

SCG doubles scholarships to Lao students



Officials from SCG Sharing the Dream scholarship programme join teachers and students at Mak-nao secondary school in Pakngum district of Vientiane on Tuesday.

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Siam Cement Group (SCG) will provide 200 scholarships in the 2014-2015 school year to students from Vientiane and also the three districts of Thakhek, Nongbok and Mahaxay of Khammuan province.

The SCG "Sharing the Dream" scholarship programme targets outstanding secondary level students from poor families and is set to double the number previously awarded.

Presently the programme is distributing scholarship application forms and also visiting target students at their schools and homes.

The company had been operating in Thailand since 1913 and has provided scholarships to students in Laos since 2012.

A total of 399 scholarships will have been awarded to Lao students by the end of the current school year. In the first year 99 scholarships were awarded while 100 were awarded in the second

year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of SCG in Thailand. The Sharing the Dream scholarship programme has now doubled that to 200 for this year.

455 students from 47 schools in Vientiane and 420 students from 17 schools in Khammuan province have received scholarship application forms for the programme.

But authorities will be awarding only 200 scholarships.

Presently officials from the SCG scholarship programme, Vientiane Education and Sports Department and also Khammuan Education and Sports Department have been collecting information about target students' studies and the status of their families to ensure the programme is well targeted to deserving recipients.

As part of this process Managing Director of SCG to Lao, Mr Anupong Tansakul joined officials of Vientiane Education and Sports Department to tour Mak-nao and Ban Don secondary schools in Pakngum district of Vientiane

on Tuesday.

Mr Anupong Tansakul said their aim was to interview teachers, students and their families because the scholarship programme wanted to know the real situation of the students' home life to ensure it targeted outstanding recipients from poor families in the district.

"There will be six target students accepted from Mak-nao and Ban Don schools, subject to Vientiane Education and Sports Department officials' approval before we can award the scholarships to them," Mr Anupong said.

Mr Anupong added that the scholarship programme aimed to support education to create human resources for society, and furthermore the company would like to rollout scholarships to other provinces in the future.

SCG is Thai company with wide ranging business interests in cement, building materials, and chemicals, and also has an agent in Vientiane.

News in Brief

Kasy hydropower project reaches completion

The construction of Nam-sana hydropower dam project in Kasy district of Vientiane province has reached completion and will supply power to residents in the three districts of Kasy, Maed and Vangvieng. Provincial authorities recently held a ceremony to open the Namsana hydropower dam in Kasy district on Tuesday, which was attended by Minister of Energy and Mines, Mr Soulivong Daravong. The authorities reported that the Nam-sana hydropower dam has an installed capacity of 14 MW and is able to generate power of some 49,500,000 KWh per annum. Construction commenced in November 2011 and was completed in September 2014, at a cost of 240 billion kip, funded through a loan from the Krungthai Bank.

Crime spikes in the month of November

Upwards of 150 criminal cases were recorded by police in Vientiane during the first week of November 2014. According to the Vientiane Security Headquarters, the 160 cases recorded included 11 thefts, seven bag slashings, 41 accidents including hit-and-runs, 7 robberies and 35 incidences of pick pocketing. The stolen assets included more than 100 million kip, more than US\$5,000, more than 100,000 Thai baht, 39 baht weight in gold, and eight motorcycles. The police reported that the first week of November saw many social ills because criminals seized the opportunity to prey on unsuspecting victims during the That Luang festival celebrations.

Xaythany police arrest drug dealers

Xaythany district police recently arrested three men on charges of the purchase and sale of illegal drugs. Those arrested included Mr Santi or Noy, aged 28, in Xamkhei village, Xaysettha district and his friends Mr Thongdaeng, 22, Mr Nikhom, 23, of Khoksa-ath village, Xaythany district, Vientiane. According to police reports, Mr Santi has already spent time in prison for buying and selling amphetamine pills but he has since failed to repent. When the police arrested them, police found 685 amphetamine pills in their possession. They will now go on trial according to the law.

Laos and China cooperate on drug control

Drug control committees from Laos and China have discussed drug control works in border areas between China and Laos, with the meeting taking place in Luang Prabang province recently. The border region includes the south westernmost provinces of China and the five Lao provinces of Phongsaly, Luang Namtha, Bokeo, Oudomxay and Luang Prabang. The authorities of the respective countries aim to increase cooperation, strengthen drug control as well as create Asean as a drug free region in the years ahead. Officials reported on how to resolve problems including cooperation in information exchange, enforcing the drug regulations in border areas, drug rehabilitation and crop substitution.

