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Dolphin school of English in Kratie, Cambodia

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Overview

Kratie (Khmer: Kracheh or Kraches, is a province of Cambodia located in the northeast. It borders Stung Treng to the north, Mondulkiri to the east, Kampong Thom and Kampong Cham to the west, and Tboung Khmum, and the country of Vietnam to the south. The province's capital is the town of Kratie located within the Kratie Municipality.

The Mekong River flows from the north to the south of the province; approximately 140 km of the river is located in Kratie.

The river is home to Irrawaddy dolphins, fish, and birds.

The flow of the Mekong River at Kratie town varies greatly. There are hundreds of seasonally flooded islands in the river.

Teaching

Today, Dolphin School has 130 young students from underprivileged families and 22 adult students making a total of 152 students. They all receive quality teaching from foreign teachers from countries like Canada, France, England, Spain and Scandinavia.

At present, the school has nine classrooms and one library. We

The province also contains many forests, the Phnom Pram Poan mountain range, Phnom Prech, and rubber plantations. Eastern Kratie is an important bird area.

The province is mostly covered in dense forest.

Some land in Kratie is used for agriculture, though a smaller percentage than elsewhere in Cambodia.

Craters from Operation Menu



The symbol of Kratie in Cambodia

bombings during the Vietnam War, some of which are filled with water, are still visible in the countryside.

The province has a monsoonal

climate, with a cool season from November to March, a hot season from March to May, and a rainy season from May to October. Flooding is frequent in Kratie; the Mekong may overflow by as much as 4 m during the rainy season.

Our Mission:

"Empowering learners and communities with a quality English education"

Our Vision:

"To offer an English education that helps students escape poverty to achieve a better life for them and their families"

[Give every Cambodian child the chance to learn English]

rely on a mixture of Khmer teachers, and volunteer teachers from around the world. The group of students are aged from 6 to 18 years and the adult group are aged from 19 years.

Time for learning at DSE

Monday to Friday

- 4:00 to 5:00 pm (Library time)
- 5:10 to 6:10 pm (English for

children classes)

- 6:30 to 7:30 pm (Adult Beginner class)
- 7pm to 8pm (Adult Intermediate class)
- 7:00 to 8:00 pm (Adult class)

Volunteering



Our volunteer teach children in Kratie, Cambodia

DSE offers many positions to local and international volunteers:

1. Teaching English 2-3 hours per day
2. Painting the school
3. School land clearance
4. Project proposal design
5. Developing fundraising plans and campaigns
6. Updating FB, Instagram, Twitter, Website, and YouTube

7. Developing newsletters

Volunteers work from Monday to Friday

- 3 hours for teaching and 2 hours for preparing their lesson plans

DSE will arrange a room to stay in and a bicycle for all volunteers who are successful in applying to our school.

We normally ask volunteers applying to teach for at least 3 weeks commitment. If volunteers only have a shorter time

they can contact us to see what availability we have, We can organise Khmer meals for volunteers 3 times a day from Monday to Friday. At the weekend no food is provided as we find that a lot of volunteers like to travel around Cambodia. We ask volunteers to arrive and leave at the weekend.

There are also lots of places to visit around Kratie : Rokandan pagoda, Kapi resort, 100 pillars pagoda, Sambok moun-

Starting from 1 class to 9 classrooms . From small group of children to 152 students

Dolphin School of English was started with a small group of



Franzi and Simon teaching children in 2016. The first

volunteers were a German couple Simon and Franzi who were very active and passionate and helped grow the school and are still great friends of DSE.

7 years later, in 2023, DSE is growing and at least 130 children come to school every Monday to Friday, including 40 new students studying in our new classrooms.

Hong Sing and Hong San have been students of DSE for many years now and they can read , write and speak English well.

Hong Sing has also been training with the volunteers to become an English teacher. She is now sometimes a teaching assistant at the school.

Some teaching highlights

Volunteers gave a hand to communities by picking corn in local garden



11 new desks were bought for DSE's students this month.



Qualified teacher June has a strong commitment to DSE and has been here for 5 years



Mr. Horst Dieter, from Germany, volunteer teaches English lesson at Dolphin School,

Achievements



The under-privileged children are happy to learn at DSE. read , write and speak well with foreign teachers. At least 10 of the outstanding students have been trained by Teacher June to be teaching assistants.

