

## Australia supports mining sector reform

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Australia is providing AU\$ 1.17 million (more than 7 billion kip) to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Energy and Mines to evaluate development proposals in the mining sector, according to the Australia Embassy to Laos.

The Australian support will be used to prepare guidelines on how to undertake inter-ministerial review of new mining development proposals and train government staff to successfully negotiate mineral development agreements with mining enterprises. The support will be managed by a grant through the World Bank.

Chargé d'Affaires of the Australian Embassy, Andreas Zurbrugg said, "We have learnt from the experiences of Australia and others that if the mining sector is well managed,

it can be a driver for long term sustainable growth and development. A streamlined process to appraise new investments will ensure that Laos can maximize the benefits from its natural endowment without compromising environmental and social safeguards."

Australia's new commitment built on top of a previous AU\$3 million (more than 18 billion kip) contribution that developed new mining licensing and operation guidelines, supported teaching programmes at the National University of Laos, improved procedures for community consultation and engagement in areas affected by mining and hydropower development as well as a streamlined inspection and monitoring system, the Australia Embassy reported.

## Most common court cases include drug trafficking, robbery

Somsack Pongkhao

Drug use and trafficking, robbery, divorce and financial disputes were the most common legal cases being submitted to the people's court in Laos this fiscal year, according to a report from People's Supreme Court recently.

Over 8,700 cases have been submitted to the court across the country in the 2014-15 fiscal year, with 7,100 cases having been resolved, according to the report.

The majority of cases were submitted in the first instance with the total figure of almost 6,000 cases. Of the total cases, some 1,679 cases were submitted to the Vientiane People's Court, accounting for

30 percent of all cases.

About 519 cases were submitted to Savannakhet provincial court which ranked the second top in terms of cases being submitted to the court, after Vientiane, which topped the list.

About 3,500 criminal cases were reported in this fiscal year, mainly related to drug use and trafficking and robbery. The thefts and robberies included crimes such as breaking into people's houses to steal their property while bag snatching was also prevalent.

Regarding drug use and trafficking, the government is very concerned about the impact of amphetamines on the country's children, as they

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## Police detail investigative work at NA session



Brig. Gen Kongthong Phongvichit responds to NA questions.

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The manner in which police conduct their investigative work and the involvement of defence lawyers and other related experts in the process were among the topics that National Assembly (NA) members were interested in during ongoing debate.

They raised the queries when commenting on the activities of judicial bodies and the police over the past year at the ongoing NA session.

Deputy Minister of Public Security Brig. Gen Kongthong Phongvichit represented the ministry to respond to the NA members' queries.

In his response, Brig. Gen Kongthong referred to the rights and role of investigative police stipulated by Articles Nos. 53 and 54 in the Law on Criminal Procedure, which he said police have respected.

He raised the case of a man who was found hung as an example of their investigative work, saying the police raised two possible causes of death, aiming to establish whether the man committed suicide or whether the hanging was actually done to hide a murder.

Brig. Gen Kongthong confirmed there are some police officers who hold bachelor's or master's degrees in relation to investigative principles and stressed that the necessary forensic science and medical jurisprudence are complied with.

Regarding the appointment of technical experts for involvement in the investigation process, the deputy minister said the victims, accused persons, witnesses, investigative police, and prosecutors are encouraged to participate in the investigation.

However the people involved in the investigation should not involve individuals stipulated by Article No. 106 of the Law on Criminal Procedure promulgated in 2012.

Concerning the intervention of defence lawyers or other defenders in the process, Brig. Gen Kongthong said they are permitted by Article No.71 of the law but they should be appointed by the Lao Bar Association.

Meanwhile he admitted that the intervention of lawyers or defenders was not allowed in such cases which require further investigation in order to try and apprehend the ringleaders.

He revealed that the cases in which defence lawyers intervened were cases related to cheating in property deals and embezzlement while defence lawyers have not been seen to intervene in cases related to murder, drugs, or robberies in order to protect their clients.

The spread of drugs throughout society was also among the concerns NA members raised as a query to the security body.

