

University of Hawaii

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Home Economics

Activities/Accomplishments

1. Workshop

A successful workshop for 20 home economics teachers was held Aug. 20 - Sept. 1 at the Pa Ngum School/Hientiane. Those attending were from Pa Ngum Schools (11 teachers), Teacher Training Schools (8 teachers), and the Home Economics School at Chao Anou (1 teacher).

Morning sessions centered on methods of teaching and how to use the home economics textbooks. Participants received experience in writing lesson plans, in using audio-visuals, in making charts, in using such methods of teaching as demonstrations and role playing. The workshop ended with a short "practice teaching" by each of the participants, followed by a very constructive evaluation period.

Afternoon sessions consisted primarily of a weaving program. Through the cooperation of Mrs. Bounthanh Sananikone, two flying shuttle looms and two ordinary looms were available at the school for teaching weaving. Mrs. Bounthanh provided the weaving instructors. Mrs. Bounthanh also set up a beautiful weaving display at the school. Plans are being made to include weaving in the Pa Ngum home economics curriculum at grades 9 and 13.

Other workshop experiences included a presentation on Family Planning by Dr. Savanyeh and Mr. Soumay of the Family Welfare Association, and Miss Sunthorn Nilavarn of Social Welfare; and a field trip to visit the Handicraft Center, the Lao Information Service, and the Home Economics Department of RIG Agriculture.

Mrs. Theothong Bounyavong was in charge of the workshop with assistance from myself and several Pa Ngum teachers. Participants seemed genuinely interested in learning, and were already asking for another workshop next year. Seven participants (and 2 small children) lived in the Lao House for the duration of the workshop, and they appreciated that experience as well.

2. Textbooks

Am still hopeful that the 10th Grade Home Economics Textbook can go to the printers in September. Artwork is virtually complete, except for the cover. Miss Saysavath and Miss Savangfa, recent returned participants from Thailand, will work with me in rechecking readability and content and possibly to add a glossary of new home economics terms.

Mrs. Theothong completed her editing of the 7th grade revised lessons. Consequently, the preparation of the Revised 7th Grade Textbook for printing should get underway as soon as I return from home leave.

Other Donors (Cooperative Activities)

1. The second Nutrition Committee Meeting was held on Sept. 17 at RIG Agriculture, with Tiao Marina Rangsi as chairman. OB/Public Health gave a report on its Child Nutrition Centers. The group gave further

suggestions for improving the Basic Nutrition and Child Feeding Charts. A request has been made to the American Women's Club for financial support in producing these charts, but no reply as yet. An additional meeting of the nutrition committee to work on educational materials will be held at Fa Ngum School on Sept. 7.

2. Discussions were held with Mr. Meder C. Nanavatty, regional adviser on Social Welfare Aspects of Family Planning/ECATF Bangkok, regarding the role of home economics education in disseminating family welfare information.

Other

I will leave for home leave on Sept. 16, returning November 2.