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REPORT ON RECENT OUTCOMES OF GMS COOPERATION

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OVERALL GMS STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND PLANS

Ha Noi Action Plan (HAP) 2018-2022

sets refined strategic directions and operational priorities in the remaining 5 years of the GMS Strategic Framework 2012-2022

Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022

A “living” pipeline of 227 projects worth \$66 billion to support the HAP



Advances in Connectivity

Transport /1

2nd Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge

Tsubasa Bridge –along
SEC



Lao-Myanmar Friendship
Bridge at Xiengkok-
Kainglap



2nd Tha-Mya Friendship
Bridge – along EWEC



China-Vietnam second
road bridge over Beilun
River

Transport /2

2nd Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge

Highway Expansion project in Thailand – along EWEC & SEC

2nd Tha-Mya Friendship Bridge – along EWEC

China-Thailand Railway (Bangkok-Kele)

Poipet-Klong Loek Railway Bridge (Thailand side)



Transport/3

Transport Sector Strategy 2030

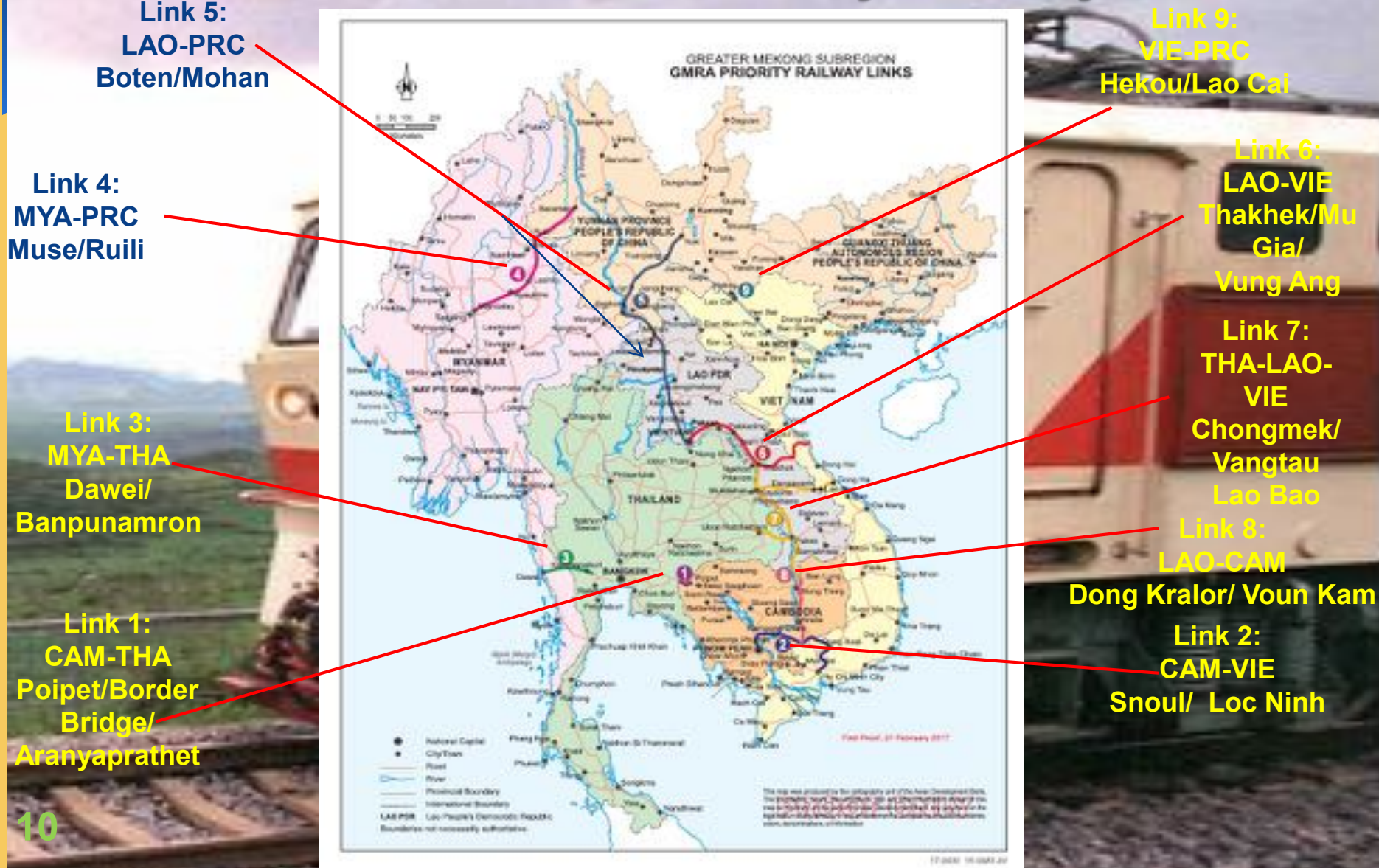
“Toward a seamless, efficient, reliable and sustainable Greater Mekong Subregion transport system”

Strategic Thrusts:

- *Completing the transport corridor network and improving links with South Asia and Southeast Asia*
- *Facilitating cross-border transport*
- *Strengthening intermodal transport links*
- *Promoting the development of logistics*
- *Improving road asset management*
- *Enhancing road safety*

