

Advancing Sustainable Development through innovative integration of English Language Learning and Information Technology

The Mekong: A Living Classroom

Developing *regional* capacity to *communicate* on individual and *cooperative* actions that work towards an *economically* prosperous and *environmentally* sound future for all *societies* in and around the Mekong River.

Education Objectives:

- 1) to provide learners with authentic tasks which use English for international communication.
- 2) to provide learners with authentic tasks which use information technology for international communication.
- 3) to provide learners with engaging community based environmental projects.
- 4) to link schools electronically along the banks of the Mekong River and beyond.



Highlights:

Successful creation of an affordable, easy to use and engaging pedagogy for students and teachers in the 6 countries of the Greater Mekong Sub region and beyond.

Launch of the pilot Mekong a Living Classroom supporting website at SEAMEO-UNESCO Congress in Bangkok in May 2004. <http://www.livingclassroom.net/mekong>

Living Classroom projects underway in High Schools in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand.

The Mekong a Living Classroom promotes:

- Sustainable development. (UN Agenda 21: chapter 36, Millennium Development Goals and Capacity 2015).
- English for global communication to develop cooperation, mutual respect and understanding between nations.
- Interdisciplinary student centred learning and learning in the community.
- The use of information technology to improve education and capacity building.

Next Phase: To include schools from Vietnam and New Zealand.

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