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## TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS/SLV ACTIVITIES



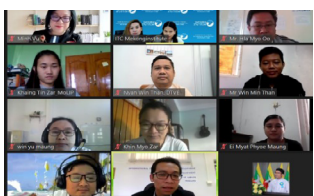
### MI Helps Lao PDR Government Form National Agricultural Innovation Policy

With support from the Government of the People's Republic of China, MI equipped 12 Lao PDR government officials to form a national agricultural innovation policy during the "Capacity Building on National Agricultural Innovation Policy Development" online training from November 30 to December 4, 2020. [Read more.](#)



### MI Supports Skills Development Institutes Create A More Competitive Electronics Workforce

Under the "Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion" workshop, MI exposed 10 Myanmar nationals on policy and institutional arrangements, as well as national skills standardization and recognition benchmarks to enhance the quality of skills development trainings of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutes. Supported by the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), the activity was designed to build a more competitive national electronics workforce in order to meet demands of prospective Thai investors. [Read more.](#)



### MI and LNCCI Instill Food Safety Through Agri-Food Packaging and Labeling in Lao PDR

MI, SME Service Center, and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry exposed 60 agri-food stakeholders on the value of and techniques in food preservation, packaging, and labeling at a PROSAFE workshop last December 4, 2020 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, the activity also pooled best practices and lessons learned to help agri-small- and medium-sized enterprises better compete in national and regional markets. [Read more.](#)



## Boosting Food SMEs' Competitiveness Through HACCP Implementation

MI completed an e-training on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) for 19 agri-food enterprises from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, the sessions included presentations on the types, causes, and controls of food safety hazards; importance of HACCP in identifying and controlling food safety risks; as well as HACCP's increasingly important role in international trade. The activity, which ran from December 7 to 11, 2020, was completed under MI's PROSAFE project. [Read more.](#)



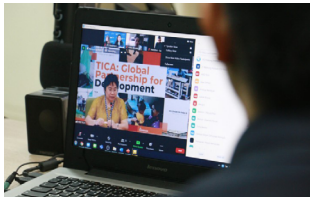
## Promoting Thailand's SEZs and Businesses Through Local Knowledge Exchange

With support from the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, MI alumni helped widen public-private sector understanding on the merits of special economic zones through a national workshop on "Opportunities, Challenges and Impact of COVID-19 Towards Thailand's Special Economic Zones" at the Industrial Promotion Center Region 5 on December 4, 2020 in Khon Kaen, Thailand. Over 20 government, academic institution and private enterprise representatives participated in the activity. [Read more.](#)



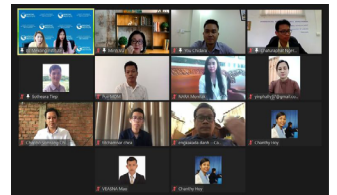
## Exchanging Global Best Practices for Stronger Labor Migration Management

MI and TICA rolled out an online international training program on "Good Practices in Improving Labor Migration Management for Promoting Decent Work" from December 7 to 18, 2020. Attended by 51 participants from 34 countries, the two-week sessions focused on advancing labor migration governance through exchanges of best country practices to help create an enabling environment of decent work for migrant workers. [Read more.](#)



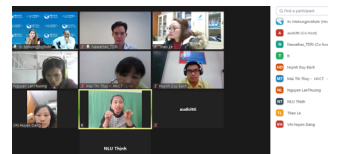
## Helping Boost Employability of Cambodian Construction Workforce

With support from TICA, MI helped strengthened capacities of 11 TVET representatives from Cambodia to build a competitive national construction workforce. The "Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion" workshop, which was supported by TICA, ran from December 14 to 16, 2020 through digital platforms. [Read more.](#)



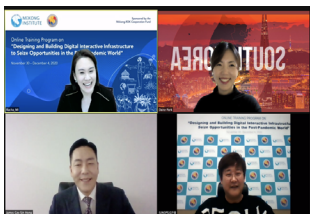
## Promoting Transport and Logistics Employability

To advance a competitive national transport and logistics workforce, MI trained 10 Vietnamese representatives at an online workshop from December 16 to 28, 2020. [Read more.](#)



## Promoting Inbound Tourism Through Digital Strategies

Under the Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF), MI trained 25 entrepreneurs, university graduates, and students from Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam in developing smart technologies and strategies to help boost tourism recovery in the Mekong region from November 30 to December 4, 2020. [Read more.](#)



## MI and CEA Partner to Revitalize Thailand's Northeastern Creative Economy

MI and Thailand's Creative Economy Agency formalized their partnership to support the revitalization of creative industries in northeastern Thailand through the launch of the "Isan Creative Festival" on March 20 to 28, 2021. [Read more.](#)





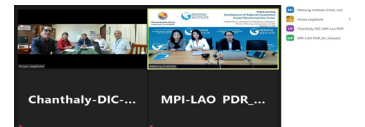
## MKCF Project Sets to Strengthen CLMTV Cassava Industry



Representatives of MI, Excellent Center of Waste Utilization and Management (ECoWaste), National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC), Thailand’s National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) oversaw the formal appointment of advisory board and steering committee members of the “Capacity Building on Circular Economy, Resource and Energy Efficiency for Productivity and Sustainability of Cassava Chain to High Value Product: Cassava Root, Native Starch, and Biogas in Mekong Countries” project on December 9, 2020 at the BIOTEC Office, Thailand Science Park in Pathum Thani, Thailand. Supported by MKCF, the project will promote breeding technology and precision farming, foster zero waste approaches, and institutionalize product diversification to boost the competitiveness of the cassava industry in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. [Read more.](#)

## MKCF Regional Monitoring Data Center Project Launched in Lao PDR

MI together with the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Lao PDR, launched the “Development of Regional Cooperation Project Monitoring Data Center” project. Supported by MKCF, the project will produce a database needs assessment; develop a management information system application; and facilitate a series of regional workshops to disseminate the merits and functions of the monitoring data center for wider regional use. [Read more.](#)

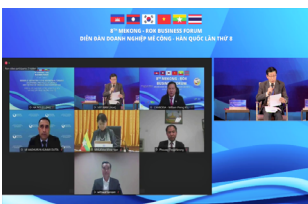


## Helping Strengthen Coordinated TVET Management System of Lao PDR



MI, with support from TICA, completed the Peer-to-Peer Learning Program between Thailand and Lao PDR under the project “Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion.” The activity was designed to help strengthen capacities of skills development institutes in building a competitive Lao PDR workforce that will meet demands of prospective Thai investors. [Read more.](#)

## MI Senior Official Speaks at 8th Mekong-ROK Business Forum



Mr. Madhurjya Kumar Dutta, MI’s Director of Trade and Investment Facilitation, was one of several speakers who presented ways forward in deepening regional connectivity and cooperation among CLMTV at the 8th Mekong-ROK Business Forum last December 4, 2020 via digital platform. [Read more.](#)

## MI Governing Board Members Reaffirm Unified Action for Regional Development



High level government officials from Cambodia, P.R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, as well as representatives from the New Zealand Aid Programme, Asian Development Bank, Hue University and Khon Kaen University committed to deeper synergy in development efforts at the MI Governing Board meeting on December 15 and 16, 2020.

