

THE STRATEGIC STUDY
ON
LAOS PILOT PROGRAM
FOR NARROWING THE DEVELOPMENT
GAP TOWARD ASEAN INTEGRATION
IN
THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC

REFERENCE MATERIALS

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(March 9-10, 2010)

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- 01 Environment Group
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Workshop Agenda:
**Strategic Study on Laos Pilot Program for Narrowing the Development Gap
toward ASEAN Integration**

1. Objectives

- (1) To share the Vision and Basic Concept of Laos Pilot Program (LPP)
- (2) To present Draft Inception Report of Strategic Study on LPP, which is provided by a designated consulting firm (International Development Center of Japan, IDCJ).

Main contents of the Report are as follows:

Outline, objectives, method, and schedule of the study

Potential areas of cooperation (first draft) for LPP

- (3) To discuss the main contents of the Draft Inception Report and then to achieve a clear consensus on the above-indicated points among the concerned parties.
- (4) To confirm the undertakings related to this study by concerned parties: The government of Lao PDR, the ASEAN Secretariat, and JICA.

2. Date

August 28th, 2009

Workshop 09 : 00 - 15 : 00 (Luncheon 12:30-14:00)

3. Place

Sky Lounge, 14F, Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.

4. Working Language

English

5. Participants

Lao P.D.R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Education, National University of Laos, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Prime Minister's Office (National Authority of Science and Technology, Water Resources and Environment Administration, Public Administration and Civil Service Authority, Lao National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, National Tourism Authority), Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Culture and Information, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (Labour Department, Social Welfare Department), Ministry of Public Health (Center for HIV/AIDS, Food and Drug Department), The Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision, Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, Lao Women's Union

ASEAN ASEAN Secretariat, Experts

Japan JICA, IDCJ

6. Organizers

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao P.D.R., ASEAN Secretariat, and JICA

7. Other Arrangements

Master of Ceremony (MC): Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator for Comments & Open Discussion Session: IDCJ

8. Program

【Workshop】

Time	Program	
08 : 30-	Registration	At the registration desk on the 14 th floor
09 : 00-	Opening	MC: MOFA, Lao P.D.R.
09 : 00-09 : 10	Opening Address	H.E. Prof. Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, Lao P.D.R.
09 : 10-09 : 40	Photo Session Coffee Break	
09 : 40-09 : 55	Introduction: Background and objectives of LPP	ASEAN Secretariat JICA
09 : 55-10 : 25	Presentation of Inception Report	Study Team Leader, IDCJ
10 : 25-12 : 30	Comments & Open Discussion	Moderator: Study Team Prime Minister's Office ASEAN Secretariat Ministry of Planning and Investment ASEAN Experts Chief Representative of JICA Laos office Ministry of Industry and Commerce Ministry of Culture and Information Ministry of Foreign Affairs Open Discussion

【Lunch】

Time	Program	
12 : 30-	Opening	MC: MOFA, Lao P.D.R.
12 : 30-12 : 40	Remarks	(TBC)
12 : 40-14 : 00	Lunch	

【Workshop cont'd】

Time	Program	
14 : 00-15 : 00	Wrap-up (Deliberation of Draft Summary Report) Closing Remarks	MC: MOFA, Lao P.D.R. MC: MOFA, Lao P.D.R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao P.D.R. ASEAN Secretariat IDCJ (Head of the Study Team) JICA
15 : 00-18 : 00		Meeting among the organizers if necessary

**Keynote Address by H.E. Prof. Dr. Bountiem Phissamay,
Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, Chairman of the National Authority for
Science and Technology
At the Laos-ASEAN Secretariat-JICA Tripartite Inception Workshop**

28 August 2009, Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane

**Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Mr. Fumio Kikuchi, Director-General, JICA
Mr. Sundaram Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is an honour for me to have the opportunity to address Laos-ASEAN-Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Inception Workshop today which is jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR, ASEAN Secretariat and JICA.

