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An innovative, non-traditional community-based environmental education program integrating math, science, geography, English language, and technology lessons for environmental stewardship using interactive experiential learning in outdoor settings at Ban Na Fa Elementary School, Nan Province, Thailand.

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Have you seen palm sugar before?



It starts with sugar palm tree blossoms.





Collecting buckets are prepared.





A worker climbs a ladder...





...to trim the blossom cluster...





...so the sweet liquid drips out.





The collector bucket is put in place.







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The collector bucket is left in the tree over night.





The next day, the collector bucket is removed.





They make a fire...





...using coconut shells.





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The collected liquid is put in a strainer...





...to remove debris.





Then it is boiled...





...and boiled...





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...and boiled





...and boiled to remove the water.





Then it is ready to be cooled.





Palm sugar waiting to cool.





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The cooling can be done by hand, or...







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It is taken out of the pan...





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...for sale.





And that is how palm sugar is made.



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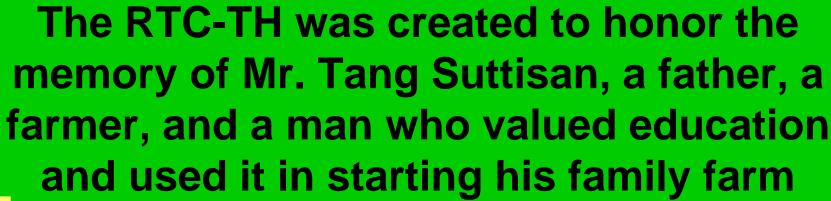




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