Brig. Gen Kongthong admitted that drugs have caused an increase in the prevalence of crime and could potentially threaten the political regime.

He said the ministry has appointed officers who are competent to the posts at the points of risk to join with local authorities to combat the trafficking.

The ministry also guided the Department of Citizen Registration and Grassroots Development to spy on suspected drug dealers.

Treatment of prisoners was also questioned by NA members such as the fact that some prisoners were permitted to leave prison to receive treatment in provincial hospitals through agreement from the higher authorities but in fact they have gone to their homes instead.

In regards to these allegations, the deputy minister said the ministry has appointed the related department to inspect the case and ensure that the prisoners serve their terms of imprisonment.

According to him, there

were 288 prisoners who were released in Vientiane in the period from 2013 to 2015, of which 55 ended up being re-incarcerated.

Brig. Gen Kongthong admitted the lack of vocational training for them was a cause for the repetition of wrongdoing.

In regards to public complaints that the police have used violence against prisoners, he said the ministry will inspect the cases of concern.

Regarding public concerns about the population density in prisons, the deputy minister said despite the fact the government has allocated a significant budget to construct new prison facilities some of the prisons in the provinces cannot accommodate the rapidly rising number of prisoners.

According to him, one prison in Vientiane can accommodate between 400-500 people but the number of prisoners there actually exceeds 1200.

Moreover, he said, in some provinces the serious drugs addicts whose parents decided they should be under police control were also sent to the same prison rooms as other prisoners because there were no separate facilities.



The ongoing debate at the 9th Ordinary Session of the National Assembly.

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## Sexual, reproductive health for all women to be ensured



Mr Somdy Duangdy.

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The Lao government has progressed well in ensuring access to services and information on sexual and reproductive health for all women and girls at all times, but some girls still have limited access to this as well as other social services, even under normal circumstances.

Minister of Planning and Investment Mr Somdy Duangdy highlighted the fact on Thursday in a statement to celebrate World Population Day 2015.

World Population Day is celebrated every July 11 in over 90 countries around the world and the theme this year is 'Vulnerable population in emergencies' to ensure the dignity, safety and reproductive health for all women and girls at all times.

He said in Laos more than 60 percent of the population is under 25, which means this will create huge benefits

in national development and construction.

It depends on how much we will be able to build their capacity and invest in them so that they become a labour force in development.

Mr Somdy highlighted that the government has progressed in improving the lives of young people over the past ten years such as reducing the inequality gap in education between men and women, promoting jobs for them and creating better healthcare services and reproductive health.

However Laos still faces issues, the social indicator survey found, such as having a high rate of teenage pregnancy, with four out of ten women pregnant or already having given birth to their first child by the age of 19.

According to the recent Adolescent and Youth Situation Analysis report 2014, at least 30 percent of adolescents of secondary school age are not attending school at all and 23 percent of women who need to stop a pregnancy are unable to access family planning.

Lack of access to health services is not the only obstacle for girls, as the cost, doctors' attitudes and the misunderstanding of adolescent girls that doctors are unable to keep their secrets cause them to avoid using health services, Mr Somdy added.

He said these issues occurred mostly with out-of-school girls, so investing in

adolescent girls is not only a sound financial investment but the important thing is it must have a clear plan and policy.

The timing is urgent because the government is in the final process of preparing the Eighth Five-Year Socio Economic Development Plan (2016-2020), so we must ensure the benefits of young people as this is part of preparations for development.

Laos will be a full part of the AEC at the end of this year, which will open new opportunities for adolescent girls in development but in the meanwhile many young people especially out-of-school girls lack skills and will face the issue of being taken advantage of in terms of labour.

Mr Somdy said the dignity protection of out-of-school adolescent girls in accessing vocational training or sexual and reproductive health is not only improving their livelihoods but is also reducing advantage being taken of them in terms of labour, infections, the HIV virus and teenage pregnancy.

He urged all relevant sectors at all levels to identify issues, gaps, strategies and channels to ensure the 'dignity, safety, and reproductive health of all women and girls at all times', to reach out to vulnerable girls in remote and marginalised areas, as well as different ethnicities, with sexual and reproductive health information and services both in urban and rural areas.

