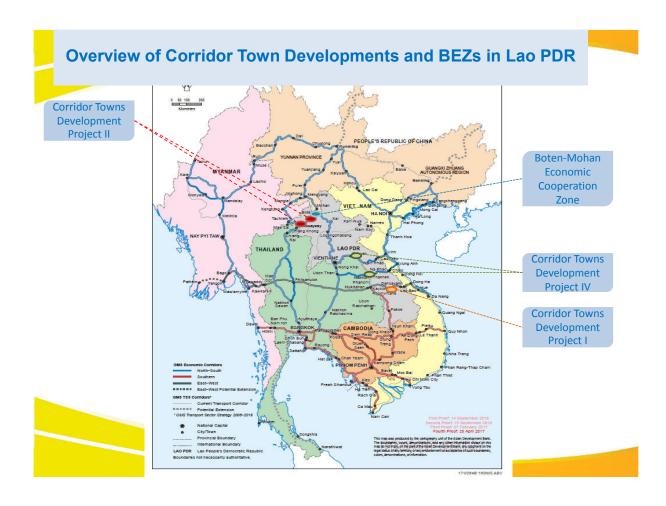


Planning and Implementation of GMS Corridor Towns Development Project

Lao PDR

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Border Special Economic Zone

- BEZ has not been defined yet.
- Boten Lao PDR Mohan P.R China Economic Cooperation
 Zone (BMECZ) built and developed as a pilot initiative
- May be described as "a bilateral friendship demonstration zone, an in-depth cooperation pioneer zone between ASEAN and China and vice versa" (according to the joint framework of BMECZ)

National Strategy and Policy for BEZ Development

- The country has not had strategy and policy for BEZ developments.
- BMECZ is developed as to further promote the economic zone that are located near the borders and in line with "One-Belt and One-Road" initiative and regional integration of Lao PDR.

Challenges of BEZ and Urban Infrastructure Development

- 1. No prior experiences and limited successful cases to learn from;
- 2. There is limited understanding on potential benefits and challenges of BEZ within the country:
- 3. As BEZ is a multi-sectoral issue, it requires coordination committee at both local and national levels as well as between the two countries;
- 4. Lack of synergy and coordination between urban infrastructure developments and special or border economic zone developments;
- 5. Lack of the inclusive and integrated consultations and studies in urban infrastructure and economic zone strategy and policy developments;
- 6. Disadvantages in population density and level of infrastructure and development in Lao PDR; and
- 7. Unsustainable economic benefits to affected stakeholders in development areas, particularly local residents.

Integration of BEZ Development in the 5th-7th CTDP

- 1. Synergized strategies and plans between urban infrastructure and BEZ developments
- 2. Initiation and pursuing a GMS financed projects on BEZ in Lao PDR
- 3. Studies on how to optimize urban infrastructures and facilities developed to complement BEZ developments
- 4. Comprehensive plans for sustainable spillover economic benefits from the Developments

Lao PDR Criteria for Project Towns Selection

- Potential urban center
- Communities of more than 2000 residents, or the density of 30 ppl/ha2
- Service center
- Government center
- Potential trade and investment center