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Instruction

- To:**
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
 - Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Minister of Planning and Investment
 - Minister of Education and Sports
 - Minister of Home Affairs
 - Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
 - Minister of Public Works and Transport
 - Minister of Natural Resources and Environment
 - Minister of Industry and Commerce
 - Minister of Justice
 - Minister of Energy and Mines
 - Minister of Public Security
 - Minister of Labour and Social Welfare
 - Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism
 - Minister of Health
 - Minister of Science and Technology
 - Minister of Post, Telecommunication and Communication
 - Governor of Bank of Lao PDR
 - President of State Inspection Office
 - Governor of Vientiane Capital and Provincial Governors
 - President of the Lao Women's Union
 - President of the Lao Youth Union
 - President of Lao National Chamber of Commerce

Subject: Implementation of the outcomes of the 2017 Round Table Implementation Meeting on 22nd-23rd November 2017 in Champasak province, under the theme "Greater partnership for implementation of the 8th NSEDP: Realizing LDC graduation and achieving SDGs".

- According to MPI's report, No: 0033/MPI.DIC-IOD.08, dated 9th January 2018.
- According to the Guidance of His Excellency Somdy Douangdy, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Acting Prime Minister of Lao PDR, dated 25th January 2018.

The Prime Minister's Office would like to inform you regarding the guidance of H.E. Somdy Douangdy, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Acting the Prime Minister of Lao PDR that:

"1. Ministry of Planning and Investment in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Ensure successful mid-term review of 8th NSEDP and effective implementation of annual NSEDP 2018.
- Support reduction of economic vulnerability and diversification of country economy.

- Ensure greater participation of stakeholders and ensure successful organization of 2018 Round Table Meeting with participation of wider stakeholders, in line with key national development milestones such as the mid-term review of the 8th NSEDP, the LDC review, SDG voluntary national review, and the visit Lao year.
- Support quality private investment and a better linkage between Lao Business Forum and RTP.
- Ensure proper guidelines for assessment and balance of potential private investment at national and local level and enhance enabling environment for private sector investment through transparent, efficient, clear and auditable one-door service.
- Ensure effective implementation of the national statistics strategies - carrying out various national surveys for monitoring 8th NSEDP including SDGs and ensuring national indicators are well understood and are well calculated and disseminated.
- Take lead in promoting and formulating projects and programmes on south-south and triangular cooperation: creating opportunities, mutual benefits from exchanges of lessons learnt, quality technology, utilization of local experts and development cooperation financing at all levels. Further enhance experience-sharing, learning exchanges, peer learning and networking among those countries with similar developing status and progresses for mutual benefits and coalition programme solving.
- Enhance knowledge exchange and lessons learnt among the developing countries on their approaches and joint visions which will help them able to jointly address development issues.

2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Prepare for the LDC review in March 2018.
- Ensure SDG integration at line ministries and provinces.
- Strategize and prepare the 2018 SDG Voluntary National Review in a participatory manner, to be presented at the High Level Political Forum on SDGs in July 2018.
- Ensure effective oversight and provide enabling conditions to facilitate civil society work as partner in development in accordance with laws and regulations of the Lao PDR; ensuring effectiveness, monitoring and reporting of programme and project implementation of civil society.

3. Ministry of Finance in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Continue working on tax reform and modernization and effectiveness of revenue collection to facilitate quality private sector investment.
- Ensure macro-economic stability and effective debt sustainability strategy in order to increase confidence of potential private sector investment.
- Create a better linkage between budgetary and planning process through Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks.
- Formulate integrated financing strategy for SDGs.

4. Ministry of Education and Sports in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Improve the rate of enrolment in secondary schools, as the critical path to skilled labour, increase adult literacy and improve quality of teacher.
- Work with MOLSW on labour information system and labour demand and supply in order to increase capacity level, enhanced labour force, and integration into ASEAN.
- Ensure that education and training policies and programs, including higher education, overseas scholarships, TVET, other post-secondary schooling and industry-based training are directed towards national human resource development priorities and the demands of the labour market in Lao PDR.

5. Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Work with MOES to strengthen the development of a national Labour Market Information System based on the needs of the public and private sectors.
- Promote economy diversification, production chain to commercial production and quality services for employment purposes.

- Work with MOIC, MPI, and LNCCI on promoting decent jobs generated by private sector.

6. Ministry of Health in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Pay greater attention to address food and nutrition security, reduce under 5 mortality and maternal mortality to achieve the national goals and objectives.
- Ensure quality health personnel and service delivery at local level.

7. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Work with MONRE to address illegal logging and wildlife trafficking.
- Work with MPI and MONRE on environmental aspects of the 8th NSEDP including SDGs and LDC graduation criteria.
- Work with MPI, MOIC, and MONRE to ensure private sector contribution to cooperate social responsibility and environmental assessment of private sector investment.

8. Ministry of National Resources and Environment in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Continue working on the National Land Use Planning for endorsement by the National Assembly, formulate land use planning at provincial level and continue revision of Land Law to be reported to the NA by end of 2018 including creation of land valuation mapping national wide.
- Enhance Communal Land Registration and Titling national wide.
- Work with MPI and MAF on environmental aspects of the 8th NSEDP including SDGs and LDC graduation criteria.
- Work with MPI, MOIC, LNCCI to ensure private sector contribution to cooperate social responsibility and environmental assessment of private sector investment.

9. Ministry of Industry and Commerce in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Work with LNCCI, and MONRE and other ministries to ensure quality, environmentally friendly, private investment.
- Ensure better linkage between Lao Business Forum & Round Table Process; ensure proper guideline for assessment of potential private investment.
- Work with LNCCI and MOLSW to ensure private sector generates decent jobs.

10. Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Ensure effective oversight of NPAs and facilitate their contribution.
- Ensure effective implementation of good governance programmes for service delivery at local level.

11. Bank of Lao PDR in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Work with MPI, MOF and line ministries on macroeconomic stability, financial management, debt sustainability strategy, fiscal management to increase confidence of potential private sector investment.

12. State Inspection Office in consultation with line ministries and provinces concerned

- Carry out regular audit and disclose information on corruption and other irregular activities.”

Therefore, the PMO informs all relevant ministries and agencies and provinces for information and implementation.

Minister,
Head of the Prime Minister's Office

Stamp and Signature
H.E. Phet Phomphack