



Press Release

Exhibition showcases development cooperation and achievements

Vientiane, 18 November 2013 –An exhibition featuring development cooperation activities between the Government of Lao PDR and its partners as well as a display of MDG-themed pictures was opened today at the National Convention Centre in Vientiane. The Development Exhibition was opened by H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and H.E. Mr. Somdy Douangdy, Minister of Planning and Investment.

The development exhibition is organized as part of the 11th High-level Round Table Meeting taking place on 19 November 2013 in Vientiane. Its main objective is to reflect the partnership and collaborations between the Government and its development partners through the Sector Working Group mechanism in the implementation of the National Socio-Economic Development Plan towards the achievements of the country's development agenda, in particular the Achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 and the Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2020.

Work will be displayed from the various Sector Working Groups, including the Macroeconomic, Trade and Private Sector, Education, Health, Infrastructure, Governance, Agriculture and Rural Development, Illicit Drug, UXO, Natural Resource Management and Environment as well as the work of Gender Informal Group and the Round Table Process on strengthening partnerships for effective development cooperation. In addition, the pictures included in the MDG photo exhibition were selected from submissions to the '*Laos in Focus – picturing the MDGs*' photo competition launched in September. As part of the opening ceremony, awards for the contest winners were also presented.

The two-day exhibition will remain open for general public for on 18 November but access on the 19 November will be restricted to the Round Table Meeting delegates only.

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