

For two months, a third-year student at the University of San Francisco interned with Lien AID at its Singapore office. She shares her experiences with us below.

Hello, my name is Kerry Phan and I am an incoming third year student at University of San Francisco. This summer, I had the privilege to intern at Lien AID under the Communications branch, assisting with the publications of website updates and monthly e-newsletters. With this role, I had the chance to speak with other student volunteers, organizations in collaboration with Lien AID, and other members involved with project planning. This internship has been a great growing experience for me as a student and enthusiast for environmental justice.

This internship has taught me life skills that cannot be taught in a textbook, such as the reality that much of the world faces in regards to clean drinking water. Although I had always known about the water crisis in South East Asia, I had never witnessed it first-hand before. Trips to Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar truly emphasized the crucial condition that many under developed countries are in when it comes to accessibility to safe water. Being able to intern at Lien AID has helped me appreciate the simplicity of having basic human needs met while influencing me to further dedicate my studies to help alleviate the water crisis for future generations.

To everyone at Lien AID, I would like to thank you for your guidance and hospitality into my first real work experience. This opportunity has been truly unique and one that I will remember when I return back to USF. Not only was I able to learn how Lien AID functions as a non-profit organization in Singapore, I was able to learn about how Lien AID has impacted the communities that have project sites. As a young adult, I can say that this internship abroad has been an experience I will continue to cherish and will remain with me as I continue my studies back in the States. I thank all of you at Lien AID for helping me grow as a person and for guiding me through this journey.