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Inception Workshop on Strategic Study on Laos  
Pilot Program for Narrowing the Development  
Gap toward ASEAN Integration  
28 August 2009, Phnom Penh



**INAUGURAL WORKSHOP ON  
LAOS PILOT PROGRAM FOR NARROWING THE DEVELOPMENT GAP  
TOWARDS ASEAN INTEGRATION (LPP)**

**1. Objectives**

- (1) To present Draft Final Report on Strategic Study on Laos Pilot Program for Narrowing the Development Gap towards ASEAN Integration (LPP). Main contents of the Report are as follows:

Significance and objectives of LPP

Framework and responsibilities on tripartite cooperation

Potential areas of cooperation for LPP

- (2) To present “The Laos Pilot Program: ASEAN-JICA Cooperation for Narrowing the Development Gap towards the Greater Integration of ASEAN”
- (3) To discuss the main contents of the Draft Final Report and then to achieve a clear understanding and consensus on the following points among the concerned parties.

Consensus on the framework and responsibilities on tripartite cooperation (including the presentation by Government of Lao PDR, ASEAN Secretariat, and JICA on its role)

Confirmation of the working schedule including the opening of LPP Office

Confirmation of the activity of the “awareness building for ASEAN integration” which is going to operate during the project preparation (Hold “ASEAN Charter Training for Lao PDR” by March, 2010.)

**2. Date**

1 February, 2010. (Mon)

Workshop                      09:00 ~ 12:30

(Lunch                              12:30 ~ 13:30)

Follow up meeting              13:30 ~ 16:00

**3. Place**

Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

**4. Language**

English ( without interpreter )

**5. Participants**

Lao PDR :                      Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
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ASEAN :                      ASEAN Secretariat, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies,  
Embassies of ASEAN Member States and dialogue partners in Vientiane

Japan :                        Embassy of Japan in the Lao PDR, JICA, JICA Study Team

Others :                      International Organizations, Donor/Development Agencies in Vientiane

**6. Organizers**

Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
ASEAN Secretariat, and JICA

**7. Master of Ceremony (MC)**

Ministry of Planning and Investment

## 8. Schedule

Time	Program	
8:45 - 9:00	Reception	Government of Lao PDR & IDCJ
<b>9:00 - 9:05</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>MPI (MC)</b>
<b>9:05 - 9:40</b>	<b>Opening address</b>	<b>MPI (MC)</b>
9:05 - 9:20	Government of Lao PDR	Minister of Planning and Investment
9:20 - 9:35	ASEAN Secretariat	Secretary-General of ASEAN
9:35 - 9:40	JICA	Director-General, Southeast Asia Department 2
<b>9:40 - 10:00</b>	<b>Presentation</b> “The Laos Pilot Program: ASEAN-JICA Cooperation for Narrowing the Development Gap towards the Greater Integration of ASEAN”	<b>Mr. Rodolfo C. SEVERINO</b> <b>(Former ASEAN Secretary-General, Head of the ASEAN Studies Center, ISEAS)</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Photo Session / Coffee Break</b>	<b>MPI (MC)</b>
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Presentation of Draft Final Report</b>	<b>MPI (MC)</b>
10:30 - 10:45	Background, Basic Concept of LPP, Basic Mechanism of Tripartite Cooperation	JICA
10:45 - 11:15	Outline of LPP Cooperation	IDCJ
11:15 - 12:00	Floor Discussion	Moderators: MPI & MOFA
<b>12:00 - 12:20</b>	<b>Wrap up session</b>	<b>Moderators: MPI &amp; MOFA</b>
<b>12:20 - 12:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Follow-up meeting &amp; Undertaking of Tripartite Cooperation and Schedule</b>	
13:30 - 13:50	Undertaking of Lao PDR	MOFA & MPI
13:50 - 14:00	Undertaking of ASEAN Secretariat	ASEAN Secretariat
14:10 - 14:10	Undertaking of JICA	JICA
14:10 - 14:30	Discussion	
14:30 - 16:00	LPP follow-up	MOFA, MPI, ASEC, JICA

**Draft of the speech to be delivered by HE.Dr.Sinlavong  
Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment,  
at the Launching Workshop of the Lao Pilot Programme  
for Narrowing the Development Gap towards  
Greater Integration of ASEAN, Feb, 1, 2010**

H.E. Dr.Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General, ASEAN Secretariat  
Mr. Fumio Kikuchi, Director General, Southeast Asia Department  
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the ‘Launching Workshop’ of the Lao Pilot Programme for Narrowing the Development Gap towards Greater Integration of ASEAN. This pilot program is proposed to support the development of the LAO PDR through the tripartite cooperation (Lao PDR, ASEAN Secretariat and JICA).

