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Mulberries

Mulberries is a not-for-profit company that seeks to create income generating opportunities for Lao people in a socially and environmentally responsible way. Our company, in partnership with over 200 village families, specializes in the production of naturally-dyed, handmade Lao silk. We foster traditional silkworm rearing, reeling, weaving, and natural dyeing in villages, while providing training, tools and a market for sale and distribution. We actively promote social and environmental awareness in the villages where we work by encouraging sustainable alternatives to opium production and harmful “slash-and-burn” agricultural practices. We also stress to villagers the importance of traditional natural dyes, which are more environmentally friendly than the widely used chemical alternatives.



Our Vientiane store is opposite the Douang Deuane Hotel on Nokeo Kummane Rd. In Luang Prabang we are next to the post office above Joma Café on Chao Fa Ngum Rd. Opening hours are 10am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

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Luang Prabang: (071) 254594

Email: info@mulberries.org www.mulberries.org

CAMACrafts

CAMACrafts is a non-profit, self-help project which markets handicrafts made by Lao artisans. We strive to provide a sustainable method of income for village women that would otherwise be unavailable. Our products are entirely handmade using traditional patterns and techniques, which helps preserve the traditional needlework skills of Hmong and Lao women such as appliqué, cross stitch, embroidery and batik. This work provides employment for more than 250 women, an estimated 70% of whom are the only cash earners for their families. Money earned from the handicrafts is largely used to send their children to school, and to provide food and medicine for their family.



You can find our boutique outlets in Vientiane (opposite Douang Deuane Hotel) and Luang Prabang (above Joma Bakery). The shops are open 10am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. Tel Vientiane: (021) 241217, Luang Prabang: (071) 254594
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Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AAR)

AAR is a non-government organization providing emergency aid, assistance and support to people with disabilities. Since 2000, we have been working with the National Rehabilitation Center's Wheelchair Workshop to improve their productivity in manufacturing wheelchairs and tricycles. We proactively employ and train persons with disabilities as technical experts and staff in the workshop, and distribute the wheelchairs in 10 Lao provinces. In Laos, few of the 50,000 people with disabilities have opportunities to earn money, and so most of them cannot afford to buy a wheelchair.



Why not visit our workshop to understand more about disability issues in Laos, as well as support our goal of making wheelchairs free for all those who need them.

Find us on Khou Vieng Rd in Vientiane next to 109 Hospital.

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Lao Cotton State Enterprise

Established in 1984 by the Lao Government and the United Nations Development Program to help women to capitalize on their traditional weaving skills, our goal is create job opportunities for Lao women and improve their well being. Since 1996, we have operated as an independent business, organizing ten women's

weaving groups providing 200 looms throughout Laos. We support all stages of the cotton handicraft development process, from the purchase of raw cotton from Lao farmers through to spinning, dyeing, weaving and the sale of finished products. Our crafts include cotton fabric, clothing, interior furnishings, hand bags and other handicrafts.

The Lao Cotton Product Shops in Vientiane are our main retail outlet for textiles. These are located at Ban Khounta Thong in Sikhottabong district, and on Manthathourath Street next to Lao Women's Union Building near Namphou fountain. We also provide a made to order service. Our shops are open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

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Ekkalak Lao Gallery

The Ekkalak Lao Gallery in Vientiane markets the work of several associations of Lao artisans, promoting local handicrafts from over 30 different producers, mostly members of the Lao Handicrafts Association.

The gallery was initially started as part of the Phonsaat Project (Lao Women's Empowerment through the Handicraft Textile Industry) and from here has grown into an independent business. Through targeting women weavers, and especially those in isolated rural areas, Ekkalak Lao improves access to resources as well as information on domestic and international markets.

The gallery, on Kaysone Avenue, 500 meters past the Patuxai Monument, is open from 9am to 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday.

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