On behalf of the Lao Government, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you present here, and, in particular, the representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and JICA to this workshop and to Vientiane.

The Lao PDR is the landlocked and less developed country in Southeast Asia which is a bottleneck to hindering the economic and social development of the country to a great extent and given that ASEAN has committed to establishing an ASEAN Community by 2015 which is about 5 years from now, the Lao PDR is faced with a huge challenge. This challenge unless addressed in a timely manner will further widen the development gap among ASEAN Member States

which, in turn, will continue to be the main obstacle to the realization to ASEAN's efforts to establish an ASEAN Community in 2015. But with the country's strategic location in the Mekong Sub-Region, the Lao Government has adopted a policy to turn the disadvantageous landlocked into a land-linked country to connect with our immediate neighbouring countries of which the implementation of this project requires huge amount of resources. With limited resources at its disposal, it will be extremely difficult for the Lao PDR to realize the objective of turning the Lao PDR into a land-linked country. It is, therefore, timely that JICA and the ASEAN Secretariat have lent their helping hands to support and assist the Lao PDR in its endeavour to integrate itself into the region by choosing the Lao PDR as a Pilot Program under the tripartite cooperation framework between the Lao PDR, ASEAN Secretariat and JICA.

With the concept of "Laos, the Cleanest Country in the world", this pilot program will be unique in nature since there was no program of this nature was implemented before, and if successfully implemented, it will, no doubt, contribute to promote sustainable economic development while preserving and protecting the environment. It will also further enhance trade and investment cooperation between Japan and Laos, in particular, and Japan and ASEAN in general. In this context, the Government of the Lao PDR attaches importance to the Pilot Program. It is expected that the success of the program will, to a some extent, help to make the Lao PDR a land-linked country, thereby, supporting and facilitating the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and the ASEAN Single Market and also help to bridge the development gap and allow the Lao PDR to

participate effectively in the ASEAN activities and as a result, gaining benefits from its membership in ASEAN.

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are now witnessing yet another rapid changes taking place in the world which include the global financial and economic crisis of an unprecedented magnitude and scale, natural disasters, the outbreak of infectious diseases, and so forth. These have considerable negative impacts on the economic growth and development of developing and developed countries alike. These challenges continue to impede efforts by developing countries to attain greater economic development and social progress.

ASEAN is now trying to establish its community by the year 2015. One of the greatest challenges to ASEAN community building is the necessity to “Narrow the Development Gap” between old and new ASEAN Member States. The acceleration of ASEAN Community building by 2015 and the challenges development have posed difficulties to ASEAN, especially new Member States to overcome all challenges and fulfill their objectives of integrating with other ASEAN Member States and the region in the short period of about 5 years. Therefore, it is in this context that Japan’s role in supporting and assisting the Lao PDR and ASEAN in sub-regional, bilateral as well as tripartite frameworks is of great importance.

The Inception Workshop today is timely and significant as it will provide an opportunity for us to discuss and identify what areas of development cooperation. I have been informed that the Workshop will also discuss the vision, basic concept, strategic study, methods and schedule of the Laos Pilot Program, while stressing that the program should not duplicate the existing projects between Lao PDR and JICA and reflects the real needs of the Lao PDR. In addition, I would like to suggest that the "Strategy for Narrowing the Development Gap in the Context of the Lao PDR" is one of the components of the Laos Pilot Program which should be carried out in parallel with the implementation of the other projects under the Pilot Program.

On behalf of the Lao Government, I would like to reiterate our firm commitment and readiness to cooperate with JICA and ASEAN Secretariat to fulfill the objectives and implement the program successfully. I hope that this Pilot Program will help Lao PDR to overcome challenges as well as to accelerate the integration of Lao PDR into ASEAN.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Government of Japan and ASEAN Secretariat for supporting this program and I am confident that with active participation from all of you, the workshop will be crowned with success and may I now declare the workshop officially opened.

Thank you.



