

TO : Dr. Robert Martin, Chief of Party, U/Hawaii Team

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report, July, 1973

### Activities

1. Mr. Linh, Agriculture teacher, made arrangements to pick up over 200 flower cuttings from the yard of Minister Leuam's residence. The cuttings are being prepared for planting the coming school year.
2. 20 pine trees were planted in the courtyards at the conclusion of the student awards day ceremony. The planting holes were prepared by the students and all plants are doing well.
3. Mr. Sugitani, Fisheries expert, visited Fa Ngum School at my request, to give his recommendation of stocking fish in the two reservoirs. On the advice of both he and his Japanese fish expert friend, an order has been placed with the Pakse hatchery. 1000 tilapia fingerlings will be placed in the small reservoir and 1000 carp fingerlings will be placed in the larger reservoir.
4. Hoses and fittings for the gas lines in the science laboratories have been installed. Gas tanks have been acquired and the lines will be checked out for leaks with the science teachers.
5. 50 cubic meters of rice hulls were brought to the school before the source of supply was washed away by the rising Mekong River. Both Mr. Blake and Mr. Rinnan of AGR/SVKT, agree that sawdust can be used as a substitute if nitrogen fertilizer were added. Upon confirmation from OICC to the contractor, sawdust will be brought to the school. Fertilizer will be acquired from ADO and student help will spread the materials onto the terraces where the tractor will be used to plow it under.
6. A drawbar for the tractor and a hitch for the trailer have been completed by the FHWA people. Many thanks to Ralph Runyan for his help. The tractor will remain with them to repair a fuel leak and a water leak that was discovered.
7. Inventory of the school's equipment began last week. Together with Director Hongthong, each department's inventory will be checked with the teachers involved. Director Hongthong will make arrangements to have the teachers come in even though they are on vacation. The inventory for both the metal and wood shops have been completed as best as possible. We ran into difficulties in the identification of many items.

### Miscellaneous

1. The construction of the Director's home is progressing rapidly. I foresee problems as far as getting water and electricity to the house if the MOE do not provide funds for those conveniences.

2. Mssr. Martin, Green, Rantala and Zane visited on July 19.
3. The new furniture contract with a deadline of October 31 was delivered to the French Technical School. While there, I checked on the furniture being assembled. The chairs will be delivered on July 29 and the student desks as well as the teacher's desks are being assembled.

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