Transport/4

GMRA Identified GMS Priority Railway Links



Transport and Trade Facilitation

“Early Harvest” implementation of the CBTA

- allowing the subregional movement of commercial vehicles and containers

SSI implementation

- Lao Bao-Dansavanh

Time Release Studies



Dansavanh border
checkpoint (Laos)



Laobao border
checkpoint (Vietnam)



Economic Corridors

Extension/
Expansion of
GMS
economic
corridors

Assessment of
the GMS
corridors

Expanded GMS Economic Corridor Network



Energy



On-going power interconnection projects:

- Ban Hatxan (Lao PDR) to Pleiku (Viet Nam) 220 kV transmission line;
- Nabong (Lao PDR) to Udon Thani (Thailand) 500 kV transmission facility; and



Enhancing Competitiveness

Agriculture

2nd GMS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in September 2017

GMS Strategy for promoting safe and environment-friendly agro-based value chains and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022 (endorsed by 2nd GMS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held on 8 Sept 2017)

To benefit the subregion's smallholder farmers, rural women, and small and medium enterprises

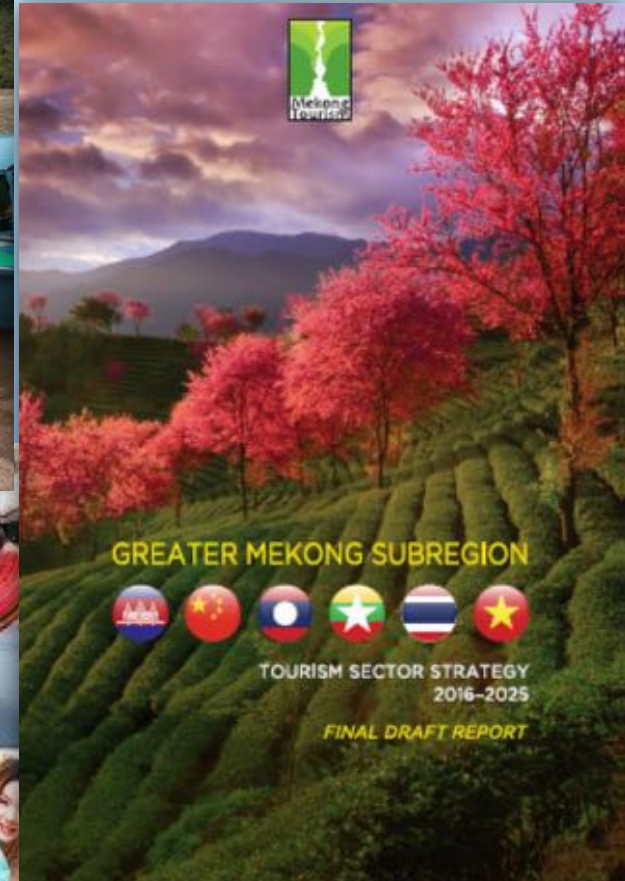


Tourism

GMS tourism arrivals reached 60 million in 2016

GMS Tourism Sector Strategy 2016-2025 endorsed by 22nd GMS Ministerial Conference in September 2017

Countries' efforts proceeding to establish the Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO) as an inter-governmental organization



Urban and Border Area Development

GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2015-2022 in place

New Working Group for Urban Development set up, with 3-year work plan

Urban/Border Area Development Pipeline:

- Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program GMS Corridor Towns Development Project
- Support to Border Area Development Project for Viet Nam
- Yunnan Lincang Border Economic Cooperation Zone Infrastructure Development



GREATER MEKONG
SUBREGION URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
2015-2022



E-commerce

Framework on GMS Cross-border E-commerce Cooperation Platform Greater launched at ECF-7 in 2015

Establishment of the **Business Alliance** of GMS Cross-border E-Commerce Cooperation Platform in 2016





Building Community

Human Resource Development

**New GMS Health Security Project
launched in Bangkok on 5 July 2017**

**Review of implementation of
Strategic Framework and Action
Plan for HRD in the GMS 2013-2017
– refocus on health**

**A new Working Group on Health
Cooperation set up**

**A new GMS Health Cooperation
Strategy to be developed**



Environment

4th Environment Ministers' Meeting :
January 2015

5th GMS Environment Ministers Meeting : 30
January-1 February 2018

A GMS Core Environment Program (CEP)
Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2018-
2022 endorsed

CEP restructuring toward:

- addressing climate change
- leveraging green growth opportunities in the GMS
- further decentralization of implementation to the countries
- more emphasis on empowering the GMS Working Group on Environment to govern the Program



Development Partners Support

Continued financial and knowledge support from DPs: ADB \$1.65B in last 3 years, other DPs \$733M

Interest from new financing institutions:

- Asian Infrastructure Bank (AIIB)
- ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

Private Sector Engagement

GMS Business Council

- Established FRETA, training, support for TTF and disaster preparedness/mitigation

Mekong Business Initiative

- supporting the growth of innovation, technology, and startups in tourism and agriculture

Business Alliance of GMS Cross-border E-Commerce Cooperation Platform

- organizing dialogues, training, workshops, and international expositions and field trips to support the growth of e-commerce

GMS Financial Sector and Trade Finance Conference in January 2018



Thank You