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Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Department of Planning and Cooperation

No. 0618 MPWT-DPC
Vientiane Capital, 22 October, 2008

Invitation

Dear Sir/Madame,

Subject: The First Infrastructure Sector Working Group Meeting (ISWG) on the Lao Transport Sector Program to be held on the 30th October, 2008 in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR.


On behalf of Ministry of Public Works and Transport of the Government of the Lao PDR, the Department of Planning and Cooperation, the Secretariat of ISWG on donor harmonization and aid effectiveness, I would like to take this opportunity to officially invite you and your delegation to attend the afore-mentioned subject. The meeting will be held in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport on the 30th October, 2008. The meeting will be chaired by the Minister of MPWT and the Ambassador of Japan and Asian Development Bank (ADB) as co-chairs.

The objective of this meeting is aimed to response to the Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM), particularly to, among other issues, to assess the progress of midterm achievement (2006-2008) and discuss on the future transport sector program of the ministry in order to obtain synergies in line with aid effectiveness and harmonization in the transport sector.

The meeting agenda and list of participants are enclosure herewith for your ready reference. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Math SOUNMALA, mobile: 020 2211128 or mathsml@laotel.com or Mr. Oulay PHADOUANGDETH, mobile: 020 2398888 or oulaympwt@rocketmail.com

Looking forward to your kind consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Math Sounmala
Director General
Department of Planning and Cooperation.



The 1st Infrastructure Sector Working Group

List of participants

1. Minister of MPWT
2. Chief of Cabinet Office of MPWT
3. DG of Department of Personnel
4. DG of Department of Civil Aviation (DCA)
5. DG of Department of Housing and Urban Planning (DHUP)
6. DG of Department of Planning and Cooperation (DPC)
7. DG of Department of Road (DoR)
8. DG of Department of Transportation (DoT)
9. DG of Department of Inland Waterway and Transport (DIWT)
10. DG of Railway Authority (RWA)
11. Public Works and Transport Institute (PTI)
12. Representative of DIC (MPI)
13. Representative of Water Resources and Environment Administration (WREA)
14. Representative of Asian Development Bank (ADB)
15. Representative of AFD
16. Representative of AusAid
17. Representative of the Government of Belgium
18. Representative of the Government of China
19. Representative of the Government of Germany
20. Representative of the Government of Japan
21. Representative of KOICA/EDCF
22. Representative of Mekong River Commission (MRC)
23. Representative of NORAD
24. Representative of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
25. Representative of UNDP
26. Representative of UN HABITAT
27. Representative of the Government of Vietnam
28. Representative of World Bank (WB)

The 1st Infrastructure Sector Working Group (ISWG) 30th October 2008
Chaired by Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)
And Co-Chaired by JAPAN and ADB
Agenda

8h30-9h00	Registration
9h00-9h10	Introduction by Mr. Math SOUNMALA, Head of ISWG's Secretariat and Director General of Planning and Cooperation Department (DPC), MPWT
9h10-9h25	Opening Remarks by H.E Sommad PHOLSENA Minister of MPWT, Chair person
	Remarks by H.E Ambassador of JAPAN to Lao PDR, Co-Chair person
	Remarks by H.E Country Director, ADB Lao PDR Resident Mission, Gil-Hong Kim, Co-Chair person
9h25-9h40	Presentation of Transport Sector Strategic Plan by Department of Roads, MPWT
9h40-9h55	Presentation of Urban Sector's Investment plan by Department of Housing and Urban Planning, MPWT
9h55-10h10	Presentation of Cross-Border Transport Agreements by Department of Transport, MPWT
10h10-10h25	Coffee break
10h25-11h35	Open discussion lead by Chair and Co-Chairs
11h35-11h50	Sector coordination and development partner support (Ongoing, planned and proposed)
11h50-11h55	Next Meeting
11h55-12h00	Closing remarks by H.E Sommad PHOLSENA Minister of MPWT
12h00	Lunch