152 children and adults have received quality English skills from teachers. 60% of the children come from families in poverty or difficulty. Their knowledge of English have improved and they can now

Because DSE has built a good reputation in Orrusey one village , the school has attracted 22 adults to come and learn and practice English conversation. Most of them are Government teachers, NGO staff, and private English teachers as well

as students from University of UME. In this location, there is only DSE providing English skill and lessons with foreign teachers. TVET of Kratie has cooperated with the teachers from DSE to provide lessons to young people in their centre. At least 10 young people participated in the disseminated lessons for 2 hours per week. There are 4 low vision children receiving education from DSE(Ratana, Vatey, Sokheng, and Boramey) their levels are 2,3 and 4.

“ Good team of volunteers help school, children’s learning and community are improved very fast”

Classroom buildings

This year, DSE has had great volunteers . Marie Giacobbi and Rachel Roger from France have successfully raised in total USD 885\$ for one new classroom. Rachel also secured us a new donor , The Rotary club Quebec De Vallieres Construction , who gave us in total the amount of USD 2500\$ for two more new classrooms. Carolyn Hodrien fundraised for 22 new desks and her mother, Pam Lewis, donated money for 5 new whiteboards.

Volunteers Magnus Johansen and Nanna Munkholm, from Denmark, also made a donation of teaching materials, sports equipment, and one blue box for keeping the teaching materials safe.

A volunteer from France , Victoria Gromnicki made a donation of USD50\$ and Teacher Ashley Pugh from the USA also made a donation of USD150\$ for installing electricity, fans and 10 new desks. Other volunteers Lilou, Joost, Isabella, Victoria, Joseph, Paula, Nathan,

Majid, Lucas and Evan have also contributed to our new classrooms with their painting skills and creative activities as well as teaching English.



3 classrooms were built



Library

This library was installed by an organization called KriyaiD, owned by Mr. Kumaravelu P and Devi , from Singapore. They also helped our volunteers decorate inside the library. The library is open from 4 to 5pm for students to improve their reading and speaking through playing educational games, singing songs, drawing pictures, and

learning how to write with their teachers. In the library there are some different story books in English for children, sports equipment and drawing materials. Because the library is only a small space , it cannot have too many students in at one time. It’s very popular and many children use it from Monday to Friday. The children who come to the library are learning to com-

municate in English in a relaxed setting,. They love to draw pictures , paint and play educational games that they do not get the opportunity to access at their state schools.

DSE’s library, donated by KriyaiD, Mr Kumaravelu P





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**Give every Cambodian child
the chance to learn English**

The school is based in Kratie province in the village of Orusey which is about 10 minutes from Kratie town and the Mekong River.

The school's director, Mr. Yuth, has lived in this area for several years, and over time he has watched children grow up with little or no English, and therefore, poor job prospects.

He wanted to change this and offer the children of Kratie Province a better future.

In January 2016, Mr. Yuth opened the School, built a house for the volunteers, and started lessons for underprivileged children from surrounding villages.

In Cambodia, the economy is mainly based on tourism and agriculture. However, in the public schools of Kratie, students aren't taught much English. Therefore, the goal is to enable them to learn English and gain some basic IT skills, which will give them better job prospects and a brighter future.

The school receives no financial support from the Government and instead relies solely on donations for improvements and volunteers for teaching.



Sponsor a child

Your sponsorship will ensure that a child can attend the school for free. The funds will pay for the child's tuition and contribute to the upkeep of our school including learning materials and our library. Many young people want to learn English, but find their options limited, as their families cannot afford extra English lessons

Why is learning English important?

The English language is one of the most important and useful skills a young person in Cambodia can learn. It can help them escape the cycle of poverty and contribute to better job prospects.

Cambodia has a growing tourist industry and English is one of the most spoken languages on the planet. Speaking English can greatly enhance future opportunities for our children and young people.

Our English Learning Programme focuses on teaching underprivileged young people

living in Orusey Village in Kratie, an area of high poverty. Focusing mainly on spoken English, the sessions are taught by Khmer teachers and international volunteers. .

For more information, please contact us by email dolphinschoolofenglish@gmail.com



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