

Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (Public Organization)



Hill Water Supply “**Nam Lin**” Project from HM King Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua’s kindness.



Q1 Could you please tell us more about this Nam Lin Project?

With HM King’s kindness, and intention to “continuing, preserving, and building upon the royal legacy” after the late King Bhumibol, NEDA is considering the importance of local communities and social sustainable development towards improvement of quality of life. This good intention results in the assistance on Hill Water Supply Project to honour the King Rama X on His Majesty coronation. The project is located in Kiw Tang Village, Chomphet, Luang Phrabang, Lao PDR which is the same area of Chomphet-Luang Phrabang Road Construction Project. The village was habitat of Lao Soong indigenous people who were affected by expropriation caused by NEDA’s assistance project. The villagers were migrated to designated area where is quite far away from water supply. NEDA, with intention to solve the problem, provided the assistance to construct this Hill Water Supply Project in 2 months and helped improve quality of life of Lao Soong village in accordance to government policy of sustainable development especially in the aspect of water sanitary and hill water supply management. NEDA hopes that the project will be sufficiently utilised for consumption and agriculture. This Hill Water Supply is also known as “Nam Lin” Project by Laotians.



Q2 Please tell us about construction of clean water supply and how to maintain environmental sanitary.

The government of Lao PDR migrated 70 households or 238 persons of Lao Soong villagers who earlier inhabited on the foothills of northern Lao PDR. Their original area is on the construction route of Hongsa-Chiangman Road Construction Project. The villagers, who do agriculture and farming, lacked of clean water supply. Therefore, NEDA decided to provide assistance to construct Hill Water Supply to improve their lives. NEDA cooperated with Lao World Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. to search for natural water resource from Phu Huay Kai which is located in the forest near the village. Since there is abundant of water flows from Phu Huay Kai, NEDA built the concrete reservoir on the hill at kilometre 60 to contain water. The construction area is the new habitat of Lao Soong or Mong community who moved from 1,200 metre-high above the sea level hills to this area. The concrete reservoir is 5 metres in width, 5 metres in length, and 2 metres in height with capacity to contain 50,000 litres of water. The reservoir has 53 millimetres tube to transfer water from its origin to the villages with 2,800 metres in distance. After, water will be distributed to 9 households for whole-year consumption.



Q3 What is your expectation from the project and what is the plan to continue this achievement?



To genuinely realise the existing problem and information, I spent time with villagers at the project area and talk with them. The main problem was about communication between us and indigenous villagers. The villagers needed sometimes to really understand this development project. It might be hard for them but the project needed to be pushed for greater achievement. The achievement must also be in line with their sufficient way of life. Apart from construction period, the project needs management. I am very proud that this village has been improved in better way compare to the past. I hope this project affect the community in the best way. However, for sustainable development, the community need to protect the environment, maintain the physical construction, and value their water supply from natural source.

Journey on Nan-Xaiyabuli-Luang Phrabang Route with More Time Saving

Nan Province is the northern province of Thailand borders with Lao PR. Its landscape is surrounded by high mountains. Nan Province has its popularity and always attracts tourists with its unique culture and lively old town.



Hongsa-Chiangman Road Construction Project is 114 kilometres from Huay Kon, Chaloom Phra Kiat District, Nan Province to Nam Ngern Border, Xaiyabuli, Lao PDR. The project starts at Baan Na Pung, Hongsa, Xaiyabuli and ends at Mekong River, Chiangman, Luang Phrabang, where is the World Heritage. The project also promotes sister-city strategy between Nan Province and Luang Phrabang by decreasing traveling time from 6 hours to 3 hours. This time-saving route attracts more tourists. Apart from connectivity promotion, this route also facilitates tourism, trade, and investment between Nan Province and Luang Phrabang. Those two cities have many natural and cultural attractions and are well-known for their historical background. Plus, within the time of 2-3 years, there will be the Mekong crossing bridge construction in Luang Phrabang which is not far from the airport. The route is expected to be charming like other routes.

