

Tsunami Aid Watch (TAW) Programme

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**C² - Computer and Communication
Networks Co., Ltd.**

IT teaching and learning networks through internet in communal internet centers



The origin of Computer and Communication Networks Co., Ltd.

C², formerly the IT department of Tsunami Aid Watch, was originally set up based on the idea of using new technology in developing and rehabilitating Tsunami affected communities. With the E-learning network of the TAW IT centers in the affected communities, C² IT staff is empowered to provide computer training service to our target communities.

The main duty of C² is to provide services involved with IT aspects, such as producing and providing media, training courses and consultancy for the affected communities. Besides, the competences of our staff include graphic design, website development and maintenance, and the production of advertising media.

It is part of the TAW programme and its IT department, that all tasks done under TAW are based on sustainable development principles. So after TAW programme ends, C², formerly one of the TAW departments will go on operating as an independent company. The company will continue its work and will compete on the IT market, based on their staff's skills. So we can say for TAW's IT component that this meets the objective of the TAW programme: sustainability.

E-learning service and communal IT centers

E-learning can be observed as a trend in learning and teaching IT skills. The IT training employs the Skype program as communication medium to teach from Chiang Mai to the TAW IT centers in other provinces.

At the outset of the IT training programme, trainees had to come to and stay in Chiang Mai. This caused inconveniences for some trainees. That's why TAW considered this problem and came up with a better solution. Establishing communal IT centers is a good and appropriate choice for more effectiveness, convenience and broader reach in teaching and learning.

TAW communal IT centers

TAW communal IT center at Bahn Nahm Khem, Phang Nga



TAW communal IT center at Bahn Thabtawan, Phang Nga



TAW communal IT centers (continue)

TAW communal IT center at Sribohya Community, Krabi province



TAW communal IT center at Bahn Nong Jet Nuay, Chiang Mai province



The results of setting up TAW communal IT centers

- Feedbacks from the target communities
- Problems / Obstacles
- Expectations and requirements of the target communities
- Strength and Weakness of Work

The plan for developing communal IT centers in the future

- Investing on new technologies
- Personnel development
- Improving teaching media and materials
- Improving related factors