(1). At the onset, on behalf of the people and the Government of Lao PDR, I wish to express my gratitude to the ASEAN countries and JICA for having chosen the Lao PDR for initiating this project. This is our privilege and full responsibilities of the government and its people to implement this important project. I assure to you the full cooperation of our government and all others in reaching the LPP to its logical conclusion.

(2). Distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman,

The programme for Narrowing the Development Gap between the new and the old member countries is an important policy and mechanism of ASEAN for its further development and narrowing the gap between its members. Therefore, this pilot project is very important. It entails pursuing 4 broad areas:

- 1. Increasing trade and investment among countries of the region,*
- 2. Providing a boost to local industries, typically through schemes like ‘one-product-one-district’*
- 3. Maintaining a high level of environmental sustainability*
- 4. Promoting integration of the economy and society with the ASEAN countries*

This project will be implemented during 2010 to 2015.

(3). Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,



The LPP is a tripartite cooperation which is granted by JICA and ASEAN. One of reasons for chosen Lao PDR as a pilot project is that Lao PDR is among the greenest and most eco-friendly countries in Asia. It is the 17<sup>th</sup> richest in the world in water availability per capita. The nation intends to strive towards preserving this since climate change due to global warming is assuming alarming dimensions.

At the same time, it should be kept in mind that Lao PDR is a small country. Most of its people are living in rural areas. In 2008-09, the poverty incidence was about 26%. Thus, it is essential to eradicate poverty. This pilot project will be an important project to contribute to the improvement of the living standard of Lao people and to reduce poverty as well as to contribute to the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> five Year Plan and to achieve MDGs by the year 2015.

As I mentioned earlier, it is our privileged together with all of you to implement this pilot project as well as the national socio-economic development plan. At the implementation level, the government will aim to achieve 3 main objectives namely: to reach the gains of development to the People at large, to effect high levels of Efficiency and to maintain Transparency.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for supporting and participating in this launching workshop. May I wish all of you good health, great success and happiness. I look forward to a constructive and fruitful Workshop.

With this short introduction I declare the workshop open.

Thank you very much

**SPEECH BY MR. FUMIO KIKUCHI**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA DEPARTMENT II**  
**JICA HEADQUARTERS**

**AT**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**OF**

**JICA-ASEAN COOPERATION**  
**LAOS PILOT PROGRAM INAUGURAL WORKSHOP**

**1 FEBRUARY 2010**

**VIENTIANE, LAO PDR**

**H.E. Dr. Sinlavong Khoutphaythoune, the Minister of  
Planning and Investment, Lao P.D.R,**

**H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN,**

**Distinguished guests,**

**Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen**

**It is my great honor to be here this morning for Inaugural  
Workshop of Laos Pilot Program (LPP), which is a new and  
exciting challenge under JICA-ASEAN Cooperation.**

**First of all, I would like to extend my gratitude to the  
Government of Lao PDR, especially the Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs and the Ministry of Planning and Investment for  
organizing this memorable event within a short period of  
time. I also would like to take this opportunity to express  
my deep appreciation to ASEAN Secretariat being led by the  
Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan for tireless  
contribution to promote the LPP as a new modality of  
ASEAN for narrowing the development gaps among the**

**member countries. Today we also have an honor to invite H.E. Ambassador Severino, a former ASEAN Secretary General and currently a Head of ASEAN Studies Center, Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS) to present his paper on the subject of LPP. We are all grateful for his theoretical and moral support to our new challenge toward the ASEAN integration.**

**JICA-ASEAN Cooperation was commenced in June 2008 with the exchange of letters between Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, the Secretary-General of ASEAN and Dr. Sadako Ogata, the President of JICA. This cooperation agreement addresses cross-border issues, a peace and stability in the region, and capacity building of ASEAN Secretariat in order to contribute to acceleration of ASEAN Integration. Amongst all, LPP is the most innovative and, at the same time, the most rewarding attempt for all the concerned parties in terms of tackling the issues of a regional integration, a national development and external assistance in**

**harmonized manner.**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

**I would like to emphasize that LPP is a completely new tool for accelerating the ASEAN integration for three good reasons. Firstly, LPP can be a tool for ASEAN to connect the ASEAN Integration Roadmap and the national development of Lao PDR through a tripartite development cooperation mechanism. In my humble opinion, this could be one of the solutions for ASEAN to ensure implementation of the ASEAN Integration Roadmap in each member country. Secondly, for Lao PDR, LPP can be a tool to incorporate a part of the ASEAN Integration Roadmap into her development strategies. If this attempt produces successful outcomes, Lao PDR can be a pioneer and a model country to show how to respond to a call for an effective coordination between the regional agenda and the national development. And thirdly, for JICA, LPP can be a**

