

Mekong ICT Camp 2012

A Mekong Sub-region Network for Information-Communication-Technology

Capacity Development

Briefing 2008 and 2010 Camp

(1) Camp Profiles:

	2010 Camp	2008 Camp
Time	June 7-11, 2010	February 25-29, 2008
Venue	Siam Commercial Bank Training Center, Chiang Mai, Thailand	Tammasart University Learning Unit, Pattaya, Thailand
No. of Days	5	5
No. of Facilitators	15#	8*
No. of Participants	68	67
Evaluation Measures	Semi-Structured Survey by Participants Third-Party Evaluation by the Frontier Foundation, Taiwan	Semi-Structured Survey by Participants;

Primary Facilitators, Organizations and Countries:

Centre for Internet & Society (India), InstEDD and Prometheus Radio (USA), P2P Foundation (Thailand), SEACeM (Malaysia), Frontier Foundation (Taiwan) and Sahana Foundation

* From Tactical Tech Collective (UK), SEACeM (Malaysia), Peace Foundation (The Philippines) and Thai Fund Foundation (Thailand).

(2) Methodology and Curriculum:

	2010 Camp	2008 Camp
Cross-cutting Themes	<p>1) Open mobile technology for community communication, disease surveillance and disaster relief;</p> <p>2) DIY information activism and citizen journalism.</p>	<p>1) Information management</p> <p>2) E-advocacy</p> <p>3) Computer network for social development</p> <p>4) Promotion of the use of open source</p>
Methodology	Continuing building the network of trust in the sub-region, following the four tracks of knowledge/ skills, added with more policy talks and more un-conferencing to create wider space for participation.	Training for knowledge broadening and skill deepening. Participants stayed on chosen tracks, mixed with broken-out thematic talks. Open and entertaining sessions in evenings.
Main Track	<p>Track 1: Information-Management-Policy Governance 2.0, Open Public Data, Information Policy, Information-related Risk Management, Piracy, Net Neutrality, Volunteer Management, Securing Digital Communication,</p>	<p>Track 1: Information Management. <i>Details:</i> cycle of information cycle, scenario and case study, <i>Wordpress</i>, information security and solutions, antivirus software, CMS, information design, <i>Martus</i> (HR bulletin system), project management tools, database design and questionnaire</p>
	<p>Track 2: Communication-Advocacy-Movement Citizen Journalism, Privacy, Photo-Documentary, Information Visualization, Accessibility, Social Media, Online Fund-Raising, Media / Video Activism, Info-Graphics, Anonymity and Circumvention Tools,</p>	<p>Track 2: E-advocacy <i>Details:</i> journalism writing with tactic PAIN, communicating change, case practice, interview skills, text and audio content management, open software <i>Audacity, Drupal, and Today</i>. Maximize <i>Wiki</i>, copyright and licensing, <i>Songbird, Firefox, FTP</i>, broadcasting, video encoding and compressing, blogging, video podcasting.</p>
	<p>Track 3: Technology-Infrastructure-DIY Disaster Management, Geo-Chat, Low-Power Radio, Community Wifi, SMS Agricultural App, Mobile Disease Surveillance, ICT Education and Digital Commons,</p>	<p>Track 3: Computer Network for development <i>Details:</i> intranet network, thin-client, <i>FTP, Samba</i>, wireless networking (routing and firmware), <i>Apache</i> and <i>Mysql</i>,</p>
Thematic Talks	Keynotes: Governance and Civil Information Society, Organizational Information Policy and Strategy, News Reporting and Social Movement, Field Work, Collecting Data, Reporting Mekong, Awareness and Risk Assessment in the Digital Environment, NGO Financial Sustainability	Open Office database management, online security, information ecology, FOSS image editing and online distribution, <i>Joomla</i> , portable applications, social network, community radio, Google Docs, Web 2.0 for non-profits, OpenOffice.org, Introduce FOSS Audio/Video Software, Human Rights Documentation, Wireless Network

(3) Camper Portfolio

	2010 Camp	2008 Camp
No. of Participants	68	67
Area of Profession / Interest		
Human Rights	1	2
Public Health /AIDS	3	5
Communication /Journalism / Media	24	23
NGO ICT Capacity	1	5
E-Learning / Education	2	/
Environment	1	5
Advocacy (Social Dev, Governance)	2	2
Democracy / Burma	1	6
Developer / IT / Design / Animation	18	4
Accessibility	1	1
FOSS	3	5
Migrant Workers	/	2
Mine	/	1
Agriculture / Food Security	2	/
Natural Disaster	1	/
Rural Development	1	/
Others	4	4

Snapshots from 2008 Camp, Thammasart University Learning Resort, Pattaya, Thailand, February 25-29, 2008.