This road development project is the opportunity to connect Nan Province to Luang Phrabang. The route can help generate trade value and other economic activities along the route.

In Luang Phrabang, there are many activities to enjoy. People can pay respect at Phra Bang, enjoy Lan Chang artworks (Ock Pop Tok), help preserve local textile of indigenous groups, visit Phra That Phu See to see sunset and the city below, visit Wat Vissounnarath which situates Phra That Mak Mo, enjoy the biggest and most beautiful waterfalls in Luang Phrabang called Guangxi waterfalls, sail a boat along Baan Anne to see Tad Sae waterfalls, sip original Lao coffee, dress like local people offering sticky rice to monk, and shop at night market.



Guide to Top Burmese Food

Amazing YGN 2019: It can be said that this is the first time in Myanmar which view along the route is something to enjoy. Myanmar has the culture of ASEAN cuisine in it, one of the famous national dish is Lahpet or tea leaf salad. This dish is appetizer mostly served in celebration or festival to express the host's wealth. The first meal in Myanmar may be tough but you will get through this. A good helper during street food meal is hot tea, which can be found throughout your journey.



Mo Hin Ga, Burmese rice noodles made from mung bean flour boiled in fish stewed soup, seasoned with local herbs like turmeric, lemon grass, and pepper. So, its taste will be rich with herbal scent. This dish is quite popular street food that Burmese has as breakfast. It costs around 200-500 Kyat (around 6-15 THB). The dish will be served with sliced banana, fried bean, boiled egg, sliced fried fish, Chinese donut, and coriander on top, seasoned with chili and lemon.

Recommended Restaurant : Myaung Mya-Daw Cho Family

Address : No 118 D, Old Yay Tar Shay Street, 11201 Yangon, Myanmar.

Tel : +95 1 701 692

Business Hours : 05.00 - 11.00 u.

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Burmese tea leaf salad or Lahpet Thoke is quite national dish. It is made from fermented tea leaf with spring onion, cabbage, chili, coriander, tomato, beans, and seasoned with lemon and fish sauce.

Recommended Restaurant :

Rangoon Tea House

Address : 77-79 Pansodan Street, Lower Middle Block, Yangon, Myanmar.

Tel : +95 9 979 078681

Business Hours : 07.00 - 22.00 u.

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Pork Hot Pot, this menu made from pork and pork offal stick together and put them in the hot pot which contains sweet soup. Spicy and sour sauce, and Burmese sauce are served for dipping. The price is about 200-300 Kyat (6-9 THB) per piece. Be careful with its rich and salty taste.

Recommended Restaurant : Pork n' Stick

Address : Pyay Road Yangon, Myanmar.

Tel : +95 9 431 64219

Business Hours : 09.00 - 24.00 u.

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NEDA and ASEAN Thailand 2019

With ASEAN Chairmanship of Thailand in 2019, H.E. Gen. Prayuth Chan-Ocha, the Prime Minister, has introduced “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability” as the official theme for the ASEAN Chairmanship this year. By the theme announced; partnership means promoting seamless connectivity towards ASEAN; advancing means preparing for ASEAN digital era; and sustainability means sustainable development to achieve sustainable ASEAN.



Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (Public Organization) (NEDA), as a development partner providing assistance in connectivity and infrastructure development to bordered neighbouring countries, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar. The assistance cooperation aims to promote trade, investment, and tourism between Thailand and its neighbouring countries. Presently, Thailand is carrying out the feasibility study and detailed design of the Development of Two-lane Road Connecting Dawei SEZ to Thai-Myanmar Border Project. The said project is in line with the

Development of ASEAN Highway No. 123 Project which en-route from Phu Nam Ron border, Karnchanaburi Province to Dawei, Myanmar. The project is part of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, a guideline and mechanism to promote ASEAN connectivity concretely.

