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Acronyms

AAs Accredited Agents

ADB Asian Development Bank

ADP Agricultural Diversification Program
AFTA ASEAN Free Trade Agreement
APB Agricultural Promotion Bank

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

CI Competitiveness Initiative

COs Credit Officers

CPC Committee for Planning and Cooperation (called SPC until July 2001)

CUZ Controlled Use Zones

DHTVE Department of Higher Technical and Vocational Education

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
FCP Forestry Conservation Program
FDI Foreign Direct Investment

FSEWs Farming Systems Extension Workers

GMS Greater Mekong Sub-region
GPP Gross Provincial Product

HRDI Human Resource Development Initiative
IDA International Development Association
IEE Initial Environmental Examination
IMT Irrigation Management Transfer

IPM Integrated Pest Management IRAP Integrated Rural Accessibility Plan

IUCN World Conservation Union

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

LPPC Local Product Promotion Center

LWU Lao Women's Union

MCTPC Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction

MOE Ministry of Education

MPI Market Promotion Initiative

NAFRI National Agricultural and Forestry Research Institute

NBCA National Biodiversity Conservation Areas
NBR Northeastern Border Region in Thailand
NERI National Economic Research Institute

NGO Non-governmental Organization
NIEs Newly Industrializing Economies

NLCRD National Leading Committee for Rural Development

NNT NBCA Nakai-Nam Theun National Biodiversity Conservation Area

NNTRP Nakai-Nam Theun NBCA Rehabilitation Program

NTFPs Non-Timber Forest Products

NVI New Village Initiative

PAFO Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office
PM&D Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
PPAM Participatory Protected Area Management

PRA Participatory Rural Appraisal

PR&D Participatory Research and Development

PRSP Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
RDC Rural Development Committee
RDF Regional Development Fund
RMI Resource Management Initiative
SAC Savannakhet Agricultural College
SALT Sloping Agricultural Land Technology

SAP Social Action Plan

SEZ Special Economic Zone
SIF Social Investment Fund

SKR Savannakhet and Khammouan Region

SMEs Small and Medium Enterprises

SMSs Subject Matter Specialist

SOCBs State-owned Commercial Banks

SPC State Planning Committee (reorganized as CPC since July 2001)

STS Savannakhet Technical School

TPZ Totally Protected Zones
TTC Teachers Training College
TTS Teachers Training School

UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UXO Unexploded Ordnance

VDF Village Development Fund

VIF Village Investment Fund

VRFs Village Revolving Funds

WTO World Trade Organization