

TRAINEE PROFILE

Ly Thi Sung



My name is Sung and I am a 17 years old. I am proudly Hmong from a town bordering China, in Cao Bang province, northern Vietnam.

My father suffered from memory loss from when I was 3 months old until he passed away in 2017. My mother worked in the fields before leaving for China in 2016 to work. She remarried in China and I have had no contact with her since. Since my father died, I have been living with my uncle. We earn about \$450 a year from a 1500m2 maize field and a buffalo. During Grade 6, my older brother quit school to work in China and sent money back to help with our living costs. After finishing Grade 9, I left school and helped my uncle in the field.

During my free time, I like to listen to music and study English. My strength is I can focus well and am punctual, but sometimes I can get too emotional. To me, the most important thing in life is family. Because if it weren't for my family, I would not be here at KOTO now. I am very glad and feel grateful to have this opportunity and meet wonderful people who welcomed and cared for us since the first day we arrived. My favourite quote is "No pain, no gain".