## Vientiane province targets district social ills

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Vientiane provincial Police Headquarters has selected the four target districts of Viengkham, Thoulakhom, Phonhong and Keo-oudom to be part of a pilot programme to combat and resolve social issues in society.

Head of Vientiane province's Police Office, Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet Phomalath told *Vientiane Times* that the selected target districts are at the centre of Vientiane province where most of the social ills occur therefore the authorities have agreed to select them for the pilot programme.

Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet Phomalath said the committee of officials is now preparing to commence the implementation of the programme.

They are currently surveying the at-risk communities to identify common problems such as drug abuse, theft, gambling and other issues. After the main issues are identified a taskforce will then be set up in order to combat the problems on the ground.

Two main activities of the programme include the dissemination of government documents including those in relation to the law and also the effects of social ills for local communities, specifically for

at-risk groups.

The committee of officials shall then join hands to resolve issues such as widespread theft and drug abuse which are common in society, Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet Phomalath said.

The authorities from Vientiane province and representatives from the four targeted districts along with officials from nearby districts held a joint discussion meeting recently, seeking to ensure there is unity across the districts.

Officials also agreed to meet again soon to kick off the enforcement arm of the operation in the target districts.

During the meeting, Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet Phomalath said the officials have focused on target problems such as theft, robbery and embezzlement.

Other problems identified included illegal trading, gambling and illicit drug dealing and use.

Meanwhile the enforcement of the traffic regulations isn't strict while the illegal importation of vehicles is also an issue in the region.

Also mentioned were the prevalence of sex workers, human trafficking and other issues.

Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet Phomalath said the

objectives of the programme to prevent social ills and uphold the human rights of local communities shall be implemented in line with the constitution and laws to prevent gangs of traffickers, drug dealers and other at-risk groups from committing offences against the nation's laws.

It was noted that gangs and criminal networks were the main cause of many social ills in Vientiane province of Laos.

Therefore, the programme to prevent and resolve social ills shall continue to be organised and should see further success in the reduction of such phenomena.

Lieutenant Colonel Vaenphet stressed that the programme is designed to uphold both the political and social order and that it will require the local authorities to collect information to report to their provincial counterparts for action to be taken.

The Lieutenant Colonel reported that there were 180 criminal cases in the province in 2014, a decrease of 29 cases if compared with 2013.

In 2014, provincial police arrested 244 offenders including 40 women, pertaining to 32 criminal cases including 15 of theft, four involving violence and four murder cases amongst other incidents.

## Young Singaporeans power up school and clinic



A group of Singapore students gather with local villagers after completing the installation of a solar power project in Nga district, Oudomxay province.

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Singapore youths have sourced and built two small-scale solar farms to power up a school and clinic off-the-grid in Phongsavang and Ladkhammoune villages, Nga district of Oudomxay province.

Twenty-four undergraduates from Singapore's Nanyang Technological University Earthlink Society, with assistance from YMCA Singapore, spent two weeks in Phongsavang village and installed an 8-panel, 2 kilowatt solar power system for the village's school.

The team also taught English and mathematics to the village's children, according to the Singapore Embassy in Laos.

Three Singapore Youth

Corps Aspirants, supported by the National Youth Council of Singapore, constructed a similar solar farm for the clinic in Ladkhammoune village. Four other Youth Corps Aspirants worked on fundraising in Singapore to make this project possible.

The team's efforts allow the clinic operations to be extended beyond daylight hours, enhancing medical care for residents of Ban Ladkhammoune and four other villages in the area.

The solar power systems were sponsored by Yingli Solar while Singapore firm Rezeca Renewables provided on-site advisory services and guided the volunteers on their installation.

The systems were handed

over to the villages on June 26 at a ceremony officiated by Ladkhammoune village Head, Mr Xiengtuay Phatthana and Singapore Embassy Second Secretary, Mr Goh Ching Soon.

The teams are part of an increasing number of Singaporeans who have been coming to Laos for community service and service-learning projects.

Many of these projects involve the construction of facilities, such as multi-purpose halls, classrooms and fences, for villages and schools, as well as teaching of skills such as English and IT to the villagers.

