



## January 2023 Newsletter

---

### Happy New Year/Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!

Happy New Year from PeaceTrees Vietnam! On January 22nd, those who celebrate Tết, the Vietnamese Lunar Year, welcomed in the year of the cat! [Read more on why Vietnam celebrates the year of the cat and not the rabbit during the Lunar New Year.](#) We hope 2023 brings you and your loved ones health, joy, and peace.

[CLICK HERE to watch](#)

Click above to watch a Tết greeting from PeaceTrees kindergarteners!

---

### Updates from Vietnam

#### Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Continues in Vietnam

In December, PeaceTrees Vietnam organized two Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) sessions at schools in Quảng Trị Province. At Thuan Primary School, over 300 students in first through fifth grade joined their teachers to learn what to do if they encounter a suspected bomb. The other event took place at Ba Long Secondary and High School, where 300 older students in fifth through ninth grade joined PeaceTrees staff to learn about the dangers of Explosive Ordnance (EO). At both events, students answered trivia questions related to EO, and competed in friendly games to help support their learning.



Students at Ba Long Secondary and High School playing a game to support their EORE.- Quảng Trị Province

Students at Thuan Primary school with their teachers and PeaceTrees staff holding signs that read "Together Against Mines" in Vietnamese- Quảng Trị Province

## EORE in the Community

PeaceTrees Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technicians also deliver EORE to community members when they are out in the field conducting clearance operations. These impromptu sessions help farmers and community members know exactly what to do if they encounter a suspected bomb. After receiving EORE in Tam Lien Commune in Quảng Trị Province, a farmer named Mrs. Kim Anh led a PeaceTrees EOD technician to show them exactly where the suspected explosive was. After the mortar was inspected it was safely removed from the field. PeaceTrees is grateful to work alongside communities like Tan Lien Commune, and greatly appreciates the information that local farmers often provide on whereabouts of suspected EO.



Mrs. Kim Anh pointing to the exact location of a suspected EO- Tan Lien Commune, Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees EOD technician measuring the mortar after concluding it was safe to move- Tan Lien Commune, Quảng Trị Province



A PeaceTrees EOD technician delivering EORE to a group of residents in Tan Lien Commune- Quảng Trị Province



A PeaceTrees EOD technician delivering EORE to residents in Tan Lien Commune- Quảng Trị Province

## US Ambassador to Vietnam Visits PeaceTrees in Quảng Trị

On January 11th the US Ambassador to Vietnam, Marc Knapper, spent the day with PeaceTrees Vietnam in Quảng Trị to learn more about our work and programs. Ambassador Knapper and his delegation visited Trieu Son Commune to see our clearance work firsthand and participate in a controlled detonation of EO. This delegation was joined by PeaceTrees In-Country Director, Ha Pham, PeaceTrees program staff, and Mr. Hoang Nam, Vice Chairman of Quảng Trị Provincial People's Committee. In the afternoon, the delegation visited PeaceTrees' head office in Dong Ha to learn more about our demining operations, meet our all female demining team, and plant trees together in front of the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center. This visit helps illustrate the joint efforts the American and Vietnamese governments are making to address the legacy of war in Vietnam.



Ambassador Knapper and Mr. Hoang Nam pressing the detonate button together at a controlled detonation of EO in Trieu Son Commune-Quảng Trị Province



Ambassador Knapper and Ha Pham planting a tree together in front of the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center in Dong Ha- Quảng Trị Province

---

## Upcoming Events

### PeaceTrees Welcomes Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai Back to Seattle On March 15th

PeaceTrees looks forward to joining Friends of Little Saigon, The Seattle Public Library, and Elliott Bay Bookstore in welcoming Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai to the stage to discuss her forthcoming novel, *Dust Child*. Quế Mai will be joined by author and friend of PeaceTrees, Karl Marlantes, and award-winning poet Susan Lieu. This event is free, but advanced registration is required. We hope that you will join us in person for this special evening.



[Learn more and register here!](#)

## Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

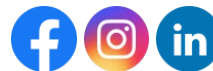
Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! We partner with CARS, a nonprofit organization that facilitates vehicle donations. All vehicles are eligible for donation, even if they are not running! CARS makes it easy and gives your unwanted vehicle a new purpose.



### Our Contact Information

PeaceTrees Vietnam  
509 Olive Way Suite 1226  
Seattle, WA 98101  
2064416136  
<http://www.peacetreesvietnam.org>

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Manage email preferences](#)



Connect with PeaceTrees on social media!

[Support PeaceTrees Vietnam today!](#)