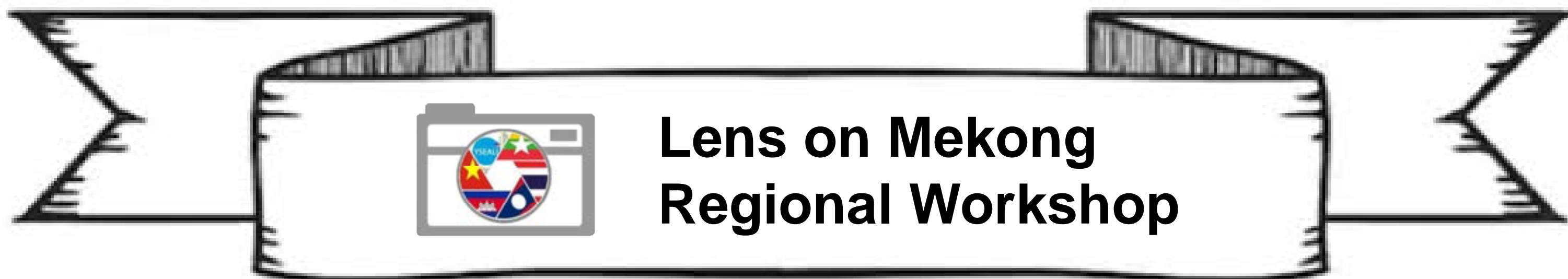


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Project Description

Mekong Delta is in danger – 50% of it could disappear in the next century. The region is threatened by climate change, up steam dams, groundwater subsidence and saltwater intrusion, illegal sand mining and water pollution.

This February 2019, my team and I brought together 15 highly talented youths from 6 different countries along Mekong Delta for a 3-days workshop to discuss environmental issues in the region and create documentaries for local farmers.



Day 2

We travelled to Tra Vinh, a city very near to the coast and highly affected by sea level rise and ground subsidence. As saltwater intrudes the fields, farmers converted from rice agriculture to shrimp agriculture. Had interviews and a casual drink with them.



Final Showcase

Teams shared the challenges of farmers and their stories. We even invited locals (they are seated at the first row) to join us for the presentations. The videos are all online and you may view them here:



Day 1

First day was a lot on empathy training and understanding of environmental issues in Mekong delta. We invited renowned experts to give an overview of issues and went more in-depth during the panel discussion. Concluded the night doing storyboarding.



Day 3

Full day of video editing before our final showcase!

Credits

I would like to thank Young Southeast Asia Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) and OG Department Stores for giving my team the grants to create this workshop. We will continue to empower regional youths and create more impact along Mekong Delta.



Lens on Mekong continues... (in An Giang this August 2019!)