JICA-ASEAN Cooperation Laos Pilot Program (LPP)



PEACE
STABILITY
COURAGE
DYNAMISM
PURITY
PROSPERITY



Cooperation Agency

Outline of JICA-ASEAN Cooperation

Agreement

Exchange of Letters between JICA President and Secretary-General of ASEAN (June, 2008)



Objectives

- To enhance cooperation activities in order to strengthen the pillars of three ASEAN communities.
- To enhance working relationship as partners in supporting goals of the ASEAN to realize **ASEAN integration** and community building by 2015.





ASEAN Integration

Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)

IAI Work Plan 1

(2002-2008)

To narrow the development gap (NDG)

To enhance ASEAN's competitiveness as a region

To establish a framework for regional cooperation

To accelerate the economic integration of CLMV

To enable all States to move forward in a unified manner

IAI Strategic Framework and Work Plan 2 (2009-2015)

Poverty reduction and the promotion of equitable and inclusive development

NDG efforts shall assist CLMV to meet ASEAN-wide targets and commitments towards realizing the ASEAN Community

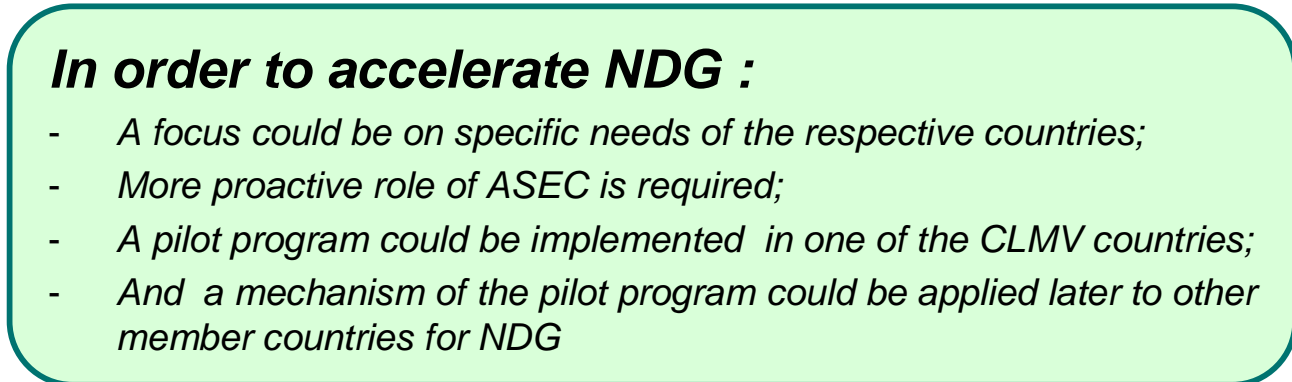
NDG among AMS and between ASEAN and the rest of the world



LPP as a new form of IAI

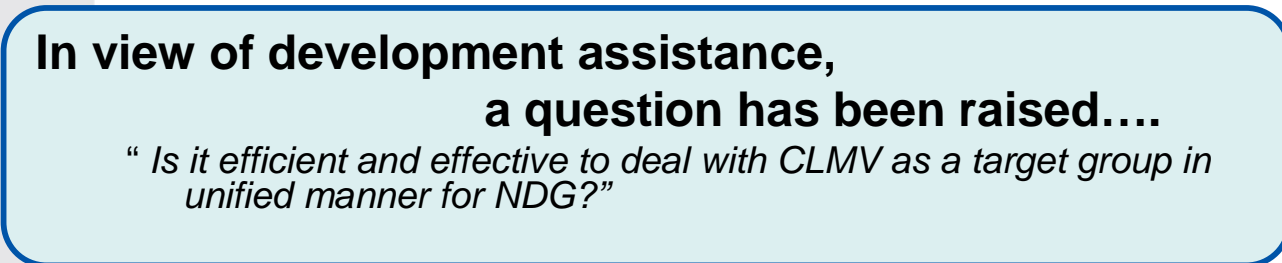


Lao PDR has been chosen to be a pilot country for a new form of IAI



In order to accelerate NDG :

