



## Press Conference

### 2022 Round Table Implementation Meeting

Accelerating the implementation of the 9th NSEDP  
(achievements of 2022 and plans for 2023), SDGs, and achieving LDC graduation  
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Excellency all presses, honorable guests, ladies and gentlemen!

As the chairman of the RTIM 2022, I am honored to have this opportunity to present to the media about the results of the 2022 annual Round Table Meeting held in Vientiane Capital on January 26, 2023. The meeting was conducted in a creative atmosphere, direct, understanding, manners. Supported by development partners and with the high responsibility of the participants, the meeting was completed with great success.

All guests, ladies and gentlemen!

As you all have known, in order to achieve the National Development goals and agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and to prepare for the graduation from the status of underdeveloped country of Lao PDR, the government has quick responses to recognize the importance of cooperation with countries and the participation of all stakeholders, so it has taken the Round Table Process as a platform and mechanism for discussion at the policy level in order to create an understanding of the direction and focal points of development in Lao PDR every year. **This year, the RTIM 2022 met under the theme of “Accelerating the implementation of the 9th NSEDP (achievements of 2022 and plans for 2023), SDGs, and achieving LDC graduation”.**

In the meeting, all participants discussed and exchanged ideas on five important topics (1) the achievement of the implementation of the 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) of 2022 and plan for 2023. (2) the Financing Strategy to support the implementation of the 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP), (3) the

Lao PDR Economic Resilience Framework, (4) the shaping of the LDC Smooth Transition Strategy and (5) the review of an effective Development Cooperation in light of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan and Sector Working Groups review

I propose to you that, in the past one year, although encountered many difficulties and challenges because of the setbacks by complex fluctuations in all aspects from the international-regional situation, the country continues to have difficulties in the macroeconomics, the pandemic and natural disasters, etc., Lao PDR under the leadership of The Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) with the regular monitoring and encouragement of the National Assembly, has been continued to get close attention from the government on the implementation of the National Socio-Economic development plan. Consequently, the living conditions of the Lao people have been improved step by step, the peace and order of society continue to be fundamentally guaranteed. The important thing is that Official Development Assistance or ODA has continued to play an important role in the socio-economic development of the Lao PDR with good support and cooperation from development partners and all relevant stakeholders.

Throughout this meeting, we recognized a variety of recommendations and discussion points from all day meeting. I would like to exchange more additional points:.

**First**, we will continue to work together on implementing the 9th NSEDP for 2023 and two national agendas to achieve the set targets.

**Second**, we continue implementing the NSEDP for 2023 to achieve the SDGs goals and the graduation of LDC in 2026. The government will focus on quality human development, strengthening the socio-economic management, make every effort to reduce the disparity of development between urban and rural areas, eliminating the violence against women and children and building the competitiveness of the domestic business sector by creating a more favorable business environment as solutions for poverty;

**Third**, pay more attention on the implementation of Financing Strategy to encourage the effectiveness in the implementation of the 9th five-year NSEDP.

**Fourth**, proactively organizing and expanding the economic resilience framework of the Lao PDR to achieve the set expectations;

**Fifth**, We need to continue strengthening the implementation of natural disaster prevention and preparedness. Improve an early warning system, risk education, and practice emergency drills to reduce the impacts of disaster-related risks and rescue emergency training for high-risk communities.

**Sixth**, we commit to continue implementing to achieve effective development cooperation through the mechanism of the Round Table process, Sector Working

Groups, and the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan 2016-2025.

At the same time, in 2023 Lao PDR has many important tasks to be implemented, such as the mid-term evaluation of the 9th five-year NSEDP (2021-2025), the implementation of the two national agendas of the government and the preparation to host the ASEAN Summit in 2024.

To support the implementation of actions proposed at this Round Table Implementation Meeting, the Ministry of Planning and Investment and all relevant sectors led by the RTP national steering committee will document today's discussions, identify and agree on the next steps to fulfill those actions identified in a mutual manner. At the same time, I seek the support of line ministries, central and local authorities, all development partners, private sector entities, and national and international civil society organizations to continue to collaborate closely to develop detailed plans/projects and activities to contribute to the effective implementation of the 9th five-year NSEDP to achieve the desired results as expected.

Once again, on behalf of the government of Laos and all Lao people, I would like to express my sincere thanks and acknowledgment to all development partners, civil society organizations, and all private sector entities for their financial and technical support in the implementation of the NSEDP of each period. I sincerely hope that all development partners and all relevant stakeholders will continue maintaining and enhancing this development cooperation.

Finally, on behalf of the chairman of the meeting, I would like to express my gratitude to the Ministers, Vice-ministers, Vice secretary General, Vice President of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly Committee, deputy provincial governors, ambassadors, development partners, representatives of international organizations, social organizations and the private sector who participated in this meeting with great responsibility and shared ownership. At the same time, I would like to thank the media who participated in this press conference and hope to bring the results of the 2022 Round Table Meeting today to spread out the words to the people of all ethnic groups throughout the country.