



### Black Pepper Project Update:

In the summer of 2015, PeaceTrees Vietnam partnered with several wholesale spice distributors to begin the Black Pepper Farming Project in Con and Tram villages. Both villages are located near the Laotian border in Huong Hoa District and are composed of rural, largely ethnic minority communities. In 2018 farmers were able to harvest their first crop of black pepper. This year our pepper farmers harvested 175.5kg of pepper in May and were again able to sell it to our project partners Olam! We continue to work alongside our project partners and farmers in order to ensure successful pepper plantations and sustainable incomes for the farmers. We are looking forward to another growing season and bountiful harvest in 2020.



Black pepper harvest from May 2019



Black Pepper farmer receiving profit from sale of harvest in May 2019

### University of Washington Students in Vietnam!

Students from the University of Washington are currently with our team in Vietnam exploring PeaceTrees' work and learning about the legacy of war. This Comparative History of Ideas program led by Professor Christoph Giebel (UW, Int'l. Studies/History) will spend eleven days with our team in Quang Tri Province. Highlights of their trip include visiting our kindergartens and making toys with the children, laying a tile floor for a family and engaging in various other service projects with the community, visiting our EOD teams in the field and teaching English. This is the eighth study abroad trip to Vietnam led by Professor Giebel. He also leads Citizen Diplomacy trips through PeaceTrees Vietnam that provide a historical and educational focus. Enrollment for his next trip with PeaceTrees in March 2020 is open now!



UW student visiting with children at a pepper project site in Tan Lap commune in July 2019



UW students learning about our pepper project from PeaceTrees Project Coordinator, Van Anh in July 2019

### Attention Spokane Veterans:

Join PeaceTrees at the [Vietnam Veterans of America Conference](#) this week at the Spokane Convention Center!

**What:** Vietnam Veterans of America National Convention

**When:** 9:00 am- 5:00 pm July 15-20th

**Where:** Spokane Convention Center

334 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

[More details are available here!](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019**

Four Seasons Hotel 99 Union Street Seattle, WA 98101  
Reception at 11:30 am Luncheon at 12:00 pm



Join us to support resilient communities and humanitarian mine action in Vietnam



[RSVP Today!](#)



### Travel with us in January, March or September 2020!

PeaceTrees Citizen Diplomacy Trips provide an opportunity for volunteers to experience Vietnam from a unique and rewarding perspective. Our main goal is to bring American and Vietnamese people together to work and play as a means of promoting peace, friendship and renewal through mutual understanding and respect. During this trip, you will have the opportunity to see many areas within the country, including Hanoi, Hue, Dong Ha, Hoi An and Saigon, plant trees at a PeaceTrees project site, and interact with Vietnamese community members in a meaningful way that few tourists ever experience. Read our traveler's testimonials [here!](#)

**Dates:**

January 2020 - Tentatively departing January 3rd and returning January 19th

March 2020 - Tentatively departing March 11th and returning March 26th

September 2020 - Dates TBD, likely a two week mid-September trip

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