

The Wheel is Turning - A warm shower for Malaysia

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The rain was pouring out of the sky. Even the monkeys sought shelter in the dark rainforest. This day has been so hot that I decided to enjoy the warm shower. That day I cycled 120 km. The beautiful scenery on the Malaysian south-east coast gave me great support.

In September I arrived at Kahang Organic Rice Farm. Tam, the owner, welcomed me and asked: "What is your expertise?". "Eco-toilets and Solar water heaters", I replied. He showed me a barn full of old materials. "Can you make a solar water heater out of this?", he asked me.

The weeks after I worked on two different solar collectors. 1) [A flat plate collector copper-brass](#) and 2) [a collector from recycled materials including: glass bottles, drinking tins, rubber tires and copper pipes](#). Such a model has never been constructed before. [The knowledge was spread in two workshops](#). First I worked together with 3 young guys from a orphanage. Later I met Matt from England who wanted to join me for while. Nowadays tourist visiting the farm and get inspired by home-made warm showers which is more and more demanded in Malaysia.

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The Turning Wheel aims to make a bridge between the knowledge of the industrialized world and local wisdom by simple technologies for sustainable living making use of local demand. The activities contributes to self-reliance. Fedde, former [WECEF](#) project officer, conducts trainings for schools, farms and eco-villages. "Simple technologies can really inspire and empower people towards social, economical and environmental sustainability". So far 7 solar collectors are constructed, 1 eco-toilet, 1 solar dryer and 1 solar light bulb has been build. Materials are 100% locally financed. [This knowledge is spread in 267 workshop hours and inspired more than 350 people. Different publications are published in newspapers and websites.](#) The Turning Wheel will continue to Thailand, Laos, China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Moldavia and Hungary and Czech. All activities can be followed at www.theturningwheel.org and twitter: @FeddeCycles

Donations supports Fedde continuing his mission. For every 120 EUR he commits to conduct 10 workshop-hours and cycle at least 300km. Opportunities for companies are visibility at publications, websites and presentations. Moreover you can show your logo in a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) movie. Such movies have often thousands of views at Youtube.

