

**SJV1406 INFOSHEET**  
**WORKING FOR RENOVATION SCHOOLS AND HELPING POOR RURAL  
KIDS AT MEKONG DELTA AREA**



**CODE NUMBER AND TIME**

**SJV1406          06/05/2014 - 17/05/2014**

**LOCATION OF THE PROJECT**

Cao Lanh district, Dong Thap province.

**WELCOME WORDS FROM OUR CAMP LEADER**

Dear volunteers,

Firstly, it is a great honor for me to be able to welcome you here in Vietnam. I would like to express how happy I feel to have the opportunity to manage and meet a group of people like you who have travelled from different countries. I believe we can do our best to utilize an environmentally conscious attitude, bring a smile to the children of the reserve, and become closer by working together on this project.

Welcome to Vietnam, I am sure you will be inspired by the country, the local people and, Vietnamese food. Finally, I would like to thank you for your interest in volunteering in Vietnam. We respect you and your kindness. I look forward to meeting you in Vietnam.

Best wishes,

Do Minh Duc

Tong Quang Nam

Nguyen Minh Than

**Work camp Coordinators**

## **BACKGROUND OF PROJECT SITE**

A part of South-Western Region of Vietnam, Dong Thap is a province with highly developed agriculture industry. It adjoins Cambodia to the North and 3 other local provinces to the West, East and South.

A typical province in Mekong Delta, Dong Thap has a complex system of rivers, channels as well as big lakes and ponds. Taking advantages of its large water body, Dong Thap has developed a very convenient transportation system. And as it is a very agriculture-focused province, Dong Thap produces many valuable types of rice, poultry and seafood. Nowadays, the most popular sceneries are borderless rice fields and peaceful boats floating on the channels.

Dong Thap is in the tropical climate zone, consistently in the whole province. There are two evident seasons; rainy season from May to Nov, and dried season from Dec to Apr of the following year. Average rainfall ranges from 1,682-2,005mm, mostly in rainy season which accounts for 90-95% of annual rainfall. Such climate is fairly advantageous for agricultural development. The average temperature is 27oC, of which the highest is 34.3oC, and lowest is 21.8oC. The hydrology of the province is under the influence of 3 factors: floodwater from upper Mekong River, in-field rain and tides of the South East Asia Sea. The hydrologic regime is divided into 2 seasons:

exhausted season from Dec to Jun of the following year and flood season from Jul to Nov.

Enjoying a temperate climate, wide irrigation system, permanent fresh-water source supplied by Tien River and Hau River, and rich river deposit, the agriculture of Dong Thap keeps growing well. At present, Dong Thap is the 3rd largest rice paddy in Vietnam with a planted area of 462,042ha and paddy output of more than 2.8 million tons. Dong Thap is also well known for fruits, specifically as Cao Lanh mango, Lai Vung mandarin, Chau Thanh long an and Phong Hoa grapefruit (fruit-able during the year), etc. which bring about high economic values for gardeners. Within the province, there are various typical orchards having been specialized to produce consistent quality fruits, which aim at building up brand-name and meeting export requirements. In Cao Lanh, almost local people doing farming in the rice fields and gardening. A day closes quite early as local people go to bed around 10pm.

## **ROLES AND TASKS**

- Together with activities for children, the group also help with doing a small construction at the school.
- The group will discuss and prepare to organize various activities to entertain as well as help in non-formal education for local kids at An Binh B primary. Topics to be carried out: Health care; Traditional games; Environmental education; Sports.
- There will be a small workshop organized between local youth and the group to discuss and share from each other on “Rubbish – Collect and Process”.

## **DAILY LIFE**

### **Accommodation food:**

Volunteers will stay at the hotel or guest house. Meals will be served in Vietnamese style with rice and a lot of vegetables, meat and seafood.

### **Leisure and exchange activities:**

There will be a Cultural Exchange Show organized at Dong Thap university/Local Youth Union of Cao Lanh District in order to exchange in terms of food, performances (singing, dancing, fashion) with local students..

To explore floating market, islands on river and coconut production, enjoy traditional music of Mekong.

