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Youth Community Resilience to Climate Change in the Mekong Delta (Y-CoRe)

CTU GreenEng programme – Enhancing English presentation skills of Can Tho University students on Environmental and Climate Change issues

Project background

Currently in the Mekong Delta, the community in general and the vast majority of young people in particular are still quite shy when presenting and exchanging opinions about climate change in English at public events.

Therefore, there was a great need for a social action project that could improve their English presentation skills. This would allow them to better disseminate environmental knowledge throughout their communities.

Project objectives

This project had the following goals:

- Increasing the participation of stakeholders at Can Tho University, especially students, in climate change issues in the Mekong Delta.
- Establishing a creative learning environment through workshops and competitions to develop the participants' English presentation skills and help them acquire more knowledge related to the environment, climate change, urban heat, etc., in the spirit of active citizenship.

- Creating a Facebook channel (CTU GreenEng) and a network of those young people interested in environmental issues and climate change.

Project overview

Deployed from June to August 2023, CTU GreenEng's participants were the student community at Can Tho University.

Through knowledge training sessions using modern methodologies, an English practice environment, and dynamic competitions, projects helped participants become more confident when presenting in English and equipped them with more knowledge about the environment and climate change.

To this day, the project maintains and connects with participants through activities in English Clubs at Can Tho University.

Outstanding outcomes

There is now a media page on Facebook called CTU GreenEng with 481 likes and 613 followers.

The project also:

- successfully organised four workshops with the dual goal of improving English presentation skills and providing knowledge about the environment, climate change, urban heat island, etc. to participants with sharing from experts and lecturers with environmental expertise
- successfully organised an English presentation competition on solutions to environmental problems in the Mekong Delta
- contributed four innovative solutions from participants addressing issues related to fast fashion, land pollution, water pollution and the urban heat island effect in Can Tho City in particular, and the Mekong Delta more broadly
- produced media videos to raise awareness and call for greater public attention to environmental issues in Can Tho City and the Mekong Delta
- created a network of young people with both good English proficiency and a willingness to participate in community activities in the spirit of active citizenship.

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