



LMC Projects - Focus on
Joint Development of Cross-Border Special Economic Zones
Upgrading Border Facilitation for Trade and Logistics Development

NETWORKING FORUM

**Enhancing Cross-Border Facilitation for Logistics
Trade and Investment Development in the Lancang-Mekong Countries**

 November 30, 2021



Lancang Mekong Cooperation Projects 2018-2021

Background

Increasing cross border trade
Thailand cross border SEZ

Coordination to boost trade and investment

- improve supply chain,
- upgrade production base
- facilitate and enhance trade to reduce lengthy procedures and processing time for document preparation, customs clearance, port handling and inland freight handling

Border crossings

Mukdahan (Thailand) - Kaysone Phomvihane (Laos PDR)

- Nakhon Phanom (Thailand) - Thakhek (Laos PDR)
- Boten (Lao PDR) - Mohan (PRC)
- Mae Sot (Thailand) - Myawaddy (Myanmar)
- Chiang Khong (Thailand) - Houixay (Lao PDR)
- Hekou (PRC) - Lao Cai (Viet Nam)
- Aranyaprathet (Thailand) - Poipet (Cambodia)

JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

This project on cross-border SEZs aims to:

- Promote SEZs in the Lancang Mekong Countries and coordination among them
- Boost trade and investment both from within and outside the Mekong sub-region
- Improve supply chain, upgrade production base, facilitate and enhance trade, as well as reduce poverty by providing livelihood for the people

Project Duration: 3 Years (2017-2020)

Upgrading Border Facilitation: A Trade and Logistics Facilitation Perspective aims to:

- Promote trade along border trade zones which link Lancang Mekong Countries
- Facilitate cross-border trade by increasing the capacity for commerce and reducing the costs faced by traders within Lancang Mekong region
- Enhance connectivity and improve competitiveness across international borders through improvements in infrastructure focused on facilitating cross-border trade and investment

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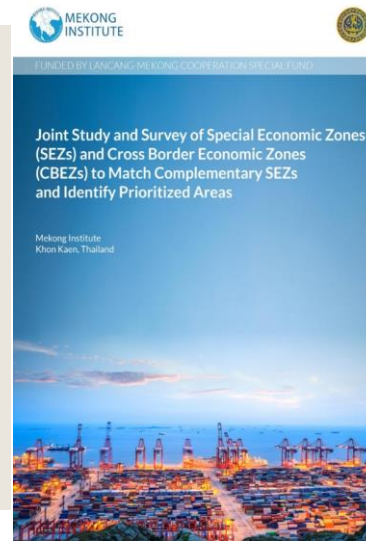


JOINT
RESEARCH

**Joint Development of Cross-Border
Special Economic Zones (SEZs)**
(2018-2021)

Joint study and survey of SEZs in Lancang-Mekong region to match complementary SEZs and identify prioritized areas, June – September 2018

- Identified Prioritized Intervention Areas:**
- Harmonization of policies, establishment of single windows, joint training on implementation of customs procedures at the border;
 - Investment incentives and privileges;
 - SEZ management practices, financial and investment law,
 - how to establish management committees and joint ventures, critical analysis of financing proposals;



- Training opportunities to help SMEs get the most out of SEZs
- Trade negotiations focusing on specific border points.
- Training on Management of Special Economic Zones;

Joint Development of Cross-Border Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

(2018-2021)



Modular Training on
Management of Special
Economic Zones in Lancang-
Mekong Countries
September 24-28, 2018

← Enhanced Understanding on
Management and
Development Framework of
Special Economic Zones and
Cross Border Economic
Zones.



Online Modular Training on Measures for
Management and Promotion of SEZ,
August 10 – 21, 2020

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on trade and
investment and identified measures to overcome the
crisis e.g. strategies, policies and practices,
institutional and governance issues.