The achievement of the project will help reduce traveling time from 5 hours to 2 hours from Phu Nam Ron border to Dawei. The route is also a vital strategic route connecting 2 main oceans; Indian Ocean, through Andaman Sea by the Myanmar's deep sea port; and Pacific Ocean, through Gulf of Thailand by Laem Chabang deep sea port. Such connection can also be through Southern Economic Corridor (SEC) which is part of the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) of Thailand, through Cambodia, Vietnam by Cai Mep deep sea port and Qui Nhon deep sea port to Pacific Ocean in the area of South China Sea. Connecting those 2 oceans helps decrease commodity shipment to 6-8 days which is much shorter than traveling through the Strait of Malacca which takes around 16-18 days of shipment. The route is potentially to be the world's new trade gateway with ability to connect big market like India and other regions like Europe, Middle East, and Africa.

In addition, NEDA is aware of the difficulty in harmonisation of regulations which may cause lack of effectiveness towards physical connectivity. Hence, NEDA is very keen to provide technical and financial assistance for development of ASEAN Single Window (ASW) in neighbouring countries (Lao PDR and Myanmar) to effectively facilitate international trade, save management cost and relevant resources.

NEDA's assistance project will fulfil upper ASEAN's current missing links according to ASEAN Chairmanship official theme of Thailand this year. As we can see that we promote “Partnership” towards Seamless ASEAN. Plus, the project also promotes ASEAN supply chain and enhance economic cooperation among ASEAN.



Guess it right, ?? get the prize!!



Thailand (T)



Cambodia (C)



Lao People's Democratic Republic (L)



Republic of the Union of Myanmar (M)



Socialist Republic of Vietnam (V)



Kingdom of Bhutan (B)



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (S)



Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (Ti)

....(X).... Guess that national costumes by putting the country abbreviation on the given costumes.



Longyi



Tais



Ao dai



Gho and Kira



Sampot



Sari



Patoi



Thai royally bestowed



Full Name.....

Tel.....

Address

Open for answer until **30 October 2019**.

(Please remark the letter as "PR: Guess it right, get the prize")

First 3 persons with the correct answer get the prizes shown.

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Mr. Perames Vudthitornetiraks, President of NEDA with Mr. Wanthong BootTanawong, Deputy Director-General of Department of Highways, Mr. Fasanan Thammawong, head of Luang Prabang Public Works division, Mr. Jan Wanna-See, Jompet governor; and the representatives from relevant agencies tracked the progress of Road Construction Projects from Hongsa town - Ban Chiang Man (Jompet, LuangPrabang), at Xayabuli province, Lao PDR, on April 4, 2019.



Ministry of Finance together with senior executives from government agencies and Chief Executive Officers from state enterprises as well as institutes under Ministry of Finance, participated as audiences of His Majesty King Vajiralongkorn (Phra Bat Somdet Phra Poramenthra Ramathibodi Sisin Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajira Klao Chao Yu Hua)'s 2019 royal coronation, at Amarin Vinitchai Mahaisoon Phiman Throne Hall, on May 5, 2019.



Mr. Perames Vudthitornetiraks, President of NEDA joined together with Board of Directors and other officers to provide lunches, hand over the happiness and donate 50,000 Baht to Rachanukul Institute as a support to help children and youngster in terms of sufficient nutrition fact. This occasion is also to commemorate and to give a royal charity to His Majesty King Vajiralongkorn under "Friendship to Share Love project in an auspicious occasion of the Royal Coronation Ceremony" at Rachanukul Institute Department of Mental Health, on May 14, 2019.



Opening of knowledge transfer to the officers from the neighboring countries under the course titled "Project Management for Road, Expressway and Bridge Construction". The participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Bhutan and Sri Lanka (CLM-BS) discussed and exchanged the knowledge on the construction project management of route, expressway and bridge, at Mercure Hotel Bangkok, on May 27, 2019.



