**Wildlife for a Blind Person Project**

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**Abstract**

 The Khon Kaen Zoo has a primary mission is to integrate environmental education by providing wildlife conservation and environmental knowledge to visitors to increase public participation in conservation and environmental awareness. Each year, there are students, zoo visitors and people with learning disabilities such as visually impaired, interested in learning about wildlife and the environment at Khon Kaen Zoo. Therefore, Education Department of Khon Kaen Zoo initiate to expand learning opportunities and educational equality for everyone. This is the starting point of “Wild Life for a Blind person Project” that combine art into learning process. We organized the contest in the zoo for student with artistic talent to build animal sculptures. The qualified sculptures will be using as touchable exhibit with in the zoo. This allows visually impaired to two dimensions of experience both touch and educated listening. This project reflects the intention to develop and deliver the best of Khon Kaen Zoo which extended to the visually impaired and lead Khon Kaen Zoo to be the source of long-life learning.

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