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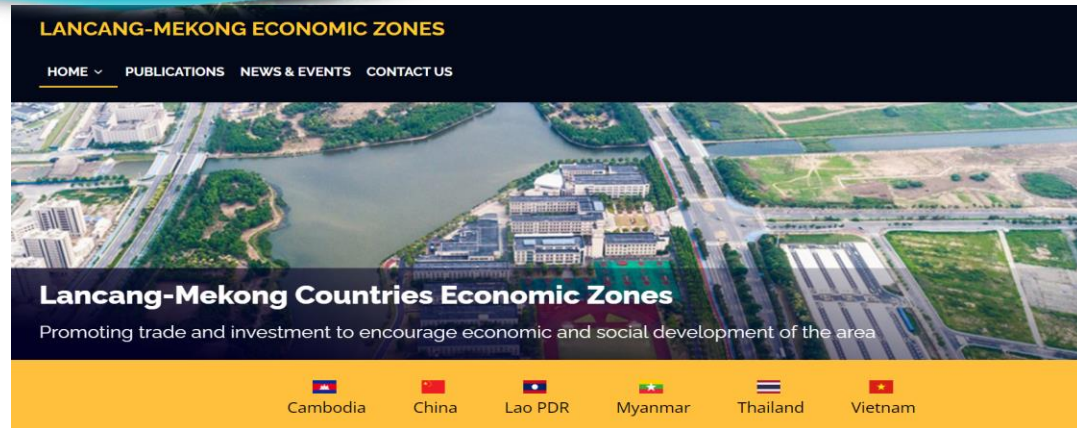


Training on Enhancement of Business
Connections and Information Sharing
between SEZs in LM region, MI, Thailand,
August 26 - 30, 2019

- Improved Business Connections;
- Discussed sources, types and contents of the online SEZs information system.

ACTION PLANS IMPLEMENTATION by
training participants

Developed web portal on
Online Economic Zones Information in LM
to Facilitate Regional trade & Investment



Partnership Agreements on SEZ Information /Data Collection in Myanmar,
Lao PDR and Cambodia

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**Structured Learning Visit
December 8-14, 2019**

Exchanged Knowledge and Experiences on SEZs Development Model *by visiting*

1. Shanghai Free Trade Zone
2. China-Lao Mohan-Boten Cross Border Economic Cooperation Zone
3. Mohan Border EZ and Lao Boten SEZ

Key Learning Areas:

- Trade and investment policies
- Multi-sectoral cooperation
- Special Economic Zones management and promotion
- Digital technologies
- Single-window and one-stop service centers
- Cross-border e-commerce
- Capacity building initiatives





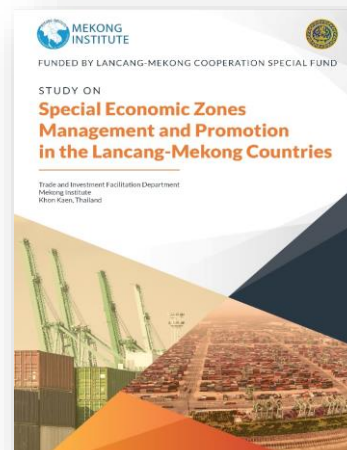
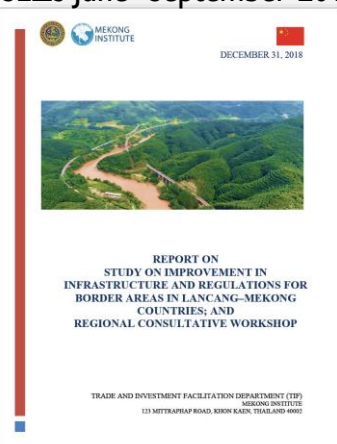
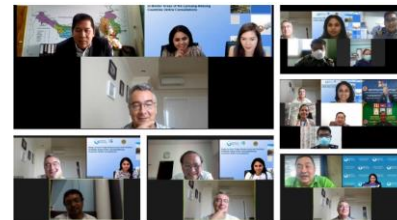
Assessed Development Needs for the Improvement of Infrastructures and Regulations for Border Areas, Customs Modernization and SEZs Management and Promotion.

