

PHA TAD KE

Botanical Garden

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Pha Tad Ke launches second phase fundraise drive

Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden is excited to announce the fundraising campaign for the second phase of our development: the installation of our Research and Education Facilities accompanied by an intensive 5-years capacity building and research program.

On November 7th 2016 the Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden opened to the public, and over 14.000 people from Laos and all over the world visited and enjoyed the beautiful as well as the educational. Founded by curator and publisher, Rik Gadella, Pha Tad Ke is located in Luang Prabang and is the first botanical garden of Laos. It has taken seven years of developing botanical collections, scientific research, landscaping and employee capacity building to create this unique botanical garden with a deep focus on ethno-botany.

Pha Tad Ke is setting new standards in sustainable and environmentally responsible tourism, giving back to Lao communities, preserving local culture and the environment. The garden provides jobs to local villagers and creates a nurturing platform for young talent to develop new skills from gardening to science, education and hospitality. Publications and manuals in Lao language have been written by the staff and provide learning opportunities for Lao communities through workshops and student trainings.

With the installation of our Research and Education Facilities Pha Tad Ke will be able to take a major step towards the realization of our important goals.

Rik Gadella

Worked in the art world in Amsterdam, Paris and New York for over 25 years and is the creator of world-renowned events such as Paris Photo and Parcours des Mondes. In 2008 he visited Luang Prabang for a short holiday and fell in love with this UNESCO heritage town, and its natural surroundings, and decided to move here to create the first botanical garden of Laos.

Jean-Pierre Dovat – Artistic Advisor

Nithakhong Somsanith – Cultural Advisor

Bouakhaykhone Svengsuksa – Scientific Advisor

Biba Vilayleck – Resident Ethno-botanist

Veo Dalavong – Database Manager

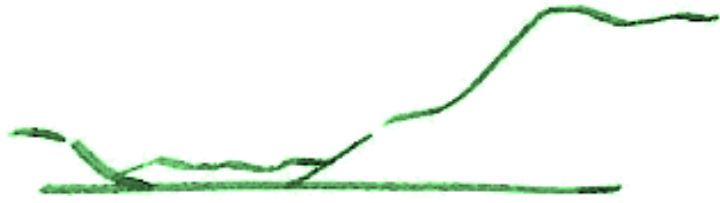
Phetsamone Manola – Coordinator of the Lao Friends of Pha Tad Ke Association

Sith Nithaphone – General Manager

Somdy Oudomsack – Head Gardener

Kittisack Phouthavong – Botanist

Khamphart Tongchan – Garden and Landscape Design



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Here's some of what we have achieved at Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden since we began our project in 2008 to create the first botanical garden of Laos:

- 16 books published and 3 educational manuals;
- 36.000 copies of our books distributed free of charge to Lao schools and libraries;
- 2.900 school children have visited PTK as part of organized garden excursions, and over 1.100 university and college students;
- 12 school gardens installed with teacher training programs;
- 140 plus botanical fieldtrips undertaken;
- 1.500 different plant and tree species in our living collections;
- 2.600 staff training days organized in Laos; over 980 staff training days completed internationally;
- 8 scholarships given to Lao students;
- 84 workshops given to Lao college and university students in Field botany, Green horticulture, Ecology, Management coaching, Photography and Botanical Drawings;
- 24 art exhibitions organized in Laos and internationally;
- 39 articles in the press, 22 blogs, 9 radio interviews and 3 TV documentaries featuring PTK;
- 46 staff working in the garden;
- 10ha of garden open to public, 2ha of work area/nurseries, 25ha of mountain reserve and 3ha being developed at the moment for permaculture demo farm and alley cropping.