

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE: A CASE OF BAMBOO FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE BETWEEN THAILAND AND MYANMAR

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ABSTRACT

The connection between two nations or border post is usually an important area. The transportation between two nations via transportation route is important. In general, the diving line between the two nations is usually a natural landmark such as river or stream. To construct the route connecting between two nations is usually difficult and use a lot of budget. However, the situation is sometimes not difficult and the connecting between two neighboring villages between two nations is the good example. Here, the author shows a case study of bamboo friendship bridge between Thailand and Myanmar.

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INTRODUCTION

The connection between two nations or border post is usually an important area. The great concern is on legal control, ecology as well as health issues [1-4]. The transportation between two nations via transportation route is important. In general, the diving line between the two nations is usually a natural landmark such as river or stream. To construct the route connecting between two nations is usually difficult and use a lot of budget. However, the situation is sometimes not difficult and the connecting between two neighboring villages between two nations is the good example. Here, the author shows a case study of bamboo friendship bridge between Thailand and Myanmar.

CASE STUDY

The case is a specific local international friendship bridge between Thailand and Myanmar at the

holy place namely "Mokkhala Cave". This area is a buddhist cave with monasteries along two side of Taungyin or Meuy river which is the international dividing line between Thailand and Myanmar. The locally constructed international friendship bridge is by bamvoo and allowing the local people to communicate between two sides of the river. This area becomes the very famous attraction at present.

DISCUSSION

Thailand is a tropical country in Indochina with land border with several countries including to Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia. The international communication is important in local Thai logistics. The connecting points between Thailand and a nearby country usually require specific connecting communication routes.

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Crossing the international border with bridge is common and there are many international bridge between Thailand and nearby country that is called friendship bridge (such as the bridge

crossing Mae Khongriver connecting Thailand and Laos). The international friendship bridge construction is usually a big project and requires a lot of budget.



Figure 1. The picture showing local international friendship bridge between Thailand and Myanmar (green arrow)

Nevertheless, in microscale, the international friendship bridge is also constructed by local people along the border areas. The present case study is the good example. It can reflect that harmonization and peaceful relationship between the local people in two countries, Thailand and Myanmar. The friendship relation is the good tool for creating peace in any region. It is the starting point for further logistics as well as business promotion adding to simple local tourism.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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