

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To : Dr. Robert M. Martin, Chief of Party, UH Team

(signed in draft)
From : Shozun Yamauchi, SEA/LP

Subject: Monthly Report for November, 1973

Problems:

During the month two 2" pipe fittings in the service lines to the buildings sprung leaks. Both were found to be faulty, locally procured fittings and the non-3FM pipes when exposed showed signs of severe rusting after only two years.

Activities/Accomplishments:

1. Three teachers were added to the staff during the month:

Mr. Invilay Rathida, an English/science graduate from Dong Dok
Mr. Vandy Douangmala, an AA participant from Bangpra Agric. College
Mr. Somsack Thongchanh returned from a 4-month TEFL program in Singapore.

Slots to be filled include 2 for social studies, 1 Lao literature and 1 French.

2. Fa Ngum LP is finally caught up with all the required textbooks for grades 7 through 9 for the current school year. Staff and student volunteers spent many hours recording, numbering and stacking all texts on hand in our textbook storeroom.
3. Bill Flittle is scheduling special showing of selected films from the LAA as part of an enrichment program in English language training.
4. Fa Ngum LP has adopted a simplified subject area inventory system to be kept by teachers three times a year. Sample forms for the practical arts subjects were shared with the respective curriculum advisers.
5. Commodities received include a R & M tool kit, 36 English typewriters, 10 waterproof electrical splicing kits and miscellaneous common use items. The air conditioner removed from SC-105 office-storeroom was shipped to EDU/SE for Fa Ngum School VTE.
6. Dr. Teruo Ihara and Mr. Phou Rasphone were visitors on the 19th and 20th. Terry was the honored guest at a dinner given by the Connicks.

7. Mr. Phou's visit was perfectly timed for him to evaluate the school's progress under Director Heng and also to initiate talks with local RL3 officials on the school dedication plans.
8. The following improvement projects were completed by staff and student workers during the month:
 - a. Relocating a section of barb wire fence to more effectively force villagers to use the path left open for them to get to their fields and to keep squatters from moving into the school garden area.
 - b. Designing and installing an open-end surface irrigation system.
 - c. Retapping the saran greenhouse water line to the higher pressure potable system.
 - d. Sodding and landscaping the planting area in front of the auditorium.
 - e. Installing hose bibbs in the classroom building toilets to facilitate washing sidewalk and watering plants.
9. The director's cottage should be ready for occupancy in a matter of days. The water line was extended from the back of the science building by the RIG contractor, and the electrical hook up from the shop building was done by EDL/IP.
10. FWD/IP relocated the irrigation pump to the original site on the bank of the Nam Pa river with the foot valve set in a concrete box in the gabion dam pool. The boat house on the Nam Dong river will be dismantled and the pontoon will be drydocked on the campus.
11. FWD also added a 2" plastic line connecting the potable system to the irrigation line near the water tower. This improvement makes it possible to utilize the back-up water held in the 60,000-liter tower for irrigation and also helps to minimize the possibility of contaminating the potable line servicing the buildings with stagnant back-up water.
12. John Rantala worked at Fa Ngum LP from the 26th to 30th and Iwao Kumabe from the 27th to 30th.

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