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PREPARATORY MEETING BETWEEN THAILAND AND MI SETS STAGE FOR LANCANG-MEKONG SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES PROMOTION FOR INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE

In a crucial step towards advancing regional economic integration, a preparatory meeting between Mekong Institute (MI) and Thailand's key officials was convened in Bangkok to lay the groundwork for the upcoming "Project on Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Promotion for Intra-Regional Trade in the Lancang-Mekong (LM) Region" also dubbed as "SEZ Project."

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SYNTHESIS WORKSHOP UNVEILS LANCANG-MEKONG BUSINESS FORUM SUCCESES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

In a bid to capitalize on the progress of the transformative Lancang-Mekong Business Forums (LMBF) spanning 2018 to 2024, Mekong Institute, in close cooperation with Thailand's Ministry of Commerce, hosted a Synthesis and Evaluation Workshop on March 15, 2024, in Khon Kaen, Thailand. This workshop aimed to spotlight the successes and best practices stemming from the six business forums held across the region while soliciting invaluable input from key stakeholders to shape future directions.

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MI ENHANCES REGIONAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION CAPACITIES FOR PROSPECTIVE MKCF PROPONENTS FROM MEKONG COUNTRIES AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mekong Institute (MI), with support from the Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF), is organizing the “Training on Regional Project Identification” from March 18 to 22, 2024, in Khon Kaen, Thailand. Thirty-three participants from various ministries, institutes and international organizations across the five Mekong countries and Republic of Korea (ROK) participated in the five-day training program.

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MI AND CREATIVE ECONOMY AGENCY EXPLORE PROSPECTIVE ALLIANCE TO BOOST CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Mekong Institute (MI), represented by its Executive Director, Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, welcomed Mr. Saksee Phonsuntikul, Director of the Creative Economy Agency (CEA), Khon Kaen Branch, to MI Headquarters on March 28, 2024. The two parties delved into potential collaboration avenues, focusing on creative economy initiatives and entrepreneurial empowerment across the Northeast Region of Thailand and the Greater Mekong Subregion.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN APRIL 2024

- **April 4, 2024:** Upstream Single-use Plastic Reduction Solutions for Khon Kaen's Street Food Complexes
- **April 22 - 26, 2024:** Training on Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation
- **April 23, 2024:** Regional Workshop on Development and Social Harmony in the Greater Mekong Subregion



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Photos from recent activities

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