

IATSS Forum Alumni Activity Proposal Template

Title	Learning exchange among the indigenous people of Thailand and Lao PDR on artisanal handicraft and sustainable management of forest resources
Origin	Thailand IATSS Forum Association (TIFA) and Lao IATSS Forum Association (LIFA)
Beneficiaries	<p><u>Primary beneficiary/target:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pwo Karen women's weaving group of Huai Hin Dam village, Suphanburi province, Thailand 2. Representatives of Ban Saophia, Nakai, Khammouane province, Lao PDR
Partners	The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)
Duration	<p><u>March-June 2020:</u>Preparation and coordination between TIFA-LIFA, Ban Huay Hin Dam, Ban Saophia and other logistic arrangements</p> <p><u>19-22 June 2020:</u> (tentative) : Implementation</p> <p><u>October2020:</u> Report submission</p>
Budget	<p>The budget estimate is detailed in excel attachment sheet. Joint TIFA-LIFA organizing team is in charge of any cost for coordination and communication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>TOTAL budget request 4,000 USD</p>
Theme	The main theme for this TIFA-LIFA project is a continuation of the previous project aiming to empower the indigenous women of Huai Hin Dam village. The exposure to various artisanal handicraft social business models helps expand their new ideas and motivation to transform from household-based livelihood activity to entrepreneurial development.
Priority Issue	<p>Women's weaving group of Huai Hin Dam village is a loosely informal club formed initially by a small number of women leaders. In an effort to revitalize their traditional ways of producing Karen clothes, they reckon the impact is not in pieces of the product but the fabric of their identities which tightly knit to their natural environment. They encounter challenges in recollecting the customary knowledge and skills of using forest resources such as barks, leaves, wildflowers, etc. to give natural shades and color in a scientifically sustainable way that can be convincing to the Phu Toei National Park.</p> <p>The exchange among the indigenous groups who share similar interests and face common challenges to sustain their unique identity is critical in Thai-Lao context. Particularly, the women who try to preserve their traditions and transfer the wisdom to young girls within the influx of development to the village. This joint LIFA-TIFA project recognizes such importance and thus takes the opportunity to bring women representatives of Ban Saophia, located adjacent to the Nakai-Nam Theun National Biodiversity Conservation Area in Lao PDR to visit Huai Hin Dam village in Thailand. The direct experience to explore how the latter engage the women in cultural preservation that support the forest protection within the national park will be beneficial to them.</p>

The priority issues elaborated above pertain to IATSS Forum’s thematic interest in contributing to sustainable community development. In addition, this TIFA-LIFA collaborative project would provide a platform for both alumni associations to work together in the role of social facilitator and connector, fostering cross-country exchange and understanding.



Caption: Members of women’s weaving group of Huai Hin Dam village visited OckPopTok


Goal

The goal of this project is to support the indigenous women in strengthening their efforts to protect the value and transfer their knowledge of traditional artisanal textile to the young generation and the public.

Objective (s)

- Specifically, this project is expected:
- To follow up on and encourage the use of new knowledge among the indigenous women’s group from Huai Hin Dam village after the visit to Luang Prabang;
 - To expose the women representatives of Ban Saophia to the livelihoods and initiatives of Huai Hin Dam on connecting natural resource protection with artisanal textile and handicraft;
 - To strengthen the collaboration between TIFA and LIFA.

This project also contributes to the ecotourism and artisanal textile museum initiatives that Huai Hin Dam villagers are establishing to widen their cultural recognition and income-generating livelihood diversity.

<p>Location</p>	<p>Huai Hin Dam village is located in Phu Toei National Park, Suphanburi province. Approximately 4 hours from Bangkok on road, the village of Pwo Karen ethnic minority is also faced with an expansion of infrastructure and urbanization. From the LIFA side, Ban Saophia is located in Nakai, Khammouane province.</p>  <p>More information about Huai Hin Dam village: https://www.facebook.com/HomeStayHuaHinDumVillage/</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Main activities with tentative schedule</p> <p>Day 1: Travelling from Ban Saophia, Lao PDR to Bangkok, Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome dinner with TIFA and rest <p>Day 2: Depart to Ban Huai Hin Dam, Suphanburi province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the community – Karen Pwo culture and livelihoods • Demonstration of natural color dyeing and weaving, the management of weaving women’s group, etc. • Walk-around the community and visit the rotational field to plant the natural color plants • Cultural performance by the young generation and dinner <p>Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Huai Hin Dam village for competition of new textile pattern and color dyeing • Visit Phu Toei National Park and other sightseeing in Suphanburi province on the way back to Bangkok <p>Day 4: Departure from Bangkok to Lao PDR</p>

