ACTIVITIES & AGENDA



Introductory Workshop

October 23, 2023

Mekong Institute, Khon Kaen, Thailand



Structured Learning Visits

October 24-28, 2023

Thailand: Khon Kaen-Udon Thani- Nong Khai **Lao PDR:** Vientiane-Luang Prabang-Boten



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Boten, Lao PDR

1. Introductory Workshop

A one-day introductory workshop will be organized on October 23, 2023 at Mekong Institute, Khon Kaen, Thailand. 24 participants representing the key stakeholders of transport, logistics and trade will be invited to attend the workshop.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Share key findings of the China-Lao PDR-Thailand railway assessment report developed by MI;
- Update and exchange the information of China-Lao PDR-Thailand railway development status, challenges, opportunities and strategies and corresponding multi-model transportation infrastructure and logistics services development plan by stakeholders of Lancang-Mekong countries;



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- Facilitate the discussion on future cooperation on regional railway-multimodal transport and logistics channels.
- Recommend practical options, policy measures and institutional arrangement to financing, managing and promoting the development of logistics channels.

Workshop Sessions

- Opening and introduction of the workshop
- Guideline for preparing the Structured Learning Visits and group discussion
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[Pre-Event Preparation by participants]

The invited participants are requested to prepare <u>country report</u> in the PowerPoint format, to share information of China-Lao PDR-Thailand railway development status, challenges, opportunities and strategies and corresponding multi-model transportation infrastructure and logistics services development plan by stakeholders of Lancang-Mekong countries.

2. Structured Learning Visits



Thailand: Khon Kaen-Udon Thani-Nong
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During October 24-28, 2023, the participants will be guided to visit several cities or towns along the Thailand-Lao PDR-China Railway from Khon Kaen Thailand to Boten in Lao PDR.

The tentative visiting sites include:

October 24, 2023 Khon Kaen-Udon Thani, Thailand	 Group work to prepare visiting questions Visit Udon Thani Industrial Estate
October 25, 2023 Nong Khai, Thailand	 Travel from Udon Thani to Nong Khai, Thailand, by van Visit Nong Khai Train Station and Logistics Facilities, and Ta Sadet (Border) Market
October 26, 2023 Vientiane, Lao PDR	 Visit Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone Visit Thanaleng Train Station, the Thanaleng Dry Port (TDP) and Vientiane Logistics Park (VLP)
October 27, 2023 Luang Prabang, Lao PDR	 Travel from Vientiane to Luang Prabang by train Visit Luang Prabang Train Station and Special Economic Zone
October 28, 2023 Boten, Lao PDR:	 Travel from Luang Prabang to Boten by train Visit Boten Special Economic Zone and Logistics Park

3. Synthesis and Evaluation Workshop

A synthesis and evaluation workshop will be conducted in Boten, Lao PDR on the last day of the event. According to the assigned group work, all participants will provide group presentation in Power Point format to share the collected information during the workshop and visits as well as to discuss the way forward.

Workshop Sessions

- Group presentation on collected information during the workshop and visits
- Facilitate the discussion on future cooperation on regional railway-multimodal transport and logistics channels.
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4. Tentative Agenda

Date	Activities	Remarks
October 22, 2023	Arrival	Stay overnight at
Sunday	Travel from home cities to Khon Kaen, Thailand by air or	Mekong Institute
	van	residential building, Khon Kaen, Thailand
		(Same as below)
October 23, 2023	Introductory Workshop	Workshop at Mekong
Monday		River Conference
	08:30-09:00 Registration	Room, 2 nd floor, MI
	09:00-09:30 Opening Session	Annex Building, Khon Kaen, Thailand
	Opening Remark, by Ms. Liu Hongmei, Consulate	Racii, ilianana
	General of P.R.China in Khon Kaen, Thailand	*Stay overnight at
	 Welcome Remark, by Mr. Madhurjya Kumar Dutta, 	Mekong Institute
	Director of Trade and Investment Facilitation (TIF)	Residential Building
	Department, Mekong Institute (MI)	Address:
	 Activity Introduction, by Ms. Wen Hao, Senior 	123 Mittrapap Road,
	Program Coordinator, TIF, MI	Khon Kaen, 40002
	 09:30-10:10 Key findings of the China-Lao PDR- 	Thailand
	Thailand railway assessment report developed by	T-1, .CC (0) 42 202 444
	MI, by MI team	Tel: +66 (0) 43 202 411
	10:10-10:30 Coffee Break	
	10:30-12:00 Business Experience Sharing: Transportation	
	and Logistics Channels along the China-Lao-Thailand	
	Railway, by MI consultant	
	12:00-13:30 Lunch	
	13:30-17:00 Country Report:	
	Update and exchange the information of China-Lao PDR-	
	Thailand railway development status, challenges,	
	opportunities and strategies and corresponding multi-	
	model transportation infrastructure and logistics services	
	development plan,	
	by participants of Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar,	
	Thailand and Vietnam (20 mins per presentation)	