Close to 1,000 Singaporean students travelled to Laos for community service projects last year, the Singapore Embassy in Vientiane reported.

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Mr Xaypladeth Choulamany (centre) chairs a meeting.

## Officials discuss national food and nutrition security

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Stakeholders from the government, development partners, civil society organisations and the private sector gathered on Friday to discuss and exchange information on food and nutrition security in Laos.

Meeting at the Policy Dialogue on Food and Nutrition Security and the Asean Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework in Laos, participants were provided an opportunity to hear about the Agricultural Development Strategy to 2025 and Vision to 2030 and the National Rice Production for National Food Security Strategy.

The attendees also learned about the Development Strategy of the Crop Sector 2025 and Vision 2030, and the National Nutrition Strategy and Plan of Action for 2010-2015.

The meeting was chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's Director General of the Department of Planning and Cooperation, Mr Xaypladeth Choulamany. The event was hosted by the Department of Agriculture with support from the German

Regional Cooperation project Asean Sustainable Agrifood Systems (SAS).

The overall objective of the SAS project is to support Asean Member States to implement the AIFS Framework and its Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS).

According to a statement from Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), the project is part of the Asean-German Programme on Response to Climate Change in Agriculture and Forestry (GAP-CC) and is implemented by GIZ.

The policy dialogue provided a platform to agree on recommendations, concrete actions and coordination mechanisms to implement national policies and strategies on food and nutrition security in Laos in accordance with regional and global policy frameworks.

The AIFS Framework, adopted by the Asean leaders in 2009, is thereby the key regional framework for Laos.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr Xaypladeth, noted the importance of food and nutrition security in Laos through its commitment to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2020 as well as

emphasised the efforts of the government to address food security at the regional level by engaging in the development process of the AIFS Framework.

At the national level, he stated that Laos had already implemented a row of policies and strategies relevant to food and nutrition security.

In his welcoming remarks, GIZ Portfolio Manager Mr Alexander Neubauer highlighted German efforts to strengthen food and nutrition security through promotion of sustainable agrifood systems under the AIFS Framework.

By these means, long-term food security and improved livelihoods of farmers could be reached. Mr Neubauer highlighted that the policy dialogue was a crucial step that would lay a foundation for practical implementation of relevant policies and strategies in Laos.

By definition of the World Food Summit in 1996, food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

## Laos continues raising funds for Nepal quake victims

### Phetphoxay sengpaseuth

The Lao governments is still continuing to mobilise additional funding to assist the Nepalese government and help with the relief and recovery effort in the wake of the earthquake that struck the country on April 25, authorities have confirmed.

A senior official on the committee for external relations of the Central Party Committee told *Vientiane Times* recently that "Laos will continue to receive donations until the end of August this year. They are not targeting the amount of donations. People can give their money according to what they want to volunteer."

He said that after learning of the plight of the Nepal quake victims, the Lao government announced to organisations, companies and businesses as well as individuals and residents throughout the country to contribute what they

could in the way of a monetary donation to help Nepali people in need.

The Lao government has also provided some financial support to help improve the lives of survivors and restore damaged properties after the tragic incident, the official said.

So far, private donations by Laos to gift to Nepal have reached around 100 000 euros (over 900 million kip) while the Lao government has also donated about US\$100,000 (800 million kip) to Nepal, he added.

Any businesses or individuals in Laos who wish to donate to the relief effort are asked to contact the Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on either of the phone numbers: 021 262120 or 021 265017.

The Department of International Relations of Mass Organisations and the committee for external relations of the Central Party Committee

can also be contacted on the following phone numbers: 021 911276 or 020 5959 9393.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs can also be contacted on phone numbers: 021 261691, 911276 or 263574 during office hours.

State agencies and businesses in Laos are already preparing to help the earthquake victims in Nepal.

In support of previous relief efforts, the Lao government and people donated over US\$440,500 to Japan after the tsunami that occurred there in March 2011.

In 2008, Laos gave US\$20,000 and 2.5 tonnes of food to the government of Myanmar to help the more than 20,000 people who were left homeless after Cyclone Nargis hit the country.