**tool to transform its bilateral cooperation to fit into a mold of the regional cooperation.**

**The concept of LPP is “Clean, Green, and Beautiful Laos.” This represents undeniable advantages of Lao PDR, which are abundance of natural resources and potentials of sustainable growth. Recently the Government of Japan announced “Green Mekong” initiatives and LPP could be an advanced model of the initiatives with a tripartite cooperation mechanism. Today, we are very happy to present the Draft Final Report on the concept of LPP based on the discussions among three parties.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**LPP, as a pilot project, takes an inclusive approach in terms of participation of other ASEAN member countries and collaboration with the international donor community. Other ASEAN countries will be invited to take a part in LPP**

**projects as beneficiaries as well as development partners. Donors and international organizations are most welcome to share their expertise and resources for this pilot program.**

**The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the implementation agency of Japanese ODA. We are “doer” of development projects. Now, we will be in the process of budget allocation of LPP sometime in April this year. We are quite certain that we will be able to start this project this year.**

**Before concluding my remarks, I would like to express my deepest appreciation once again to all the concerned parties and the distinguished guests for sharing your precious time this morning with us. We have a momentum and let us move forward towards a new regional cooperation paradigm.**

**Thank you very much.**

THE LAOS PILOT PROGRAMME:  
ASEAN-JICA COOPERATION  
FOR NARROWING THE DEVELOPMENT GAP  
TOWARDS THE GREATER INTEGRATION OF  
ASEAN

*Vientiane, 1 February 2010*



# Outline

- Analysis of the development gap
- Tracing regional integration, particularly economic
- ASEAN integration and the new members: IAI and Work Plan
- 2005 mid-term review
- Work Plan 2
- Comprehensive notion of integration
- Need for one-country pilot programme
- Recommendations for contents of programme

# The Development Gap

- Entry of 4 new members:
  - Vietnam 1995
  - Laos and Myanmar 1997
  - Cambodia 1999
- Concerns:
  - Possible development of two-tier ASEAN
  - Possible drag on economic integration

# The Development Gap

Table 1. GDP and GDP per capita of ASEAN Member-Countries (2008)

Country	GDP (US\$ million at current prices)	Population in thousands	GDP per capita	
			US\$	US\$ PPP
Brunei Darussalam	14,146.7	397	35,622.6	48,179.7
Cambodia	11,081.6	14,656	756.1	1,909.5
Indonesia	511,174.4	228,523	2,236.9	3,943.3
Lao PDR	5,289.0	5,763	917.8	2,406.5
Malaysia	222,057.2	27,863	7,969.6	13,747.9
Myanmar	27,182.0	58,510	464.6	1,165.7
Philippines	166,772.8	90,457	1,843.7	3,506.8
Singapore	182,102.7	4,839	37,629.2	49,337.8
Thailand	273,728.6	66,482	4,117.3	8,217.6
Viet Nam	90,700.8	86,160	1,052.7	2,816.8
ASEAN	1,504,235.8	583,657	2,577.3	5,252.7

Source: ASEAN Secretariat

# The Development Gap

Table 2. Selected Social Indicators for ASEAN Member-Countries

Country	Adult Literacy Rate (2007)		Life Expectancy at Birth by Sex (2006)		Unemployment rate: persons 15 yrs old and older (2007)	Human Development Index (2005)
	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.		
Brunei Darussalam	95.8	91.5	75.9	77.5	3.4	0.894
Cambodia	85.8	67.7	58.6	64.9	---	0.598
Indonesia	94.9	88.0	67.5	71.5	9.1	0.728
Lao PDR	80.0	66.6	62.3	65.0	---	0.601
Malaysia	98.5	98.5	71.5	76.3	3.2	0.811
Myanmar	92.2*	91.4*	58.1	64.6	4.0	0.583
Philippines	93.1	93.7	66.1	71.6	6.2	0.771
Singapore	96.0	96.0	78.0	81.8	4.0	0.922
Thailand	95.9	92.6	68.2	75.1	1.4	0.781
Viet Nam	93.0**	95.9**	71.3		4.6	0.733

\* 2006

\*\* 2004

Source: ASEAN Statistical Yearbook 2008

# The Development Gap

- Need of CLMV for technical assistance
- Need to measure CLMV's development not against ASEAN-6 but in terms of progress towards certain goals, such as MDG, over time

# ASEAN Integration

- Started with 1992 CEPT/AFTA: advanced twice, largely achieved
- Customs measures
- Liberalisation of trade in services
- Product standards
- Connectivity
  - Highways
  - Railways
  - Energy
  - Telecommunications

# ASEAN Integration

- Vision 2020
- HPA
- ASEAN Concord II: ASEAN Community
- VAP
- Blueprints for Communities, Roadmap for Community

# Integration and New Members

- Realisation by governments – important:
  - Building new members' capacity for regional integration;
  - Regional integration for new members' development
- 2001 decision to establish IAI
- 4 areas: infrastructure, ICT, HRD, capacity for regional economic integration
- 2002 IAI Work Plan
- 2002 and 2006 Development Cooperation Forums