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Ability to do manual work.
- Willing to work and stay in small town.
- Strong inter-personal skills, and experience in working with a wide variety of people, cultural sensitivity.
- Commitment to volunteerism
- High motivation and come ready to live as the locals do (basic accommodations, transport by bus or bicycle, local food). Be ready to face many difficulties such as language barriers, culture differences, low budgets, etc.
- Be patient and empathetic with the disabled children
- Follow rules of the centre

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- ⤴ A raincoat
- ⤴ Cap
- ⤴ One long sleeve shirt
- ⤴ Water-proof clothes and shoes
- ⤴ Sleeping bag
- ⤴ Pillow
- ⤴ Mosquito spray
- ⤴ Mosquito net
- ⤴ Basic pharmacy kit
- ⤴ Pictures of your hometown and family



- ♣ Games, objects or food from your country
- ♣ Craft materials for your project, if possible
- ♣ Copy of your passport
- ♣ Also information, video clip about "Rubbish-Collect and Process"
- ♣ Gloves, Hat; Brushes, Painting Rollers (if possible)

## MEETING TIME AND MEETING POINT

**Meeting point:** at Ben Thanh Bus Station in district 1 (downtown of HCM City).

**Meeting time:** 9:00 AM, the first day of workcamp.

## HOW TO GET TO MEETING POINT



International Airport: take a taxi from the taxi rank in front of arrivals. It's best to walk left and take a taxi from there – not the Saigon Airport Taxi. Take the taxi to **Ben Thanh bus station** and the price is around **180.000 VND** (9 USD). The ticket for the taxi to exit the airport toll gate is **10.000**

**VND** which the customer pays. You should get some money changed in the airport so you can pay for the taxi in local currency.

### *Ben Thanh Bus Station*

In case of an emergency or you need assistance please contact our coordinators

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONDITION

The total fee is 5,000,000VND/participant which includes transportation to and from the project site, food, basic accommodation and materials for the work camp. This fee will be paid upon arrival at the work camp on the first day. Participation fees enable

SJ Vietnam to take care of you during your stay and to fund their projects.  
Volunteers' activities in the evenings or on the weekends are their own expense.

**Address to transfer fee:**

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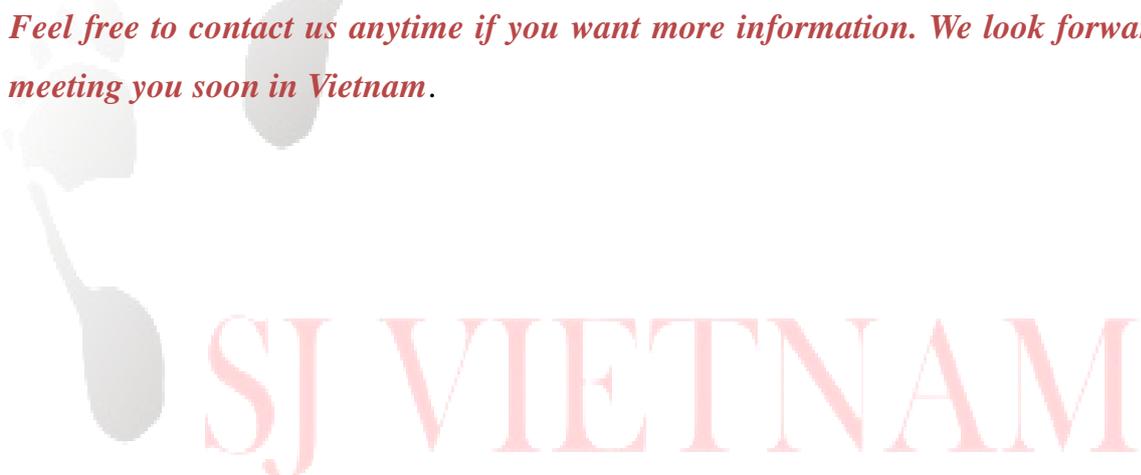
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*Feel free to contact us anytime if you want more information. We look forward to meeting you soon in Vietnam.*



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