





Thaienvi.net Web site

The Web site serves as Thailand's integrated environmental learning source for teachers and students

Bangkok, May 6, 2005 –Banpu Public Company Limited announced the launch of <u>www.thaienvi.net</u>, a web site specifically designed to be Thailand's first integrated online environmental learning source for teachers and students. Available since late April, the website is a key resource for teachers, students and environmental educators in Thailand.

Ms Udomlux Olarn, Vice President, Corporate Communications of Banpu Public Company Limited said: "It has taken around 6 months to develop <u>www.thaienvi.net</u> before it was launched in late April. The Thailand Environmental Institute (TEI) is sponsored by Banpu and has developed the Web site to be the first ever integrated environmental online learning source for teachers and students. Its main content comprises fundamental knowledge of environmental science, local and international environmental project information and learning and teaching activities such as environmental activity guidelines, camping, scientific projects, games and tales. The content will be frequently updated in a bid to draw as many visitors as possible."

"One of the Web site's highlights is the Natural Classroom area which gives an extensive overview of good-to-learn environmental locations nationwide for teachers and students to visit. Moreover, teachers and students are encouraged to recommend natural classrooms to the Web site as well", Udomlux said.

Banpu supports <u>www.thaienvi.net</u> in recognition of basic environmental knowledge that allows youth to have a better understanding of environmental problems and sustainable environmental conservation, which is in accordance with TEI. Banpu realizes the importance of IT in environmental education development, knowing it will extensively and rapidly reach target groups namely teachers, students and general public.

Mr. Metha Wongjarupan, Ph.D., Project Director of the online learning source project development representing Thailand Environment Institute said, "The environmental learning Web site for students and teachers that we have developed can be integrated into our daily lives for sustainable living with environment. At present, Thailand is lacking an integrated ready-to-use environmental learning source specifically designed to support students and teachers. It is very gratifying that Banpu realizes the value of such Web site and promotes environmental learning for students and teachers."

Banpu Public Company Limited is one of the foremost energy companies in Thailand and Asia. The company has continued to grow in its two core businesses, namely coal and power. Banpu has run the coal mining business in Thailand for more than 20 years and currently expanded its businesses into Indonesia, Vietnam and China, respectively. Additional information about Banpu is available at <u>www.banpu.co.th</u>.

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