



The Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) take pleasure in inviting you to the ERIA National Policy Dialogue:

Lao PDR at the Crossroads: Industrial Development Strategies 2016-2030

Lao PDR at the Crossroads: Industrial Development Strategies 2016-2030 is a study that sets out comprehensive development strategies for Lao PDR with an eye on the mid- to long-term future. The study includes concrete recommendations which can contribute to further economic development and growth. In this National Policy Forum, key stakeholders will present and discuss the study's findings, opportunities and challenges for realizing the strategies.

Venue: Vientiane Grand Ballroom, Lao Plaza Hotel

Date: 30 March 2016

Time: 09:00-17:00 (Registration: 08:30-09:00)

09:00-09:10 Opening Remarks: H.E. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister, Lao PDR

09:10-09:20 Welcome Speech: H.E. Khemmani Pholsena, Minister for Industry and Commerce

09:20-09:30 Welcome Speech: Professor Hidetoshi Nishimura, President ERIA

09:30-09:35 Guest Speech: H. E. Takeshi Hikihara, Ambassador of Japan to the Lao PDR

09:35-10:05 Key Note Speech: Research Outcomes from *Lao PDR at the Crossroads: Industrial Development Strategies 2016-2030*; Professor Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist ERIA

10:05-10:15 Presentation Ceremony and Photo Session

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Detailed Findings of Study. Moderator: Mr Masahito Ambashi, Economist, ERIA

Presentation 1: Vision 2030 and Lao PDR at the Crossroads; Dr Leeber Leebouapao, National Economic Research Institute (NERI)

Presentation 2: Policies on Industrial Promotion, International Commercialization, and Trade Management; Dr Thantavanh Manolom, Economic Research Institute for Trade (ERIT)

Presentation 3: The Development of Industrial Estates and Industrial Studies; Mr Masahiro Nakamura and Mr Keisuke Goto, Daiwa Institute of Research

12:00-13:30 Lunch - Dok Champa Restaurant

13:30-14:30 Moderator: Mr Masahito Ambashi, Economist, ERIA

Presentation 4: Overview of Immediate Policies and Simulation of Major Development Strategies; Mr Souknilanh Keola, Research Fellow IDE-JETRO

Presentation 5: Policy Recommendations and Future Actions; Mr Masahito Ambashi, Economist ERIA

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Panel Discussion: Moderator: Mr Souknilanh Keola, Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO

Panelist 1: Mr Manohack Rasachak, Director General, Department of Industry and Handicrafts, MOIC, Lao PDR

Panelist 2: Mr Oudet Souvannavong, Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Panelist 3: Mr Steven Schipani, Senior Portfolio Management Specialist, Lao PDR Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank

Panelist 4: Mr Yusuke Murakami, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Lao PDR

Panelist 5: Dr Phouphet Kyophilavong, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Economics, National University of Laos

16:30-16:50 Comments on the Panel Discussion: Dr Leeber Leebouapao, National Economic Research Institute (NERI)

16:50-17:00 Closing Remarks: H.E. Bounthavy Sisouphanthong, Vice Minister for Ministry of Planning and Investment

Proceedings will be in English with simultaneous translation into Lao provided.