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# "Power Green Camp 13" opens to high-school students with passion for protecting the environment

Learning more about "Managing biodiversity and creatively increasing its economic value", orchestrating artistic skills with environmental science knowledge.



"I want to make use of my free time during the school break, but I don't know what to do. Should I go out to explore new experiences outside the classroom to find my true self?" If you are asking yourself these questions, the Power Green camp 13 offers a chance to make the most of your available time. You will gain knowledge, discover a further educational path and make new friends from all parts of the country while also having plenty of fun.

The "Power Green Camp 13" on the theme "Managing biodiversity and creatively increasing its economic value" organized by Banpu Public Company Limited in collaboration with Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University is once again open to nationwide high-school students in Grade 10 and 11 majoring in science. Seventy outstanding students who demonstrate their passion for protecting the environment will be chosen to join the camp, which will take place during 18 – 25 October 2018 at the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Salaya campus. In addition to learning the theoretical aspects of environmental science, students will







be able to combine their artistic skills and environmental science knowledge to put together creative works. They will get to listen to real experiences from entrepreneurs in various businesses who apply biodiversity to generate income in a creative way and also take part in excursions to role model communities in Nakhon Pathom and Kanchanaburi provinces to learn more about how they can creatively utilize biodiversity to add more value to their local products.

Mrs. Udomlux Olarn, Head of Corporate Affairs, Banpu Public Company Limited said: "Banpu firmly believes that Learning is the Power of Change and Development. For over the past 10 years, the Power Green Camp has focused on developing the new generation's potential and skills and preparing them to grow up to become important forces in driving their communities and society forward by using the knowledge and experience they gain from the camp and adapting these to best suit the rapidly changing world. This year, we put an emphasis on developing the economy and society while conserving the environment and ensuring stability of the country's fundamental resources. In designing the camp's activities, we focus on creating a balance between environmental conservation and utilization. We need to connect cooperation between every sector by supporting the new generation to make use of biodiversity in line with market demand by developing and increasing the value of products that enhance traditional wisdom. This will result in a well-balanced and sustainable society."

Under the Power Green Camp's concept "Envi-science: Learning through actions", all seventy selected students will participate in the activities, which kick off with lessons conducted by lecturers of the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University on the importance of preservation and creating value added for biodiversity. Students will learn in practical terms of how to create value added through the experiences shared by various businesses entrepreneurs, and further extend their knowledge by participating in different activities during the camp, such as a photography and painting workshop with naturalist, environmental writer and photographer









Mr. Dome Pratumtong. They will also go on trips to learn about the commercial usage of natural resources with local business owners and learn in depth the process of organic farming with local farmers at Sookjai Market and Chao Suan School in Nakhon Pathom's Sam Phran District. The students will also travel to the community forest of Kanchanaburi's Lum Sum Sub-district, where they will see firsthand how the locals have been able to utilize biodiversity in their sustainable careers through efficient management of resources. At the end of the camp, students will compete for a 30,000-baht scholarship through the environmental scientific group project contest and will also get a chance to join an environmental excursion overseas.

Science major high-school students in Grade 10 and 11 can download the application from <a href="https://www.powergreencamp.com">www.powergreencamp.com</a> and submit a handwritten application no longer than one sheet of A4 size paper or a 1-minute video clip plus other documents as indicated between July 1 and August 31, 2018. For more updates and information on the camp, along with required qualifications and additional criteria, visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/powergreencamp">www.facebook.com/powergreencamp</a> or call 0 2441 5000 ext.2112.

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## **Additional Photos**

Photo 1



Mrs. Udomlux Olarn, Head of Corporate Affairs, Banpu Public Company Limited









# Photo 2 - 4







Students participate in biodiversity learning activities while on a nature walk.

Photo 5 - 7







Excitement was high during the presentation of the environmental scientific group project contest.

Photo 8 - 10







Students' impressions from the Power Green Camp 12.

## About Power Green Camp

The Power Green Camp was established in 2006 through a collaboration between the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, and Banpu Public Company Limited that has as its objective to equip high school students with knowledge about environmental science and the ability to apply it logically in real life, while building strong principles of sustainable environmental preservation. The camp targets high school students in grades 10 and 11 studying in science fields nationwide.









#### About Banpu Public Company Limited

BANPU is a leading integrated energy solutions company in Asia Pacific, operating business in coal, power generation, and integrated energy sectors in ten countries, namely Thailand, Indonesia, China, Australia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Singapore, Japan, the United States of America and Vietnam.

### "Learning is the Power of Change and Development"

Banpu's CSR activities are based on the firm belief that "learning is the power of change and development" for people and society by emphasizing the promotion and development of continued "learning" among young people and communities in a number of ways.

Banpu supports sustainable development of communities and society through a variety of learning opportunities for both individuals and teams, ranging from daily real-life experiences both in and outside the classroom, to hands-on practice that enhances capabilities and skills.

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