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**Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Foreign Affairs**

Vientiane, 12 August 2010


Excellency,

It is my great pleasure to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic will organize the 10th High-level Round Table Meeting in Vientiane from 21-22 October 2010, followed by a project field visit on 23 October.

This Round Table Meeting is an integral part of the in-country *Round Table Process* launched by the Government of the Lao PDR in January 2000 with the support of UNDP aiming to strengthen the partnership between the Government of the Lao PDR and its partners in development and promote aid effectiveness for development results. The 10th Round Table Meeting is taking place at a very critical juncture when the country is finalizing its new five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2011-2015) which aims to achieve the MDGs by 2015 and prepare necessary foundations for graduation from the LDC status by 2020.

In addition, the 10th Round Table Meeting aims to promote a common understanding on the strategic development directions of the country over the next five years as outlined in the Seventh NSEDP and to mobilize the support necessary from development partners to ensure the achievement of the Plan's goals and objectives. High level representation from donor countries both traditional and non-traditional is expected as the meeting provides the forum that facilitates the dialogue at the highest level. Taking into account the importance of round table process, His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR and Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator will preside over the opening ceremony and deliver their Keynote Addresses at this important event.

In this context, given the significant role Green Environment Funds has played throughout the past decades in supporting the Lao Government to implement its national development objectives, on behalf of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, it is my great honor to invite Your Excellency and/or Your Excellency's High-Level Representatives to participate in this Round Table Meeting. The meeting agenda and registration form are enclosed herewith. The meeting's documentations will also be sent to your office in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. 



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