Action Needed	<p>Before the project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss clear roles and responsibilities among TIFA-LIFA members; - Design a detailed final schedule; - Coordinate with targeted participants; - Arrange for other logistics: transportation, accommodation, etc.; - Procure necessary services, equipment, and materials. <p>During the project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the engagement between the communities' members; - Coordinate between TIFA-LIFA organizing team; - Collect photos, data, and testimonials required for reporting and learning material documentation; - Conduct the activities as planned and adjust as necessary <p>After the project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support Huay Hin Dam women's weaving group to develop a new pattern of products and draft social business plan; - Finalize activity report (narrative and financial report).
M & E Plan	<p>In order to keep track and ensure that progress and results of the proposed project are met, a number of actions are included in the monitoring plan below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A checklist of the work process and the deadline for follow-up will be developed; - Informal discussion and consultation within TIFA-LIFA organizing team, local partner and participants are regularly communicated to make sure that necessary adjustments are followed when required.
Project Team	<p>TIFA members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Worrawan Asawakun, supervision and guidance - Ms. Ratchada Arpornsilp, coordination - Mr. Hoonsadee Putangoon, communications <p>LIFA members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Chanthanom Theangthong, supervision and guidance - Mr. Lakhaisy Sompauthana, coordination - Ms. Sisomephone Tipanya, finance and monitoring

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Item	Unit	TIFA Budget		LIFA Budget	
		Unit	USD	Unit	USD
Transportation					
Return flight from Lao PDR to Bangkok (3 community members and 3 LIFA alumnus for USD 180 each)	6 person			6	1,080.00
Return travel from Khammouane to Vientiane for community members	3 persons			3	180.00
Transportation in VTE (airport–hotel or accommodation)	lumpsum			6	100.00
Shared transportation from Bangkok airport to designated hotel	lumpsum			6	100.00
Van rental (plus driver) from Bangkok to Suphanburi for 2 days	2 vans/day	2	300.00		
Petrol	2 vans/day	2	150.00		
Expressway fee	2 vans/day	2	50.00		
Accommodation					
Accommodation in VTE for community members before and after BKK trip (USD 50 each)	2 rooms/ 2 nights			3	150.00
Accommodation in BKK for LIFA team and community members (1,000 Baht/shared room)	3 rooms/ 2 nights	6	200.00		
Accommodation in Suphanburi (600 Baht/ shared room)	10 rooms/ 1 night	10	200.00		
Meals					
Meals in VTE for community members (USD 60 each)	3 persons			3	180.00
Welcome dinner in Bangkok	person/meal	20	200.00		
Meals in Suphanburi for 2 days (20 alumni team and 2 van drivers)	22 persons/ 4 meals	22	500.00		
Other costs for activities at community					
Passport processing fee for 3 community members (USD 65 each)	3 persons			3	195.00
Contribution to cultural performance for youth group in Huai Hin Dam community in Suphanburi province	lumpsum	1	120.00		
Textile pattern competition awards to Huai Hin Dam community	3 awards	3	200.00		
Frame–making of textile pattern for the award recipients	3 frames	3	100.00		
Learning materials (such as weaving patterns, books, etc.) for further use in community	lumpsum	1	57.00		
Contribution to the construction of dyeing and weaving learning space	lumpsum	1	350.00		
Purchase of color–giving plants	lumpsum	1	50.00		
Contingencies	lumpsum			1	15.00
Total budget (Grand total = USD 4,477)			2,477.00		2,000.00
IF funding (2019 budget)			2,000.00		2,000.00
Outstanding balance from 2018 budget			477.00		

Exchange rate varies.