

THE QUIET IN THE LAND

ART AND EDUCATION PROJECT

CONTEMPORARY CREATIVE LAO TEXTILE COMPETITION LUANG PRABANG

You are invited to create and enter in this competition a work of textile of your choice before the 1st of October 2005.

First Prize: ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000)

Second Prize: FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)

**Third Prizes: TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS
(\$250 – two prizes)**

Many other prizes and rewards will be awarded to the best entries by an international jury in November 2005.

An exhibition of all the works selected will be held at the Luang Prabang National Museum (former Royal Palace) from December 2005 to March 2006. An exhibition of historical Lao Textiles will also be organized at the same time. The award-winning works will become part of the collection of the Museum who can choose to exhibit or loan the works for exhibition. The other works can be recovered by their owners at the end of the exhibition. The works will not be for sale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKS

All works must measure 80 cm x 80 cm, or be presented on a frame of these dimensions.

Anyone who has Lao nationality and lives in Luang Prabang Province can submit works.

All techniques, weaving, embroidery, stitching, and all traditional or contemporary styles from all ethnic groups can be used. All works must be made using natural Lao fabric and natural dyes (silk, cotton, hemp, ramie and other vegetal fibers...).

All entries must be accompanied with a **fact sheet** including the name of the person who directed or created the work, the names of the people who collaborated, the name of the place where the work was made (village, complete address), the technique(s) used, the materials, the origin and explanation of the patterns, the reasons for their choice, and the number of hours required to complete the work.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Originality

Creativity

Quality

New Patterns

Adaptation of traditional patterns

New techniques

Please send or bring your work, with its fact sheet, to:

LUANG PRABANG NATIONAL MUSEUM

(FORMER ROYAL PALACE)

The Quiet in the Land Project/Textile Competition

P.O. Box 347

Luang Prabang

For information, call 071 212 122 or 572 6217

THE QUIET IN THE LAND is an art and education project, based in Luang Prabang, designed to revitalize traditional arts by confronting them with new contemporary art forms. The Lao textiles are known worldwide for the complexity of the techniques used and the richness of their patterns as well as the ability and the patience of their creators. The development of tourism and the commonality of the products on the market would lead us to believe that this richness is threatened and that the quality of the textiles is declining. The objective of this competition is to prove that the creative resources, the creators and the originality that have contributed to building the exceptional reputation of the Lao textiles still exist in Luang Prabang, and that this exceptional reputation can be maintained given the right conditions.

The Quiet in the Land Art and Education Project is organized in collaboration with the Department of Information and Culture, Luang Prabang