



Participation of Yunnan Province in GMS Transport Connectivity Cooperation

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I. Present Situation

- In 2021, Yunnan Province invested 387.8 billion RMB in comprehensive transport construction.
- The total mileage of expressways was over 10000 kilometers. The highways from Kunming to Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam have been constructed as expressways.





- The mileage of railways reaches 4741 kilometers, including 1105 kilometers of high-speed railway.
- At present, railways within the Province leading to Laos and Vietnam has been constructed, and the railway within Yunnan Province leading to Myanmar is under construction.

In the field of waterways, mileage of navigation channel reaches 5109 kilometers.



- China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand keep close cooperation on international navigation of the Lancang-Mekong River under the framework of the Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation on Lancang-Mekong River among China Laos Myanmar and Thailand(JCCCN).



Currently, there are 15 airports in Yunnan Province, which ranks 4th in China.

Before COVID-19, Yunnan opened a total of 75 air passenger and freight routes to South and Southeast Asian countries, connecting the province with all the capitals and 43 cities of neighboring countries and making the province rank 1st in terms of leading to South and Southeast Asian countries by air.



- Concerning international road transport cooperation, Yunnan Province has actively promoted the implementation of China-Laos and China-Vietnam bilateral road transport agreements as well as Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of CBTA, and opened 19 international passenger and cargo road transport routes to Laos and 10 routes to Vietnam.

During the epidemic period, the international road cargo transport follows the policy of "separation of driver and goods, transport by sections and closed-off management", through which, epidemic prevention & control and international road transport cooperation are well coordinated.

II. Successful Case for Transport Connectivity Cooperation

- China-Laos Railway, more than 1000 kilometers of electrified railway, began operating on December 3, 2021 with the joint efforts of Chinese and Lao people, connecting Yunnan Province of China with Vientiane of Laos.
- The railway is building a convenient international logistics channel between China and ASEAN, reducing transport time and logistics cost.



- In the past half a year, the railway has transported 3.27 million passengers, including 2.86 million in China and 410 thousand in Laos; 4.03 million tons of goods, including 647 thousand tons of cross-border goods. Construction of China-Laos Railway symbolizes the amazing development of connectivity between China and Laos.



- In the future, the railway will become a key section to connect with other countries in GMS region. In this regard, the railway will not only facilitate residents along the railway and exchange of people between China and Laos, but also promote development of tourism, agriculture, logistics, economic special zone, comprehensive development zone, and cities along the railway.



In light of the above, China-Laos Railway is an exemplary project of Belt and Road Initiative as well as a road of economic development, opening up win-win cooperation for Chinese and Lao people.

III. Proposals

- ◆ **Hardware Connectivity**
- ◆ **Software Connectivity**
- ◆ **People-to-people Connectivity**



Hardware Connectivity

- It is suggested that under the GMS transport cooperation mechanism, all countries should strengthen exchanges and negotiation to determine short-term, medium-term and long-term cooperation goals and specific cooperation projects, and fully utilize the existing road network to plan and connect the infrastructure construction of corridors, so as to put the idea of transport cooperation into action as soon as possible.



Software Connectivity



- It is suggested that ADB continue to play a coordinating role to promote the full implementation of memorandum of early harvest for CBTA, provide legal guarantee for international road transport cooperation in the region, facilitate exchanges of people and goods, and achieve win-win cooperation.

People-to-people Connectivity



- It is proposed to promote communication between people and transport practitioners of the GMS countries through multiple channels, strengthen cooperation in transport vocational education, and provide talent support for promoting GMS cooperation.



Thank You

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