- *A focus could be on specific needs of the respective countries;*
- *More proactive role of ASEC is required;*
- *A pilot program could be implemented in one of the CLMV countries;*
- *And a mechanism of the pilot program could be applied later to other member countries for NDG*

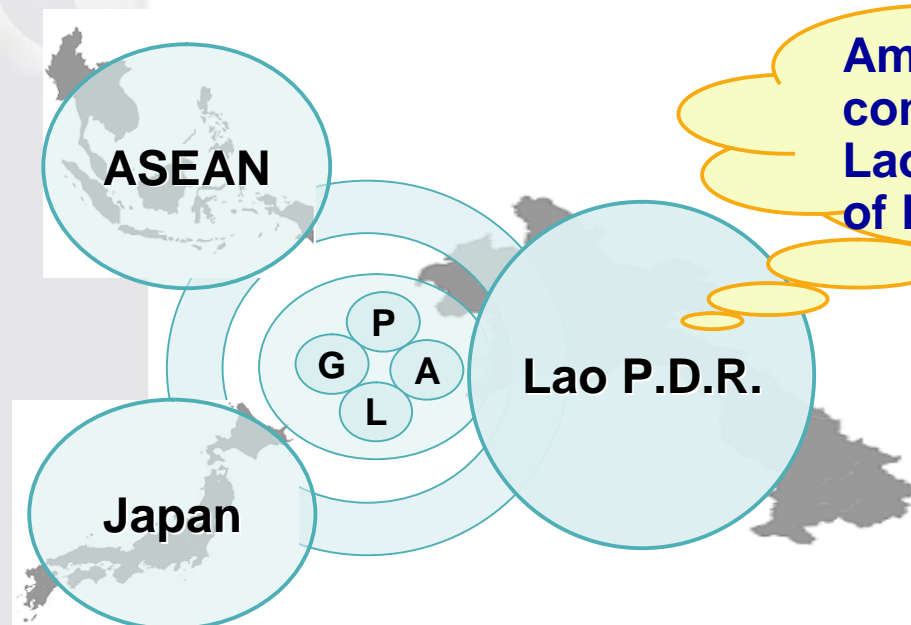


**In view of development assistance,
a question has been raised....**

“ Is it efficient and effective to deal with CLMV as a target group in unified manner for NDG?”

Tripartite Cooperation

LPP is under a **tripartite cooperation** modality among the Gov. of Lao PDR, ASEAN and JICA .



Amongst all, a strong commitment of the Gov. of Lao PDR is a key for success of LPP.

Collaborative efforts in identifying needs among the concerned parties in the Lao Government

A list of proposed activities has been submitted to ASEC and JICA.

Lao MOFA kindly offered a program office in Vientiane.

Abbreviation

A: Academic/research institutions
G: Governments

P: Private sectors
L: Local communities

Preparation for LPP in 2009



17 Feb : LPP preparatory workshop @ ASEC



**1 March: 1st tripartite meeting in BKK
27 April: 2nd tripartite meeting in Vientiane**



A number of consultative meetings in Jakarta and Vientiane

Selection of cooperation areas for LPP

- Coherence with Japan's aid policy & JICA's assistance plan for Lao PDR

- Avoidance of overlapped cooperation areas with other donors

“Clean, Green and Beautiful”

- Unique development concept for Lao PDR: to focus on advantages of the country rather than to catch up with the rest of the region

- *Balanced and sustainable development between “environment” and “growth”*

Strategic Study on LPP

“Clean, Green and Beautiful”

- JICA study team will conduct a strategic study and to formulate the outline of LPP.
- Today, we will present an inception report prior to conducting on-site studies in Lao PDR and other ASEAN member countries including ASEC in Jakarta.

- Your comments and inputs would be very much appreciated.