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After the Kick-off and 14 days intensive workshop of all the brand-new CEO ICT Learning Centres all over the country has over, so many follow up activities has happening up as follow;

The discussion with the Non-Formal Education Department : Ministry of Education in how to help contributing / linking all kinds of contents, activities, news, etc. to help empowering all the ICT Learning Centres all over the country as well as using the said center to be as the community hub. The Non-Formal Education Department has created the knowledge portal web to share with ICT Learning Centres too WWW.gnfe.net

I. Visiting from the Microsoft CEO of the Asia –Pacific Region...

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Mr.Faycal Bouchlaghem, the General Manager, **Mr. Michael Rawding**, the Vice President : Unlimited Potential and team facilitated by Ms. Petchsiri, the Business Development Manager has visited Bangpreng ICT Learning Centre at the outskirts of Bangkok. Various community representatives have joined and shared their ideas which could be concluded as follow;

1. We : the Community ICT Learning Centres are walking on the right track to help contributing our Knowledge Society base on the equity from all especially among the less opportunity groups. But how can we stay sustainable, what is the break even point of the center, and how can we manage the center to be as the **social entrepreneur center**.

2. How can we stay safe as we are running our center. Some of the protective program has been created by the MICT i.e. the Hose Keeper program, etc.

3. What should be the contents? From the discussion forum found to be 3 main categories as follow;

a) the survival contents i.e. career, jobs, all kinds of earn of living activities;

b) the welfare contents i.e. all kinds of rights for themselves and their family such as free school fee for their children, debt-free policy for farmers, hospital less fee policy, less loan interest, etc.;

c) the humanism contents i.e. their dignity, their community history

and culture, their indigenous or local wisdom, etc.

4. How can we convey the contents to benefit for all. How can we help contributing some software for any level of self learning, distance learning, on-line training. This could be benefited to all of our friends in the 3 provinces in southern Thailand as well as our neighboring countries : GMS countries in this coming future. The medium could be both off-line and on-line and the integrated one too.

5. How can we link and make benefits from all the network especially the network of our own ICT communities from all over the country. How can all the network could help each other especially in all kinds of empowering activities i.e. sharing knowledge & experiences, sharing market & materials, etc.

6. How can we learn from some Best practices. The best practices from any aspect could be some short-cuts among them for their mutual success. The aspects of organizational types, contexts, leadership, local wisdom, etc. could be all the lesson learned among them. How can they use ICT to help facilitate all the said concept.

7. How can we use ICT to facilitate any career development. This is one among the key points which the MICT would like to push through. And how Microsoft could help design some program to lessen all the program price to help the less like our community ICT centers.

Finally, we also got some voices from the community especially from the center CEO as follow;

a) how can we use our Community ICT center to help practices our English skills? Do the Microsoft has some self-learning program to help them to practice themselves? If so, then next coming few months, when the Microsoft CEO visit them again, they will convey their direct talk & discussion with them (Dear Khun Petchsiri you and I might be jobless for the translation job); and

b) how can we set up the Win&Win Model for the community ICT center as one among their social entrepreneurs, then all the relevant stakeholders could be very happily together. As far as I know, Khun Petchsiri and Khun Suparat are trying very hard to help pushing all the active center's CEO to be involved in many prestige program of Microsoft, etc.

So, in conclusion we all have talked to the Microsoft's CEO that we will be very happy to welcome them again and will train ourselves very hard for the English discussion with them; and by the end of this year, we will try to propose the Win&Win Social Entrepreneur Model of our Thai ICT Learning Community. Let's see..... And

finally we would love to say that we all are very honor to welcome you all and please kindly visit us again.....



II. Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives Thailand : Visit Our Small Community ICT Centre.....

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Led by the Director of R&D : Ms. Apiradee Yimlamai and around 7 of her team to see how the community ICT center and the Bank could help contribute each other. The visit was warmly welcome by all stakeholders of the community started by the policy of the Sub-district Administrative Organization, the community leaders, the local wisdom scholars, the Director of the school and all levels of the children. Besides, the MICT staff, the Microsoft manager : Ms. Petchsiri, and the consultant team from STOU.

Director of BAAC said that this special occasion happening up due to her invited to the Kick-off event of the national Thai Community ICT Learning Centre on the May 7, 2008. Her impression was on all the success stories which have been shared among all then centers especially the top four centers which got award from the policy of the MICT. Her following plan is to visit the other centers all over Thailand

whenever of her chance. But the ones where she and her team would surely visit are the Temple ICT learning center at Roi-et provinces.

Some main conclusion from the forum would be as follow;

1) The BAAC found from various researches and evidences that one among the main problem of the Thai farmers are the lack of relevant information. This made the BAAC creating the portal web named “Pan-DinThong” to be as the knowledge / the information hub required by the farmers. The said simple and interactive web would be active around early July of this year;

2) The BAAC also coordinating all relevant stakeholders all over the country i.e. all the Local Administrative Bureau, and the BAAC itself’s network;

3) The BAAC might could contribute some “Know How” about the entrepreneur’s skills, career development, etc.

And also some further discussion with Microsoft’s representative, and some of the community’s representatives for any up-coming activities in this soon.

Other ICT community Learning Centers who want to welcome all of our distinguished guests, please voice up in our www.thaitelecentre.org web board, then we all will visit you at your places.....

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