

## *PROJECT PROPOSAL*

# **GREEN DAY FOR GREEN CHILDREN**

### **1. BACKGROUND:**

Mekong Delta is a region largely covered by water with a network of rivers as well as well-known for distinct mangrove forests. Such delta plays an important role to the agriculture, aquaculture, economy and life of local people in the whole region. However, in recent days, water pollution, forest loss and invasion of salt water are becoming environmental threats to the ecosystem of this region. Thus, the project “Green day for green children” helps convey the message of protecting our living environment to young children in an interactive and efficient way.

### **2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

#### **a. GOALS:**

- To raise awareness of young children on the water pollution and forest protection and recycle by showing them videos, pictures and experimental performance.
- To provide students with some effective ways to reuse/recycle waste materials in order to reduce a small amount of trash in the rivers or on lands.

#### **b. OBJECTIVES:**

- Around 80% of children studying at such primary school join the day.
- At least 1 team per class gets involved in the e-journal competition.

### **3. TARGET PARTICIPANT:**

Local primary school students aged between 7 to 11 (target schools will be selected later).

#### **4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Green day for green children is a project that focuses on raising awareness of young generations on some concerned environmental issues, including forest conservation, recycle and water pollution in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. Such project helps children understand the importance of natural resources (i.e. forest, water) to the life of human beings as well as to the fertile of our delta. Indeed, children could get some ideas about what pollution is, how to protect those resources and how to recycle waste materials to help reduce negative effects on the environment.

Our team plan to hold a festival for local children in some primary schools. In the festival, children could take part in some following interactive activities:

+ Planting: children are introduced about the important of plants to the environment by videos and short lecture provided by our team. Then they will be guided to plant some trees known as air purifiers in pots made of recycle materials, and they are allowed to bring those trees to their home.

+ Handmade: there will be a section that instruct children how to made useful things for decoration or stationery from simple recycle materials (i.e. plastic, waste paper, wood)

+ Funny science: videos and images on water and air pollution will be shown to children. Then our team will perform some fun experiments to help them have general views about pollution and how to treat such pollutions in a simplest way. It could not be exactly the same as practical treatment process; however, they could get some ideas about the matter.

+ Eco-journal: Eco-journal is a competition which is hold in one week before the Green day. Student could choose their partners or friends to make up a group, and they will be asked to make a simple journal from recycle materials. They can add photos or draw pictures on environmental issues, collect or compose stories, poems or facts about environment, wild life and pollutions. The winners will be awarded on the Green day and their products will be shown at the exhibition section.

## 5. INNOVATION:

- Provide local children basic knowledge on protecting the environment through interactive activities rather than theory. In other words, children can efficiently study by playing.
- Let children involved to the environmental issues in the early ages, which helps them form good life styles and awareness about our living environment.

## 6. PARTNER:

Can Tho University

Volunteer team

## 7. TIMELINE AND ACTIVITY LIST:

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 5 – August 18	Contacting host primary school
August 19 – August 25	Recruiting volunteers
August 26 – September 1	Training course for volunteer
September 2 – September 13	Preparing for the festival
September 14	Green day

## 8. LOCATION:

Can Tho, Vietnam

## 9. BUDGET:

No.	Items	Cost
1	Banners, posters	\$150
2	T-shirt for volunteers	\$100
3	Necessary materials (experimental glassware, seeds/plantlets, stationary, printing, etc.)	\$300
4	Logistics for training course	\$150
5	Awards, gifts	\$150
6	Unexpected costs	\$200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>