# 2005 Mid-term Review

- Gap in human resources, institutional capacity, ICT, infrastructure, competitiveness
- Lack of coordination all around
- Absence of linkages among areas
- Lack of ownership by CLMV
- Many projects donor-driven

# 2005 Mid-term Review

- Recommendations:
  - Closer coordination all around
  - More ownership by CLMV
  - Expansion of priority areas
- Jan. 2007 Summit:
  - endorsed some expansion of areas;
  - called for coherent approach to infrastructure;
  - urged heightened cooperation in education;
  - adopted Work Plan 2, aligned with 3 Community Blueprints.

# Work Plan 2

- Assistance to CLMV in:
  - Commitments to trade liberalisation
  - Food, agriculture and forestry
  - Competition policy
  - Consumer protection
  - IPR
  - Taxation
  - E-commerce
  - SMEs

# Work Plan 2

- Attention to:
  - capacity building for infrastructure
  - participation in global supply networks
  - access to applied science and technology
  - entrepreneurship
  - civil service
  - social safety nets
  - environmental sustainability
  - ASEAN identity

# Comprehensive Integration

- Missing from review and Work Plan 2:
  - Comprehensive notion of development
  - Need to tie together various elements of Work Plan and other development programmes
  - Generally, more coordinated approach
  - Lack of assessment of use and impact of cross-border infrastructure
- 2008 ASEAN Secretariat-JICA agreement should help in coordination and focus

# Designation of one country for pilot programme

- Test and validate coordinated approach
- Identify obstacles to implementation
- Promote coherence in project selection
- Sharpen focus of projects on individual persons and communities
- Make implementation more effective
- Foster sense of ownership of programme and projects
- Enable benchmarking of projects on progress towards autonomous levels of development

# Lao PDR as pilot country

- Why Laos?
  - Evident gap with ASEAN-6
  - Lack of human resources
  - Political stability
  - Contiguity to other 3 CLMV countries, as well as Thailand and China
- The other 3 CLMV countries should follow soon

# Contents of pilot programme

- Recommended contents of pilot programme:
  - Sustainable, coordinated development, focusing on:
    - Environmental protection
    - Eco-tourism
    - Sustainable agriculture
    - Sound forest management
    - National measures to promote regional economic integration
    - National measures to mitigate intergation's economic, social and human impact



# Contents of pilot programme

- More specifically:
  - Eco-tourism
  - Fuel conservation and alternative sources of energy
  - Maximum residue limits in pesticide use
  - Timber legality standards
  - Forest certification
  - Combating illegal logging

# Contents of pilot programme

- Regional economic integration:
  - Analysis of tariff structure, including transfer of products to inclusion list and level of utilisation of CEPT rates
  - Analysis of non-tariff barriers to intra-ASEAN trade
  - Simplification and automation of customs procedures and their coordination with those of other ASEAN countries
  - Setting up and operating National Single Window
  - Harmonisation of product standards
  - Negotiating and operating MRAs
  - National plans on standards and conformity assessment

# Contents of pilot programme

- Economic and social impact of regional economic integration:
  - Analysis of impact on Laos
  - Mitigation of adverse impact
- Assessment of use of cross-border infrastructure and impact on Laos' development and regional integration

# Contents of pilot programme

- Attractive investment climate:
  - Credible policies protecting investments
  - Level competitive field
  - IPR protection
  - Good air links
  - Healthful and pleasant environment

# Contents of pilot programme

- General measures:
  - Capacity building for government officials in drawing up and formulating project proposals
  - Promotion of ASEAN knowledge and awareness
  - Cultivation of regional identity

# Summary of Recommendations

1. Designation of Lao PDR for pilot programme;
2. Measurement of development not in terms of the gap with ASEAN-6 but according to progress towards autonomous goals;
3. Formulation of programme focused on environmental protection, alternative sources of energy, regional economic integration and its economic, social impact;
4. Examination of implementation by Laos of measures included in the programme;

# Summary of Recommendations

5. Assessment of use of cross-border infrastructure and impact on Laos' development and regional integration;
6. Determination of other measures for advancing IAI objectives;
7. Formulation and implementation of measures in a comprehensive, coordinated and focused manner;
8. Close coordination among all concerned in drawing up and executing those measures;

# Summary of Recommendations

9. Building the capacity of Lao officials for writing project proposals;
10. Cultivation of knowledge and awareness of ASEAN and sense of regional identity among Lao;
11. Inclusion of the pilot programme in Lao development plans; and
12. Plans to replicate the pilot programme in the other CLMV countries.



# Final words

- Everything depends on:
  - Ownership
  - Leadership
  - Reforms required