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Invitation for Procurement of Tablet and IEC poster Production
For the Global Fund Projects to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the Lao PDR

Procurement No 058/055/CMPE
Date: October 29, 2014

The Lao Peoples Democratic Republic has received a grant from Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Procurement Unit of Centre of Malariaology, Parasitology and Entomology intend to pay this grant to procure Tablet and IEC poster Production by using budget under the Grant of Transmission Funding Mechanism (M-TFM Y2) and Reprogramming. Detail of items is below:

| No. | Description | Quantity | Unit |
|--------|---|----------|-------|
| Lot: 1 | Poster on Early Diagnosis and Adequate Treatment (EDAT) | 7,026 | Sheet |
| Lot: 1 | Poster on Long-Lasting Insecticide treat bed Net (LLIN) | 7,026 | Sheet |
| Lot: 2 | Samsung Galaxy Tab S 10.5 | 9 | Unit |

This Procurement will follow Public procurement procedures for Request of Quotation according Procurement Guideline of The Principal Recipient of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS/Tuberculosis/Malaria in Lao PDR issue on November 2009.

The GFATM Projects now invites sealed Quotation from qualified supplier for supplying Tablet and IEC poster to Center of Malariaology, Parasitology and Entomology (CMPE) Office, GFATM Project, Ministry of Public Health.

Interested Suppliers may obtain further information and receive a complete set of Quotation Document since November 03rd -13th, 2014 at the address given below:

Centre of Malariaology, Parasitology and Entomology (Procurement Unit)
Tel: 856-21 214040 Ext 121, Fax: 856-21 216 917, 218 313. Ban Kualuang Neur, Chanthabuly district, Vientiane Capital.
Mr. Phongsavanh MEUNGCHANH, Head of Procurement Unit, 020 5640 3368
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and Cc; Mrs. Thiditha PAONAKHONE, Procurement Assistant, 020 5884 8471
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Notice: Lot #1 IEC poster Production. Quotations must be delivered to the mentioned address above before 09:45 hour November 14, 2014. Late Quotations will be rejected. Quotation will be opened in the presence of the Suppliers' representatives who choose to attend this meeting at 10:00 hour November 14, 2014.
Lot#2 Samsung Galaxy Tablet. Quotations must be delivered to the mentioned address above before 13:45 hour November 14, 2014. Late Quotations will be rejected. Quotation will be opened in the presence of the Suppliers' representatives who choose to attend this meeting at 14:00 hour November 14, 2014.

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Re-advertisement For Research Assistant (Lao National)

Location: LAO PDR, Vientiane Capital
Application deadline: 26 November 2014
Type of Contract: SSA
Starting Date: December 2014
Duration: 1 year (with possibility of extension based on performance)

Background:

Through the joint UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI), UNDP is supporting the Government of Lao PDR to implement PEI Framework which aims to strengthen capacity of targeted central and provincial authorities to integrate poverty-environment concerns and opportunities in key development planning processes. UNDP wishes to recruit a full-time research-communication assistant to support the development of all research and communication matters related to the project and provide general administrative support for 1 year (December 2014 - November 2015) to provide support to the implementation of the PEI-NERI country programme.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The research assistant will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Communication activities:

- Assist the organization of workshops and logistics associated with the investment component of PEI
- Assist in arranging logistical organization of workshops, support workshop facilitation and produce workshop reports
- Support the development of regular reports (e.g. annual report, quarterly reports)
- Participate in project monthly meetings; Take minutes for meetings
- Drafting of PEI-NERI related documents, as required and requested
- Provide comprehensive support including technical services and basic translation to implementation of the PEI-NERI project.
- Logistical and translation support for workshops, training activities and field work as necessary
- Any other tasks as assigned

2. Research activities:

- Assist the PEI-NERI team in all tasks related to its research initiatives, particularly in the form of literature searches, processing, data analysis and report editing
- Develop presentation materials and reports as requested
- Provide research and technical inputs to the development of technical papers
- Collection, analysis and presentation of background information for the implementation of PEI Programme.
- Review literature and legislation relevant to the program; Manage and compile research data
- Coordinate and interact closely and regularly with expert group for research work
- Coordinate closely and support PEI's Senior Technical Advisor on research related issues
- Translate needed material from Lao-English and English-Lao
- Any other task as assigned

Qualifications and experience

- Post graduate qualification preferred but not essential. The research assistant should have a university degree in the fields of Economics, Social sciences, Natural Resources or similar.
- At least 3 years relevant work experience in research required, preferably with international organizations. Sound knowledge of poverty and environmental issues in Lao PDR is required.
- Demonstrable experience conducting and analyzing field research;
- Ability to write short research papers or summary of literatures reviews;
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with people of different national and cultural backgrounds;
- Strong communication skill; Excellent coordination skills, with ability to work under pressure and handle multiple activities and projects concurrently.
- Ability to work independently and to participate effectively in a team based information sharing environment;
- Knowledge of UNEP, UNDP and the UN system, including the UN common country programming process an advantage;
- Fluency in spoken and written English is essential;
- Full computer literacy;
- Ability to travel on demand; and ability to translate from English to Lao and vice versa is an asset;

Duty Station: National Economic Research Institute, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vientiane Capital

Detailed job description is available online from <http://www.undp.lao.org/vacancies/>
The applicants are required to submit a Curriculum Vitae (CV) with a covering letter expressing interest for the position to siphetha.phalako@gmail.com or to National Economic Research Institute by 26 November 2014
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