For a Resilient Mekong Region

Mekong Youth Farm Network

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THE CONTEST

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1. Acknowledgment

- Donor: YSEALI Seed for Future 2017
- Partnerships:
- + The US State Department,
- + ASEAN-US Mission,
- + Cultural Vistas and
- + YSEALI Seeds for Future Initiative.
- Network Partner:
- Burma/Myanmar
- + Mong Pan Youth group
- + Green Rights Organization

- Laos:
- + Green Laos Community
- + Nalee's Farm
- Thailand
- + Mekong Nomad Farm
- Vietnam
- + Tuoi's Farm
- Pham Ngoc Tong high school
- Can Tho University Practice Farm

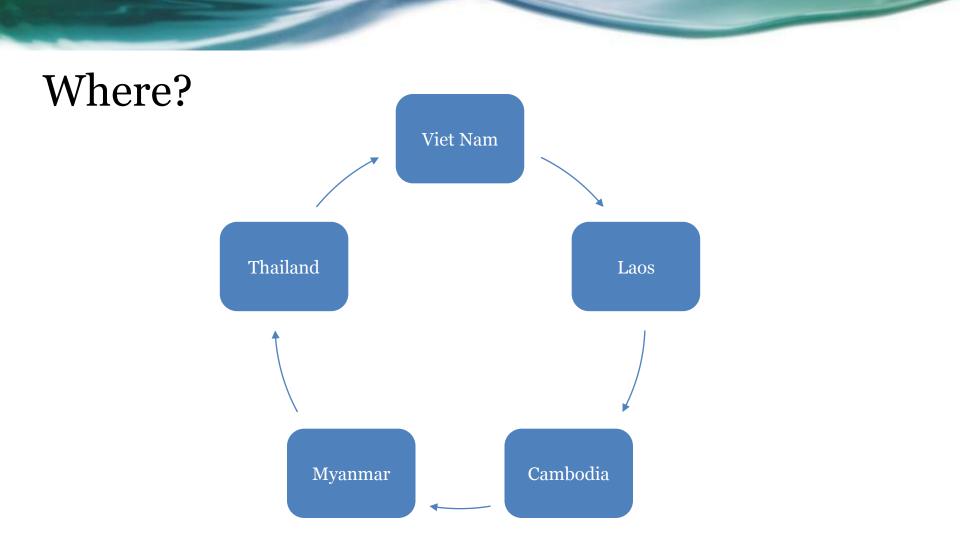
2. What is Y-Farm

• Y-Farm

Mekong Youth Farm Network was created by a group of determined youth from countries in the Mekong Region, a part of the Warm Hold Association, Vietnam.

- Slogan: For A Resilient Mekong Region
- Logo:





• Themes

(I) Training courses
(II) Farm improvement
(III) Youth Exchange

Seven groups or 225 individual youth participants.

• Vision:

Develop a sustainable future for organic agriculture in the Mekong region by teaching the young generation, demonstrating organic practices and providing Agri-tourism opportunities.

• Mission:

We envision a new generation of young farmers and customers who are adopting sustainable practices on their farm, in their purchases and in their communities.



3. The Activities

I. Training courses

Y-Farm believe that educational chance can improve the issues in our communities that relating to sustainable agriculture. We bring people who are interested in sustainable agriculture together to share, exchange, experience and inspire each other which the issue as: organic methods, educational and teaching farm, local farms, and farms that apply sustainable models.



Tuoi farm training course, Vietnam



Ech Op farm training course, Vietnam



Mekong Nomad farm training course, Thailand

(II) Youth Exchange on farming and sustainable agriculture

• We open the scholarship for all young farmers and youth to apply for the exchange trip to learn and exchange the knowledge through Mekong Region. They also can attend the workshop, forum that they feel helpful for them for the current work and future work.

Youth exchange in Vietnam that bring young farmers from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam







Youth exchange in Thailand that bring young farmers from Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam.



Youth exchange of Montana University's student and Y-Farm



(III) Start up/agricultural innovation upon student's return home

Support youth and students who have great ideas and are passionate about farming and sustainable agriculture to work and plan in their communities after their university and school courses end.

Support youth's innovative ideas on how to start and create their vision of "green growth", organic products or smart agriculture.

Mekong Nomad farm













The inspiration and the beginning of my farmer journey



 สุปใจกับสังเด็กๆ ที่สังเองได้ปีมหักอัมสีความหมายกับเมือนๆ และคมเอบบ้างอย่างไม่อากสัก สีใจที่ได้เป็นส่วนหมึ่งในการสร้าง "ระบบสีเวคน์" ปลูกสวมมักกลางป่าคอมกรีล เป็นที่บ่าเพระ แรงบันถางให้ไข้กับเลือนๆ คนไม่ใหม่ได้บังแร้ที่จะ เมลิตอาหาะ ได้มีระสวายง สละเพิ่มความชั่นใจว่าเราไม่ส่องรอถึงสอนกลับ มิณฐานปรแก้ด ไม่ส้องถึงรอดอนแล่ก็คงนี้อยปฏิบติได้เพย ขอบอกเสวแม้อคนเมือง ที่สั่วใช้ความมีมรองมวกเราเป็นชังง

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To To farm in Thailand



It's time to think about myself.



Agriculture is my friendship.



Nalee's farm in Laos











We have fruit buffet in our garden and sometime we bring our product to market and event

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Cungtan Organic farm

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"ยังทำฝาร์ม" น้ำสมุนไผร

Can Tho farm





(IV) Farm marketing and entrepreneurship

- We do the research to figure out the best way the do the purchase of organic products.
- Support the ideas to develop the add value produce from the crude products.
- Agri -tourism is the other way to gain income and inspire people about sustainable agriculture.



Green shop of GRO (Green Right Organization) Myanmar





(V) Youth volunteerism

The opportunity for youth, students, local and international youth to learn, exchange and experience new things that add tot thier knowledge and kills through volunteering on any farms which are partner with Y-Farm. The volunteer activities can be holed in one week or even one month.

At Mekong Nomad farm



We have volunteers came to helping us in our garden. We have small vegetable garden in our farm.







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Y-farm camp in Laos: Farm philosophy

Objective:

The workshop bring young local farmers as well as partners lower Mekong Countries in order:

- To present and share the farming system's perspectives
- To exchange the youth training on farming system
- To build relationship among farm and youth group
- To make action plan fro the future.



Y-Farm Camp 2017: Farm Philosophy Lao PDR



4. Future plan

A. Agri-tourism





Food from Tam Viet farm!



The activities at Tam Viet farm





The activities in Vam Ho farm



B. Support youth group In the Mekong Delta

DELTA YOUTH ALLIANCE









C. Organize 2 other exchange trip for other young farmers and extend the network.

The research: Youth and Young Adult Engagement in Sustainable Farming: A Permaculture Approach (Education For Sustainability Conference 2017, Singapore)

Questions:

- "What are the roles of Vam Ho and Tam Viet Farms in the educational and environmental awareness development of youth and young adult students?"
- "How do the students react during and after the training courses in Vam Ho and Tam Viet Farms?"

The result:

Through using the seven domains of the flower model of permaculture ethics and design principles as categories for our investigation, we are able to demonstrate that the Vam Ho and Tam Viet farms actively play important roles in the education and environmental awareness of youth and young adults in the Mekong Delta.

Thank you!

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