

# ***Progress Report on Assessment of GMS Economic Corridors***

Subregional Transport Forum  
Luang Prabang, Lao PDR  
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# Background

- Conduct of review of configuration of GMS economic corridors - first half of 2016
- Presentation and discussion of recommendations - STF meeting in July; ECF in August 2016
- Adoption of recommendations and issuance of directive for the assessment - 21<sup>st</sup> GMS Ministerial Conference in December 2016



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ECONOMIC CORRIDORS



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**NEW CONFIGURATION OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR,  
 NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC CORRIDOR, AND  
 SOUTHERN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR**



# Purpose

Assess state of development of the economic corridors:

- Physical condition of transport infrastructure, especially road infrastructure
- Economic potential (cross border trade, SEZs, tourist attractions, investment opportunities)



# Expected Output

- Profile of each corridor/subcorridor
- Will serve as:
  - Baseline for monitoring progress in economic corridor development
  - A mechanism for identifying gaps and required interventions
  - A basis for prioritizing projects in the RIF



# Contents of Country Reports

- Specification and description of each subcorridor in national components of EWEC, NSEC and SEC
- State of road and related transport infrastructure in EWEC, NSEC and SEC subcorridors
- Border facilities and formalities
- Investment and business opportunities along/around the subcorridors
- Overall Assessment





# Approach

- Engagement of national consultant in each GMS country
- Preparation of country reports
- Consolidation and integration of country reports into GMS-wide report





## Status and Schedule

Engagement of national consultants	Apr-May
Country consultations	Apr-Jun
Field survey	May-Jul
Draft report of national consultants	30 Jul
Final report of national consultants	15 Aug
Draft of consolidated report	8 Sep



## National Consultants for the study “Assessment of the GMS Economic Corridors”



Country	Name	Position and Organization
Cambodia	<u>Hir Samnang</u>	Freelance consultant
PRC	<u>Liu Zengjun</u>	Professor Transport Planning and Research Institute Ministry of Transport
Lao PDR	<u>Sengsavang Phandanouvong</u>	Senior Advisor Lao International Forwarder Association (LIFFA) and Lao Logistics Group Co. Ltd
Myanmar	<u>Phyo Kyaw Thu</u>	Sr. Research Executive Myanmar Marketing Research & Development (MMRD)
Thailand	<u>Pawat Tangtrongjita</u>	Managing Director Socio-Economic Consultants Co., Ltd.
Viet Nam	Pham Tung	Assistant Professor University of Transport & Communications



## Schedule of Country Consultations by Team Leader



Country	Dates
Cambodia	23 June
PRC	19 June
Lao PDR	24 May
Myanmar	28 June and 1 June
Thailand	21 June
Viet Nam	29-31 May



<b>CAMBODIA</b>	
section of SEC4: Sre Ambil and Koh Kong	9 June
section of SEC4: Sre Ambel to Sihanouk Ville:	10 June
SEC3: Kampot town to Vietnamese border	11 June
SEC2: from Phnom Penh to Kampong Thom	11 June
SEC1: Kampong Thom to Poipet (NR6)	12 June
SEC1: Poi Pet to Prey Veng	13 June
SEC4 from Tbong Khmum to Steung Treng.	14 June
SEC4: Steung Treng to Lao border	15 June
SEC2: from Steung Treng	
SEC4 from Steung Treng to Phnom Penh.	16 June
<b>PRC</b>	
Kunming	13-15 June
Mangshi & Ruili	15-16 June
Nanning	20-21 June
Dongxing	22 June



<b>Lao PDR</b>	
<u>Borikhamxay(BX)</u>	18-19 June
<u>Champasak</u>	19-21 June
<u>Khammouane</u>	22, 24 June
<u>Savannakhet</u>	23 June
Vientiane	29 June
<b>Myanmar</b>	
Mandalay	13-14 June
<u>Tamu</u>	14-15 June
<u>Mandalay-Lashio/Muse</u>	16-18 June
<u>Myawaddy</u>	22-24 June
<b>Thailand</b>	
<u>Phisanulok</u>	14 June
<u>Chiang Rai/MaeSai</u>	15-16 June
Chiang San /Chiang Kong	17-18 June
<b>Viet Nam</b>	
Ho Chi Minh	25 June
Lao Cai	26 June
<u>Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Quang Tri</u>	27-30 June



*Thank you.*