On the same occasion the government sent 22 medical workers and two translators to help set up a camp for those in need of shelter.

# Grasshopper crop invasion in Luang Prabang lessens

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The destruction of crops caused by an army of grasshoppers in Ngoy, Phonthong and Viengkham districts in Luang Prabang province seems to have decreased following concerted efforts by the authorities.

These efforts included the involvement of officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the FAO, provincial agriculture department and related offices. They employed many methods to repel the armies of grasshoppers which were destroying crops in the province.

Over 10 tonnes of grasshoppers were captured or sprayed by local people and the authorities, with many of them being cooked and eaten by the local populace while others were used to make fertiliser, according to the provincial agriculture and forestry department.

During the grasshopper plague in the area, which lasted for over four months, more than 9,000 hectares of crops in 36 villages were destroyed.

The authorities said that, based on an unofficial report from an official of the

department, the crops of over 20,000 families were not only damaged by grasshoppers but were also invaded by mice.

With the recent support of the government and concerned authorities, the local people are already being given emergency aid of around 100 million kip to buy more seeds, including 1.6 tonnes of rice, 2 tonnes of sweetcorn, 1 tonne of soybean and 720 kg of peanut, but this still doesn't meet their total needs.

Local authorities have urged those who have lost their crops to the invading hordes to replant, in the hope of recouping their losses.

A department official named Mr Boun-On Phongphanh told *Vientiane Times* on Friday the grasshopper plague has decreased steadily after the officials used a chemical spray which took only 10 minutes to kill them plus their natural migration to other areas after laying their eggs, according to a study from agricultural experts.

These experts say that this species of grasshopper reproduces very quickly. Not only is there already a huge population of them but on

average each mating pair can produce an additional 14 grasshoppers.

"Since the outbreak of the pests four months ago it has been very hard for us and for the local population, especially farmers, to get rid of this army of grasshoppers. They have invaded farmland and destroyed a rice nursery and other cash crops," he said.

On behalf of the government, especially the Luang Prabang provincial authorities, Mr Boun-On thanked concerned sectors for their assistance, especially the government of China which supplied 80 machines and insecticide to local authorities, contributing to help stem the onslaught since the time of the outbreak.

At present, thousands of hectares of crops have been sprayed and authorities in the three districts plan to continue until they can drive out the grasshoppers.

The army of grasshoppers began to ravage crops in the region in February. The grasshoppers were first spotted in Viengkham district and then quickly spread to fields in Phonthong and Ngoy districts.



Grasshoppers killed by sprayed chemicals.

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are the future of the nation. Many children in many parts of Laos including in rural areas are becoming addicted to drugs.

Over the past years, most of those caught selling drugs by law enforcement officers were small-time wholesalers and police say they haven't come across many big time dealers of late.

The big brokers use Laos as a transit country for the delivery of drugs to neighbouring countries. Sometimes the authorities catch people with large quantities of amphetamines, including large scale traders.

Robbery is also on the rise in Laos and has become more violent in recent years. Police attribute the trend to

growing economic pressures, rising drug use, and high unemployment.

Among those arrested are repeat offenders who've previously served prison sentences for their criminal activity but have failed to realise crime does not pay.

Meanwhile the top recorded family related cases were couples filing for divorce. About 1,010 families have so far submitted cases to the people's courts this year, of which 855 cases were requests to get divorced.

Economic pressures and the desire for greater material wealth is also leading to higher rates of divorce in Lao society and more women are now willing to leave their husbands if they cannot provide for them.

Several women who have divorced their husbands recently said that they cannot tolerate men who cheat on them or always hang out with their friends and go on overnight drinking sessions, neglecting their responsibilities to their families.

Concerning civil cases, the top one is related to financial disputes. It's quite common in Laos to see that somebody has borrowed money from their friends and relatives or people they know but later failed to repay the debt.

According to the report from the People's Supreme Court, almost 2,700 civil cases were recorded so far this year, of which 711 were financial disputes.



Associate Prof. Dr Bounkong Syhavong (centre) joins medical staff at Ladyai Health Centre, Phoukoud district, Xieng Khuang province.

