

FLOATING LIBRARY ON RAFT: INTERESTING KIND OF LIBRARY EXISTED IN INDOCHINA

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ABSTRACT

Library is a specific place collecting book. It is usually a referencing academic center for general population. Sometimes, the library has to be adapted to serve with the remote community. The raft community is an interest community seen in many areas of Indochina. Due to the limitation of assessment by land transportation. The mobile library locating on the raft is constructed. This kind of library is usually a small but acts as the academic center for the local raft community.

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INTRODUCTION

Library is a specific place collecting book. It is usually a referencing academic center for general population. In general, library should be place in a permanent building to serve the book collection activity [1]. The advance computational technology is already in use for improving the library activity [2]. Nevertheless, the classical way of library book collection is still the main process in almost all libraries around the world.

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authors focus interest and discuss on existed floating library on raft in Indochina, a developing region of the world.

CASES OF FLOATING LIBRARIES ON RAFT IN INDOCHINA COUNTRIES

The water communities are seen in Indochina at present. Many rafts usually locate in each floating village and becomes interesting place of the region. Some villages locate at natural water resource whereas the others locate on the flooding area after construction of dam. For sure, there are existences of some floating libraries on raft in those communities.

THAILAND

There are many floating libraries located on the flooding areas after construction of dams.

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Those libraries usually accompany with floating school and serve as knowledge collection place for the students who are the local children in the floating villages. There are some some floating libraries on the raft in the floating community in the big river in Thailand.

CAMBODIA

The existence of floating library can be seen in Tonle Sap, the biggest natural lake in Indochina. The floating library well serve the floating Cambodian village.

CHALLENGE OF THE FLOATING LIBRARY ON RAFT

Since the floating library on raft is considered mobile and might be affected by the surround water environment. How to maintain the

library and collected book is very interesting. The remote location usually results in difficulty to get sufficient resource for good maintenance. Commonly, there are usually external contribution to help those floating libraries.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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