NEDA held the conference of Non-deal Road Show for financial institutions and investors. Mr. Ace Viboolcharern, Public Debt Advisor of The Public Debt Management Office and loan supplier for NEDA, was honorably assigned as a chairman and Mr. Perames Vudthitornetiraks, President of NEDA was assigned as a lecturer giving a talk about NEDA: its basic information, business operation plan and financial management, at Ministry of Finance, on June 17, 2019.



NEDA organized the Press Tour to build the relationship between Thailand - Laos 2019 around the area of Hongsa - Baan Chiang Saen (Jompet, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR) road construction project at the distance of 114 Kilometer and the budget of 1,977 Million Baht which is to connect transportation network between Thailand and Lao PDR. The route starts from Baan Napung, Hongsa, Kwang Chai Buri and ends at Baan Chiang Saen, Jompet, Luang Prabang, on June 26, 2019.





NEDA and Media visited the route in Hongsa - Baan Chiang Saen (Jompert, Luang Prabang) road construction project. During the visit, NEDA organized the delivery of "Mountain Water Supply Project in Commemoration of the Royal Coronation Ceremony" at Kiew Tang Village, Jompert, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, on June 26, 2019.



The press conference titled "the route connecting Nan twin city - Luang Prabang to Thailand - Laos economic growth". The Vice-Governor of Luang Prabang Province, Mr. Wongsawan Teppajan; Director-General of Department of roads, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Mr. Pheng Douangneun; and the Vice-President of Luang Prabang Trade and Tourism Council, Madam Weawmanee Doungdara welcomed the press group and provided the information about Hongsa - Jompert to Luang Prabang road construction project, at Pullman Hotel, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, on June 27, 2019.



On the occasion of the 14th anniversary of NEDA, The President of NEDA led the board of directors to offer the donation which aims to support Thai Red Cross Princess Sirindhorn Craniofacial Center - the biggest center in South East Asia to treat craniofacial deformities. M.R. Preyangsri Wattanakun, Assistant Secretary General of The Thai Red Cross Society under Revenue Sourcing Department was a representative to receive the donation of 120,000 Baht, at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, The Thai Red Cross Society, on July 4, 2019.

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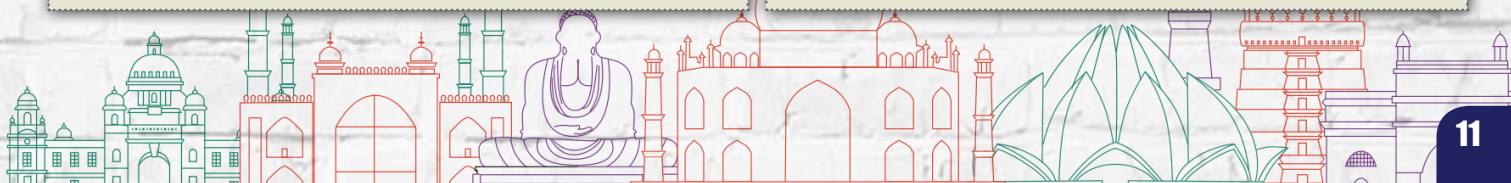


NEDA officials participated in the ceremony to receive bestowed hats and scarfs, in front of His Majesty King Vajiraklaochaoyuhua's portrait, which will be used to perform the special voluntary duties. It is according to His Majesty King Vajiraklaochaoyuhua's royal wish for government agencies to

operate activities which aim to develop society and create benefits to ward the country. Colonel Saranyu Viriyavejakul, D.Sc., Vice President of NEDA and a graduate of 904 Wor Por Ror, His Majesty's Royal Volunteer Basic Course guided the ceremony at Sun Tower Building Bangkok, on July 3, 2019.



H.E. Mr. Kiattikhun Chartprasert, Thai ambassador, Royal Thai Embassy Vientiane, Lao PDR and Mr. Kirati Veruwan, Vice President of NEDA participated and witnessed in the opening of Inaugural transit freight train march between Thai government and Lao PDR government at Container Yard, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, on August 1, 2019.





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