

## Banpu Champions for Change 2: Creating Champions for Social Change Now Open for social enterprise entries from Thai youth nationwide

Bangkok 1 June 2012 – "The Banpu Champions for Change 2" program by Banpu Public Company Limited under this year's concept of "Create Champions for Social Change" is inviting young Thai people aged 20 – 30 nationwide to apply for the support to run their own Social Enterprise projects that give back to the society in a constructive way. Interested Thai youngsters are encouraged to form a group of up to 4 members and submit their own social enterprise-based initiatives on the topic that is of their most interest. Entries are open from today until June 30, 2012.

Eligible entries are those with an explicit goal of improving Thai communities or the environment as well as demonstrating a long-term commitment to the society. Selected entries will each receive 50,000 Baht for Phase 1 implementation for 3 months. The initiatives that have the best outcome at the end of Phase 1 will each receive up to 200,000 Baht to continue with the Phase 2 implementation for another six months. All supported groups will be provided with useful training and consultation throughout the implementation period. For more information or to apply, please contact the "Banpu Champions for Change" program, 444 Olympia Thai Tower, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ratchadaphisek Road, Samsennok, Huaykwang, Bangkok 10310, Tel: 02 938 2636 or E-mail: <a href="mailto:banpuchampions@gmail.com">banpuchampions@gmail.com</a>, Facebook: www.facebook.com/banpuchampions.

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## Additional information:

"Banpu Champions for Change" is one of the CSR programs run by Banpu Plc. The program is undertaken under the concept of "Learning... a Power of Change and Development. Initiated in 2011, "Banpu Champions for Change" is open to modern young people nationwide to create and implement their own social enterprise initiatives that are of tangible benefit to the Thai society. It will also give these young social entrepreneurs an opportunity to learn through real life practice in running social enterprise activities that are in line with their own interest and expertise. They will have a chance to learn how to apply their skills in running such initiatives for their own future purpose and learn how to return the financial outcome to the Thai society in the future.

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