

# MLTV1105 ORGANIC FARMING

## - SONGKHLA

VOLUNTEER SPIRIT ASSOCIATION

[HTTP://VOLUNTEERSPIRIT.OR.TH](http://volunteerspirit.or.th)

### MLTV Orientation meeting

1st – 5th of the month, every volunteers need to participate in orientation meeting before going to start in their project.

### Arrival day

On the 1st of the month at Learning Home, Ban Ton San, Khlonghoikhong District, Songkhla, Thailand for participate orientation meeting.

### Contact Person

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Keep information update at VSA facebook fanpage

### HOW TO GET AT LEARNING HOME

Hat Yai is the transportation hub of southern Thailand, so it is very easy to go to Hat Yai city. There are 3 ways to get to Hat Yai city.

#### By Train

The State Railway of Thailand provides daily rapid and express train services from Bangkok to Hat Yai. There are six trains departing each day from Bangkok's Hua Lumphong Railway Station that service Hat Yai. Travel time is about 17 hours. For further information visit [www.railway.co.th](http://www.railway.co.th)

### LOCATION

-SUAN PLAK WHA FARM

-PHULITA THAI AGRICULTURE  
CENTER

-BAN RAI VILLAGE  
SONGKHLA, THAILAND

### TRANSPORTATION

Hat Yai International

Airport,

Hat Yai Bus Station

Hat Yai Train Station

### EXTRA FEE

**14,000** Baht for 1st month

(including project  
preparation and orientation  
week)

**12,000** Baht for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd

months **10,000** Bath for after  
4th month

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Khohong Hill

- Tone Nga Chang Waterfall

- Local Temple

- Hat Yai Down Town

- Floating Market

### DURATION:

Permanent

The only way to get there is by taxi. It's cost 500 Baht. You can book the taxi by inform VSA officer. It can make sure they know the place, but you also take taxi by yourself. It's safe but please let them call to VSA staff to tell them the directly and to confirm your arrival time (Tum Tel. 089 878 9355)

### **By Bus**

From Bangkok there are daily buses from Bangkok to Songkhla and Hat Yai. The journey takes about 13 hours. For the current schedule and further information contact the Southern Bus Terminal visit [www.transport.co.th](http://www.transport.co.th).

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### **By Air**

Several domestic and international air carriers have daily flights connecting Bangkok and other Thai and Asian cities to Hat Yai.

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**After Orientation week we will design how to go to project together.**

## BACKGROUND

The world's food problem is growing, we recognize that making one's own food is important in the 22nd century. Our organic farm network partners have been running small organic farms in their family. We come up with the idea to support them our volunteers' hand and to eat fresh food from the farm "We grow what we eat, we eat what we grow". Moreover, volunteers will learn to share various planting ways between Asia and Western styles.



## WORK

Volunteer will work on an organic farm with the family. Volunteers learn and share organic farm through local agriculture philosophy. Volunteers will prepare soils, plant and take care of plants by water. They will also eat organic vegetables from the organic farm.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD** Volunteers will stay at local agricultural farmer's house. Men and women are separated. Toilets are Thai style. Toilet paper is not provided, but it can be purchased at local stores. You must take off your shoes before entering the house. Normally, in Thailand you need to take off your shoes before going indoors)

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** Culture respect is needed in the village, along with an open mind and love for learning and sharing. No smoking and alcohol drinking in the project.

## What to bring

- Working clothes, every shirts need to cover the shoulders, trousers for man and woman, if skirt should cover your knees. Important! No camisole, tank top or shorts, you are volunteer who respect culture not real traveler.
- Medicine as you think necessary
- Mosquito repellent
- Cap or hat as Thai weather is hot.
- Materials or sources (brochures, maps, souvenirs, pictures, flags, or handicrafts to introduce your country and culture).
- Toilet paper (you can buy at the local shop in the village)
- Sunglasses and sun-block cream

## ABOUT VSA

Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA Thailand) is a non-profit (NPO)/non-government (NGO) / Peace organization collaborates international voluntary project for people of all ages, cultures, religious and economic backgrounds.

Our work is based on the belief that learning, sharing, and understanding can reduce any conflicts. We hope it can lead to the last goal that is PEACE.

Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA Thailand) started the activity in 2008 as SAWASDEE Thailand (ST) and organized first international workcamp in 2009.

Now VSA is a full member of NVDA (Network Voluntary Development in Asia) and CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service), and still, keep promoting International Voluntary Service (IVS) in Thailand step by step.

## Mission

Co-ordinate international voluntary projects for people of all ages, cultures, religious and economic backgrounds.

## Vision

Gateway to global citizen as an International Voluntary Service where you can share friendship and dream with people around the world

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<b>International Workcamp in Thailand</b>		
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