



News Release

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“The Power Green Camp 6” offers opportunity for Thai youth to learn more about natural disasters and how to be prepared for such crises

Mahidol University’s Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, in collaboration with Banpu Public Company Limited, is this year running “The Power Green Camp” project for sixth consecutive year, inviting 11th grade students majoring in science nationwide to learn more about natural disasters and how to be well prepared to deal with such crises. The camp will be held during October 17-23, 2011 at Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Nakhon Pathom. Students can apply from 1 July to 15 August, 2011. Registration is limited to only 70 participants!

This year, the “Power Green Camp 6” highlights a hot environmental issue, natural disasters, as its core concept to stimulate public awareness and response to a wide range of disasters and catastrophes that may arise. Natural disasters are occurring more frequently nowadays in populated areas. It is therefore very significant to provide Thai youth with environmental science knowledge, both theoretical and practical in order to help them apply their knowledge to resolving environmental problems and create systematic and sustainable crisis prevention.

“The disasters that occurred indicated the changing balance of nature and the environment, causing a range of negative impacts ultimately leading to significant loss of life and destruction of property. If we know about the causes of the disasters and are well prepared to handle them, this will help us survive and reduce the severity and damage that may arise,” said **Asst Prof. Sittipong Dilokwanich Ph.D.**, Dean of the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, the organizer of the camp.

Throughout the 7-day activity, participants will learn about various natural disasters and their causes via both environmental science theories and practice. They will have the chance to attend special lectures and workshops on environmental science and natural disasters by well-known environmental



science experts and academics from Mahidol University and also gain hands-on experience at Mahidol University's advanced and well-equipped environmental science lab. Additionally, they will enhance their experience by joining a field trip to study natural disasters, define causes, solutions and preventive measures at risk communities. They will also have a chance to demonstrate their creative thinking by publicly exhibiting their own environmental science projects and enjoy many other interesting activities.

Ms. Udomlux Olarn, Head of Corporate Affairs, Banpu Public Company Limited, which has been the sole sponsor of "The Power Green Camp" since its founding, said, "The "Power Green Camp 6" is one of Banpu's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects that allow youth to learn about environmental science, both through classroom instruction and out-of-class practice under the concept of 'Envi-Science: Learning Through Actions'."

"We believe learning is indeed the power of constructive changes and sustainable development of "people", "society" and "environment". Since knowledge is not restricted only to the classroom, the "Power Green Camp 6" teaches the students about actual and real-world practices, as well as other skills including teamwork, leadership and creativity. Most importantly, learning will enable the campers to apply knowledge to develop solutions for environmental problems in their own and nearby communities," added Ms. Udomlux.

Interested students should have the following qualifications:

- Be 11th grade students, majoring in science, and with a 10th grade minimum cumulative GPAX of 2.75 (attach transcript).
- Write an essay in your own handwriting on "*Will There Really Be Global Disasters In 2012? How Will We Be Prepared For Such Crises?*" The essay should be no longer than one A4 page.
- Provide documents to certify the applicant's participation in any contest or science project or any related environmental activities, if any.
- Guardian and school consent letters.



Within 15 August 2011, interested students must submit the application, essay and all supplementary documents to Research Promotion and Academic Services, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, 999 Phuttamonthon 4 Road, Salaya, Nakhon Pathom 73170, and indicate on the envelope in brackets: (The Power Green Camp Application). Application forms can be downloaded at www.powergreencamp.com. For more information, please call 0 2441 5000 ext. 2110, e-mail: powergreencamp@hotmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/powergreencamp.

Announcement of 70 selected applicants who will join the “Power Green Camp 6” at no charge will be on Friday, 26th August 2011 at www.powergreencamp.com.

Special opportunity for the second consecutive year!!! The participants selected for the “Power Green Camp 6” who would like to further their studies at Mahidol University’s Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies will receive ‘special consideration’ in the interview process. Hurry up! Submit your applications and documents now!

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