## 2023 Project Activity Report



(October 2023 to December 2023)

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Japan

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(Cover photo: Photo taken at the on-site meeting)

#### 1. Project status (activities from October to December 2023)

#### (1) Meeting with the community in October

On October 19, 2023, we exchanged opinions with ecovillage residents regarding local issues and areas for improvement. Neighboring farmers took time out of their busy schedules to gather together and receive suggestions about current issues in their daily lives, issues in farming practices, and things they would like to see improved.

- ① Request for agricultural training (organic fertilizer production, regular procedures from sowing to cultivation and harvesting, pest control, water supply, etc.)
- ② How to promote green house agriculture, net house agriculture, etc.
- 3 How to raise livestock (chickens, cows) to secure organic fertilizer
- ④ Request for the development of a small reservoir (for growing aquatic plants) to secure livestock feed

Looking ahead, we have decided to discuss this issue with the Japanese Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese government and consider whether it can be incorporated into the next project.



Meeting with ecovillage residents

#### (2) Implementation of additional tree planting in December

Additional tree planting was carried out on-site on December 4th. I hope the trees grow. This tree planting was carried out by Waseda University in collaboration with PVAJ.



Tree planting photo on December 4, 2023

#### 2. 2024 Project Plan

The Japanese government and Japanese companies have decided to provide funding for the 2024 project.

(1)2023 "Japan-China Afforestation/International Solidarity Project" (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan-China Friendship Center)

This project is an afforestation project and related projects aimed at solving global environmental problems, including afforestation for environmental conservation and living environment forests (including firewood forests, fruit forests, etc. that directly contribute to the lives of local residents), the project is scheduled to be implemented over a period of one year from January to December 2024.

PVAJ proposed implementing the project in collaboration with NAPV, which was adopted on December 10th. We plan to plant approximately 3,000 flowering trees in an area of 5 hectares.

- Project name: "Environmental restoration project through afforestation in the ecovillage area of Preah Vihear"
- ➤ Implementation period: January to December 2024 (1 year)
- Project budget: Grant 18,000 USD
- Main tree-planting activities: Tree-planting, mainly flowering trees, was carried out at Eco Park. Some of the activities are in conjunction with pagoda

tree-planting activities. Includes support for nursery development at NAPV.

> Implementation details: In the ecovillage area of Preah Vihear province, residents and associations will work together to aim for regional creation and environmental conservation through forest regeneration. The project is based on the theme of ``Creating a Beautiful Forest," creating a new hometown for the region and turning it into a world cultural heritage site.

# (2) Maintenance and management subsidies for the 2022 "Japan-China Afforestation/Tree Planting International Solidarity Project"

For tree planting activities carried out in 2022 (December 2022 to December 2023), we will receive subsidies for underbrush clearing, water supply management, and supplementary planting activity expenses. It was adopted on December 21st.

- Project name: "2022 Preah Vihear Ecovillage Area Afforestation Maintenance and Management Project"
- ➤ Implementation period: January to December 2024 (1 year)
- ➤ Project budget: 1,700 USD

#### (3) 33rd Aeon Environmental Grant Project in 2024

This project is carried out by the Aeon Environmental Foundation, and aims to work with diverse local people to restore the desired balance between people and nature and create an undeveloped woodland near a village that contributes to the sustainability of the global environment.

In collaboration with NAPV, PVAJ proposed planting 1,300 trees as an ecovillage forest environment restoration activity in order to regenerate the degraded forests in the ecovillage area, and the project was adopted on December 20th.

- Application project name: Forest environment restoration activities in the ecovillage area of Preah Vihear Province, Kingdom of Cambodia
- Project details: Implementation of environmental conservation and development activities for environmental parks (forests, flower and fruit parks) in eco parks, pagoda areas, and schools.
- > Collaborators: NAPV, pagoda conservation organizations, school teachers and students
- Activities: Joint implementation of tree planting activities in the pagoda area, cultivation of environmental parks (implementation of tree planting and management such as underbrush cutting and water supply in flower and fruit parks), holding environmental classes jointly with schools (tree planting, water

supply, weed management, etc.) Environmental conservation and maintenance management experience through removal experience)

➤ Application amount: 4,000\$

> Number of trees planted: 1,300

> Period: April 2024 to March 2025

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