



Action with Lao Children

29 Years in improving education
quality for Lao children





Action with Lao Children (ALC)

- Our wish for Laos' children is to expand their world and enhance their ability to express their thoughts and ideas, enabling them to choose their own path in life, and lead towards a fair and peaceful global society.
- ALC is the first partner of National Library and Ministry of Education in National Reading Promotion Project. Since 1990, ALC has been, publishing children's books in the Laolanguage, providing the young people of Laos with a better reading environment.

Book Publication

- ALC publishes works in the Lao language mostly by local authors. These may be picture books, folk tales and illustrated dictionaries especially for children. World known literatures have been translated as well. To date, ALC has published more than 170 titles, more than 700,000 copies (1990 to 2009).



Book Bags and Book Boxes

- ALC has distributed more than 3000 book boxes/bags to primary and secondary schools across Laos. We are working in cooperation with the Lao National Library's 'Reading Promotion Project' Each box/bag for each school contained 80-180 titles of picture books





HAK ARN

- For school which have solid building with spare room, ALC provides books and shelves for school library name HAK ARN (Love reading) where students can borrow books home. We have opened libraries in 211 schools in 14 provinces.



CCC and CEC

- The Children's Cultural Center (CCC) and/or Children Education Development Center (CEC) is a facility where children can read and learn traditional dance, music and art not taught in school. ALC supports eleven Centers in four Provinces.
- These Centers are our monitor of reading promotion as all activities are related to reading, writing and art.





Human Resources Development

- We are working to ensure that the skills developed at ALC reach all corners of Laos. To achieve this goal, ALC is working with teachers and government staff to develop reading habit and produce new children's books in Laos through teachers and supervisors training, writers and illustrators workshops and competitions.





Children's Book Festival

- Since 2004, ALC has hosted the Children's Book Festival in Vientiane to raise awareness of reading programs for the general public on a national level.



This event increases access to Lao and foreign publications, and promotes creative processes to do with reading such as story-telling, poetry, singing and art.

