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MI AWARDED AZIZ-UL HAQ RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEDAL IN 2024

Mekong Institute (MI) was awarded the Aziz-Ul Haq Rural Development Medal by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in recognition of its contribution to integrated rural development by achieving related SDGs and advancing sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region and its recognition to CIRDAP as its Network Centre of Excellence on June 6, 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand.

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MI GEARS UP THROUGH ENHANCING ITS STAFF CAPACITY TO SUPPORT ACMECS

Khon Kaen, Thailand – To strengthen its position as a center of excellence in the Mekong region, the Mekong Institute has completed a capacity-building training program aimed at enhancing its institutional capabilities and service offerings which are crucial as it prepares to assume back-office support responsibilities for the ACMECS Interim Secretariat (AIS). The training program was conducted under the Project on Capacity Building for Enhanced Secretarial Support and Development in the Mekong Region, supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.

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EMPOWERING LAO PDR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS TO LEVERAGE TRADEMARK ADVANTAGE

Khon Kaen, Thailand – Mekong Institute (MI), in collaboration with the Department of Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Regional Trade for Development (RT4D) Facility, Lao PDR, launched a program aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Lao PDR in trademark development.

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MI AND P.R. CHINA COLLABORATE TO UPSKILL LANCANG-MEKONG PROFESSIONALS FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH

Aiming to drive economic growth through enhanced competencies of professionals in the Lancang-Mekong (LM) region, Mekong Institute (MI), with the support of the People's Government of Yunnan Province, P.R. China, gathered 25 LM government officials from May 13 to 24, 2024, for a regional training program on human resource development (HRD).

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MI JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL MSME DAY CELEBRATION

The International MSME Day was celebrated in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on June 24, 2024, hosted by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the World Bank. This significant event, which recognizes the contributions and challenges of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) globally, brought together over 200 participants from the 10 ASEAN member countries.

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UQ HOSTS MEKONG DELEGATES FOR CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE STUDY VISIT IN AUSTRALIA

Mekong Institute (MI) partnered with the University of Queensland (UQ) to deliver a Study Visit Course in Australia on Advancing Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) across the Value Chain, held from June 3 to June 8, 2024. This program was designed to facilitate knowledge exchange between the Lower Mekong Countries and Australia for adaptable strategies that will enhance the promotion of CSA practices in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam.

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P-LINK PROJECT PILOTS LAUNCHED IN LAO PDR AND THAILAND

The national pilot projects under the “Triangular Cooperation Project on Sustainable Development in the Lower Mekong River Basin based on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus for 2021-2025” (RoK UNOSSC Facility Phase 3), also known as the “P-LINK” project, were officially launched on June 28 in Lao PDR and on July 1 in Thailand. These initiatives unite all project stakeholders to advance sustainable development in the Mekong River Basin by addressing challenges in the water, energy, and food sectors through technological and innovative solutions.

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MI AND APRACA CONCLUDE THE TRAINING ON CLIMATE-RESILIENT FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR AGRICULTURE

Mekong Institute (MI), in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), wrapped up the regional training program on “Developing Financial Solutions for Climate-Resilient Agricultural Value Chains.” Held from June 19-21, 2024, at the Mekong Institute in Khon Kaen, the training gathered 15 government officials, bank officers, and NGO program staff from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam (CLTV).

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN JULY 2024

- **July 16, 2024:** Online MI Steering Committee Meeting 1/2024
- **July 25, 2024:** Promoting Effective Corporate Governance for Power Enterprises in the Lancang-Mekong Region
- **July 30 - August 3, 2024:** MI Governing Board Meeting 1/2024
- **July 31 - August 1, 2024:** Mekong Forum 2024





Photos from recent activities

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