Study on improvement of infrastructures and regulations for cross- border SEZs June- September 2018

Study on custom Modernization April – December 2019

Study on management and promotion of SEZs Sep - Dec 2019

- *Study on Core Trade Infrastructure and Facilities in Border Areas of the Lancang-Mekong Countries (ongoing)*
- *Consultation and Dissemination Workshops 2020-2021*





Consultative meetings

Provided **Specific Recommendations** to Stakeholders through Intense Consultative Research on Customs Modernization, SEZs Management and Promotion.

August 2018-December 2019

Consultative meetings, focus-group discussions, field surveys conducted in selected border areas of LM countries for the three studies



POLICY DIALOGUES on

- Improvement of infrastructures and regulations for border areas
- Key development issues on customs modernization and SEZs management and promotion in LM countries

Policy Consultative Workshops,
December of 2018 and 2019



International Conventions and Practices in
Coordinated Border Management

Modular Regional Training
March 25 – 27, 2019



**Facilitated Discussion on Information Requirements
and Information Sharing Mechanism for SEZ**

- Introduced SEZ database platform and information sharing mechanism
- Obtained insights and feedback on cooperation mechanism for data collection and platform maintenance
- Shared experiences in SEZ development and management and investment promotion in SEZs in LM countries .



Aug 3-20, 2020



Trade Competitiveness

March 1-12, 2021



Electronic Transactions

**UPGRADING BORDER FACILITATION
FOR TRADE AND LOGISTICS
DEVELOPMENT**

**ACTION PLANS on Coordinated
Border Management**



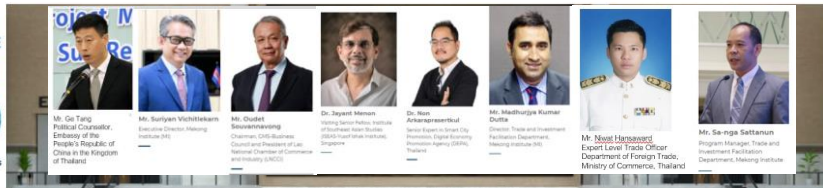
Synthesis and Evaluation workshop
Provided an opportunity to learn and share best
practices, and utilize the learning results from
the action plan implementation



Platform to discuss and develop strategies and encourage measures to promote trade and investment amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and provide suggestions for trade and investment growth to support post-COVID-19 recovery in the Lancang-Mekong region




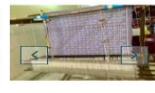


Consist of:

- i. Panel discussions on promoting cross-border trade in the Lancang-Mekong countries and strategies for COVID-19 recovery,
- ii. E-business Networking and Matching, and E-Business Profile Display



NETWORKING FORUM COMPANY LIST

The Networking Forum database consists of companies who act collectively to foster economic growth in the region.

<p>27 11/2021</p>  <p>0 Views</p> <p>NatureCLR NATURE CLR was founded by experienced engineers and retired entrepreneurs in 2017 as a local enterprise focusing on cold chain logistics & refrigeration services. NATURE [..]</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>	<p>26 11/2021</p>  <p>4 Views</p> <p>LEO Global Logistics Public Company Limited Leo Global Logistics Public Company Limited, Thailand has been with more than 30 years of locally and globally logistics experience and certified by ISO9000:2015 with [..]</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>	<p>26 11/2021</p>  <p>6 Views</p> <p>Department of Transport Planning None</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>
<p>26 11/2021</p>  <p>3 Views</p> <p>KM Textiles Company Limited Business Handicrafts (KM Textiles Company Limited) is a company founded by Mrs. Tev Sornheang in 2006 to provide employment opportunities to woman and to improve [..]</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>	<p>24 11/2021</p>  <p>10 Views</p> <p>Alternative Trucking Services Co., Ltd Established in 2009 in Thailand, ATS Group now provides advanced cross border solutions and reliable network to various countries around</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>	<p>24 11/2021</p>  <p>8 Views</p> <p>Laripol Doontavee International Co., Ltd. Specialized in agriculture mechanization solution (agriculture machine and farm implement) and Healthy Products (Natural Cleaning Liquid and Extra Virgin Avocado Oil)</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>



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