	17:30-20:30 City tour and self-paid dinner in Central Plaza Khon Kaen or Ton Tann Night Market (by van)	
October 24, 2023 Tuesday	Group work and Structured Learning Visits in Udon Thani 09:00-11:00 Group work to preparing visiting questions 11:00-12:00 Lunch 12:00-14:00 Travel from Khon Kaen to Udon Thani 14:00-15:30 Udon Thani Industrial Estate 15:30-18:00 Travel to Udon Thani Railway Station Udon Thani outlet and Check in @ Centara Hotel Udon Thani	Stay overnight in Centara Hotel Udon Thani, Thailand Address: 277/1 auu Prajak Sillapakom, Ma Khaeng Sub-district, Mueang Udon Thani District, Udon Thani 41000, Thailand Tel: +66 42 343 555
	18:00 - Self-paid dinner in Centre Point Night Market / Udon Thani Central Plaza Shopping Mall (by walk)	
October 25, 2023 Wednesday	Structured Learning Visits in Nong Khai	Stay overnight in Landmark Mekong
	08:30-09:40 Travel from Udon Thani to Nong Khai, Thailand	Riverside Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR
	10:00-12:00 Visit Nong Khai Customs Office	Address: Donchan Road, Thatkhao Village
	12:00-13:00 Lunch	Sisattanak District,
	13:30-14:30 Visit Nong Khai Railway Station 14:30-16:00 Visit Ta Sadet (Border) Market	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	14.50-10.00 VISIC Ta Sauet (Border) Market	Tel: +856 21 266 888
	16:00-17:00 Cross border from Nong Khai, Thailand - Vientiane, Lao PDR	
	17:00-18:00 Check in at hotel	
	18:00-20:30 Free time (self-paid dinner at Vientiane night market areas, van will be provided)	
October 26, 2023 Thursday	Structured Learning Visits in Vientiane	Stay overnight in Landmark Mekong
	09:30-12:00 Visit Thanaleng Train Station, the Thanaleng Dry Port (TDP) and Vientiane Logistics Park (VLP) 12:00-13:30 Lunch 14:30-16:30 Visit Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone 17:00: Back to hotel and free time (self-paid dinner at Vientiane night market areas, van will be provided)	Riverside Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR (Same as above)
October 27, 2023 Friday	Structured Learning Visits in Luang Prabang	Stay overnight in Luan Prabang, Lao PDR
	06:30-07:30 Travel from hotel to Vientiane Railway station 0:8:08-09:53 Vientiane – Luang Prabang (LCT D888 International Trai, 1h 45m) 10:00-12:00 Visit Luang Prabang Train Station 12:00-13:30 Hotel check in and lunch 14:30-17:00 Luang Prabang Special Economic Zone 17:00 Back to hotel and free time	Group 1 (18 peoples): Sanctuary Hotel, Address: Ban Aham, Kitsalat Road, Luang Prabang, Laos Tel: +856 71 213 777 Group 2 (10 peoples):

Address: Kounxoa Road, Luang Prabang 06000, Laos Tel: +856 71 211 254

October 28, 2023 Saturday

Structured Learning Visits in Boten

BODHI Hotel (Huilan 08:30-09:00 Travel from hotel to Luang Prabang Railway

Hotel磨丁慧兰酒) Boten, Lao PDR

Stay overnight in

09:57-11:07 Luang Prabang-Boten (LCT D888 International Train 1h10m)

Address: Boten Special Economic Zone, 03000,

Phone: +856 86 218 666

11:07-12:00 Boten station- Hotel check in

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Hotel

14:00-17:00 Visit Boten Special Economic Zone and **Logistics Park**

17:00 Farewell dinner in town

October 29, 2023 Sunday

Synthesis and Evaluation Workshop in Boten

08:00-11:00

station

- **Group presentation** on collected information
- Facilitate the discussion on future cooperation on regional railway-multimodal transport and logistics channels: supply chain management, by participants
- Recommend practical options, policy measures and institutional arrangement to financing, managing and promoting the development of logistics channels, by **Participants**

Partially stay overnight in Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel, Vientiane

(for

- 2 Cambodia,
- 1 Myanmar delegates and
- 3 MI Team only)

11:00-12:00 Lunch at hotel

Departure

Group A: CLMVT delegates and MI team (16 peoples):

12:00-13:00 Travel to train station

13:35 -16:34 Boten-Vientiane (D887 LTC Train, 2h 59m)

Group B: China Group (12 peoples)

14:00 (Vientiane time)/15:00 (Beijing time)

Depart from Boten Hotel

16:30 (Beijing time) Arrival at the Mohan Railway Station

17:00-21:43 (Beijing time) Mohan-Kunming (Train C386 复 兴号, 4h43m)

Group A-1: Thailand and Vietnam Group (5 peoples) 16:34-17:30 Vientiane Railway Station – Vientiane Airport and Fly to Bangkok / Hanoi

October 30, 2023

Departure

Monday

Group A-2: Cambodia, Myanmar Group and MI Team (8 peoples)

Vientiane Railway Station- Vientiane Airport and fly/travel to Phnom Penh / Yangon / Khon Kean

Time zone: Vientiane time