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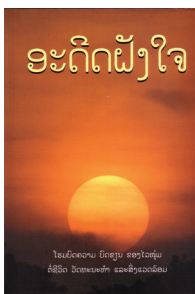
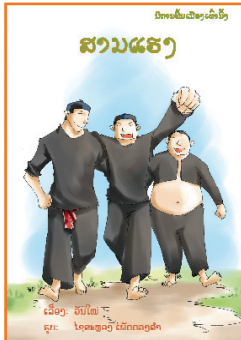
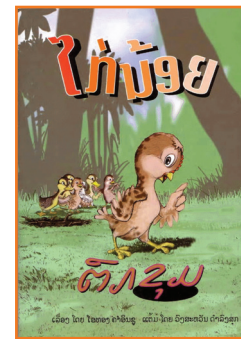
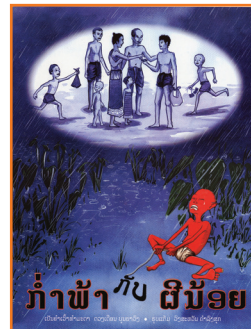
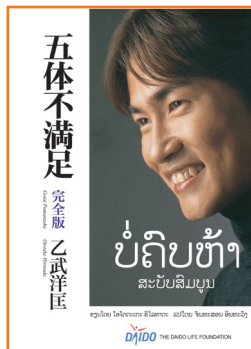
ALC is always looking for sponsors and partnership from schools, organizations and local and international business. Through these ventures, we are able to hold book fairs, international events, workshops, seminars, trainings, and lectures.

Work with us

Help encourage local talent in Laos. We are looking for specialists who can create picture books, picture story shows, painting, music, dancing, education and more.

Donate

Your donations will help bring books to children all over Laos, help fund a school library or publish a new title. To make a donation, please contact the ALC office.



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Action with Lao Children

Providing Lao children with a better
reading environment and a brighter future



About Us

Action with Lao Children (ALC) is an NGO dedicated to improving the educational environment of children in Laos so they may fulfil the right to create their own future.

Our Mission

When ALC was founded in 1982, there was only one national library and one bookstore in Vientiane. There were no books available for children in Laos. Even today, children in remote areas have very few opportunities to read and write stories in their daily lives.

Our wish for Lao children is to expand their world and enhance their ability to express their thoughts and ideas, enabling them to choose their own path in life, and lead towards a fair and peaceful global society.



Our Action

For more than 37 years, ALC has been publishing children's books in the Lao language, providing the young people of Laos with a better reading environment.

Publishing Children Books

ALC publishes works in the Lao language by local authors. These may be picture books, folk tales and illustrated dictionaries especially for children. To date, ALC has published 223 titles, more than 911,755 copies (1990 to 2019).

Creating an Opportunity for Reading

ALC has distributed more than 3000 *book boxes* to primary and secondary schools across Laos. We are working in cooperation with the Lao National Library's 'Reading Promotion Project'.

Aiming to promote reading in local communities, ALC supports to establish *libraries at school classrooms* with provision of Lao books and trainings for teachers. We have opened more than 317 libraries across Laos (1995-2019). *Hak Arn* – “love to read” is a nickname of school libraries ALC supports to establish. We aim to trigger joy of reading and develop love for reading among children.

Capacity Building

We are working to ensure that the skills developed at ALC reach all corners of Laos. To achieve this goal, ALC is working with



teachers and government staff to develop reading habit and produce new children's books in Laos.

Creating a Space for Creative Activities

The Children's Cultural Center (CCC) and Children's Education & Development Center (CEC) are a facility where children can read and learn traditional dance, music and art which are not taught in school. ALC supports eleven Children's Centers throughout Laos today (2019).

