office.

## Community-Based Tourism (CBT) – Development and Marketing by North Andaman Tsunami Relief

As part of their post-tsunami recovery, villagers have opened up their homes and lives to allow visitors to experience their fascinating cultures and communities, in an authentic and non-intrusive way. This undiscovered part of Thailand will captivate those who wish to experience traditional ways of life and contribute to the conservation of this outstanding region. By visiting the region, you will play an active part in the economic reconstruction of the area, ravaged by the tsunami in 2004.

### Be prepared

As tourism becomes a more prominent economic force in the area, there is a danger of local communities being unprepared, both in terms of job skills and cultural resilience. Unless action is taken soon, this may lead to rapid community and resource degradation. Communities need to start building a broad-based economy that can successfully encompass increasing tourism levels without becoming over-dependent.

### Sustainable future

By recognizing the economic, social, and environmental value of protecting this unique part of Thailand, villagers, NATR, and partners will build a regional network that will generate a sustainable source of tourism revenue while protecting the region.

**Andaman Discoveries** ([www.andamandiscoveries.com](http://www.andamandiscoveries.com))

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on a customized community-based tour in traditional villages just off the beaten track in the North Andaman, Southern Thailand.

NATR has now begun to hold training sessions in the villages that run Community Based Tourism programs to ensure that standards are met with regards to homestays, guiding, safety etc. The first village to request and welcome these trainings is Ban Talae Nok, which has been hosting trainings once a week since February. Other villages are set to start soon.