

# Red Star Group Highlights



# The Future of the Mekong Delta 100 years from now

- A new generation
  - More educated and aware - environment/H<sub>2</sub>O/climate
  - More mobile and more urban
  - Higher quality of life expectations
- How do they live:
  - More renewable energy/technological advances
  - Jobs in nature/culture based tourism
  - Agriculture – focus on high value products



# Water Issues 100 years on

- Sanitation and water treatment is improved
- Solid waste is managed
- Regulations enforced
- Fresh-salt balance altered

*Recognize that 'Golden forest, silver ocean' can  
be lost*



# Where does all this happen?



# How to get there?

- Developing tourism opportunities:
  - Engage locals not developers
  - Educate, stimulate, incentivize
  - Agri-tourism
  - Needs clean healthy environment
- Agriculture
  - Educate about options to add value for farmers
  - Cooperatives?
  - Diversify but do not expand footprint



# Example Communique Ideas

- Utilize Deltas and the services they provide in an environmentally sustainable way by following a transparent and integrated planning and decision making process that involves all users/ stakeholders (not only government)
- Ensure that local communities have a voice in Delta management decisions
- Move toward accountability/responsibility for Delta sustainability [water management and land use planning] within a Delta 'authority', beginning with an effective committee or commission



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- Enforce laws and regulations that protect Deltas, while – to the extent possible – recognizing cultural traditions and/or allowing subsistence harvest
- Ensure Delta agriculture practices are in harmony with natural conditions and variability, and do not result in long-term degradation of land and environmental quality



# Example Communique Ideas

- Empower Delta citizens to actively engage in Delta issues and decision-making through education and awareness raising, recognizing that the participation of many may be limited by poverty and economic hardships.
- Educate Delta citizens [and others] from early childhood about the challenges and benefits of living on a Delta – how Deltas function and the goods, services and values they provide, and what actions and investments are needed to ensure Delta sustainability.

