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1 Oye loves cooking. His idea is to set up a Dream Buffet with all the sweets and snacks brought by the volunteers.



Phon likes the idea. She says to Oye :
"I am coming with you! My mother taught me how to set an attractive table with a Tammakhung salad.**"




All the children are excited and ask :
"Will you prepare a Dream Party?"


End
One last word to finish this story:
In the past, Laos was named the
"Land of a Million Elephants".
Nowadays, there are not as many elephants
as before! But for sure,
Laos is the Land of a Million Dreams!

You can read the full story on the internet with the link:
<https://ft.cameo.com/read/00470509341e38e41494c>


2 Viriya arrives just on time for the dance performance that Ming organized. Viriya loves to dance. The Laotian dance is more than a simple dance. It also tells stories about the meaning of life and gives hope to people.



When Laotian people dance, their mind is free of all worries and full of beauty. Fingers are like butterflies, feet are as light as leaves and petals flying in the wind. The dancers feel that they are blooming like the lotus flowers on the peaceful water of a pond.



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Drawing by children of Reunion Island

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Here is the extract of "The Dream Activity", a story from Laos.

1 In the morning when Ming comes into the kitchen, she says: "Sabaydee, auntie!" Then she takes a broom and starts sweeping the floor.

Ming is 12-years old. There are six people in her family but they don't all live together. Her two big sisters are already married and they have moved out. Her parents also left with her little brother. They went to Thailand to find work. They send money for Ming's school and Ming lives with her aunt and uncle.

Every morning, after sweeping the floor, she helps to wash the dishes.

But today is a special day!



** "Tammakhung" in Laos and Som Tam in Thailand is a green papaya salad...it's easy to make and cheap because nearby all the families have a papaya tree beside their house.

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