## Xieng Khuang promotes dental healthcare

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The Ministry of Health continues to encourage Xieng Khuang province residents to take care of their health, with the latest initiative being a programme aimed at reducing local people's dental problems.

Deputy Minister of Health, Associate Prof. Dr Bounkong Syhavong, joined local medical staff during his visit to Xieng Khuang province last week to monitor the implementation of an oral health promotion project supported by the Health Care and Hope Alliance (HHA) from the Republic of Korea.

During his visit officials from the provincial health department presented progress of the project from the previous year.

HHA began their support in 2013 when more than 9,000 students from 78 primary schools in Xieng Khuang, Oudomxay and Vientiane provinces and the capital joined the project.

The project involved various activities including upgrading oral healthcare skills for teachers, students and raising public awareness of the issue in the community.

The project also provided free of charge dental health

checks for students and treatment for the worst cases. It also improved and promoted associated activities to highlight the issues to target communities.

Health officials listed the project's various successful activities such as distributing posters, pamphlets and DVDs for demonstrating how to take care of your teeth.

The lessons were also promoted through magazines, radio and TV. In addition, more than 100 teachers from four provinces upgraded their knowledge on oral health. Toothpaste and toothbrushes were also distributed to target groups

## News in Brief

### Police arrest thieves in Borikhamxay

Pakxan district police in Borikhamxay recently arrested eight men for the theft and robbery of motorcycles. Police reported that they arrested Mr Vannavong, 22, of Phosy village, Mr Monik, 19, of Namngiep village, Mr Mone, 21, Phoxay village, Mr Kongthong, 20, Phosy village, Mr Souliphone, 21, Mr Thone, 23, Phonsa-art village, Mr Mouksavanh, 19, of Phoxay village, all of Pakxan district. The arrested men then implicated others involved in the thefts. Police subsequently arrested another gang member identified as Mr Phanmany, 22, of Anousonexay village, Pakxan district. They confessed to police that they were all involved in the theft and robbery of motorcycles in Borikhamxay province and had managed to steal nine motorcycles, which they had planned to sell in other provinces. Police reacquired three motorcycles which have subsequently been returned to their owners. They are currently interrogating the accused before they are to be sentenced in court.

### New schools open in Huaphan

Local children in Sob-lao and MeungVaen villages of Xamneua district, Huaphan province now have a brand new kindergarten and a primary school to brighten their learning environment. The new facility was built with financial support from Nam Theun 2 Dam at a cost of more than 707 million kip. The new kindergarten building in Sob-lao village is 24 metres in length and eight metres in width. It consists of three classrooms and one office, which shall be able to accommodate around 30-40 students per room. Meanwhile the primary school building in MeungVaen village is 42 metres in length and nine metres wide. It has five classrooms and one office. Providing new school buildings for children in the two targeted villages is very important for them because they will be able to enjoy learning much more in the new facilities. The construction of the new buildings finished this month after works commenced in 2014.

### Xayaboury aims to generate more than 900 billion kip

The Department of Industry and Commerce in Xayaboury province reported recently that next fiscal year the province is aiming to generate some 912 billion kip or more than US\$114 million from the import and export of goods. The total figure comprises of more than US\$67.6 million from goods exports and more than US\$46.3 million from goods imports. According to the authorities, to reach next fiscal year's plan, the province shall strictly control commercial data collection and pay closer attention to monitor, inspect and crackdown on illegal trade. This will include the purchase and sale of illegal, fake or out-of-date products within the province. Meanwhile it also aims to encourage and support local industry and handicraft operators to improve their products to a better standard.

### Borikhamxay holds blood donation drive

Authorities in Borikhamxay province recently held a blood donation drive to help those in need amongst society. The activity took place in Borikhan district, attended by Borikhamxay Provincial Governor Dr Kongkeo Xaysongkham and other officials. During the event there were almost 100 volunteers to assist the blood donation drive. After it is complete they will deliver the donated blood to the Borikhamxay hospital or blood centres to assist patients in need of transfusions. Authorities reported that blood donation is one of their important tasks in Borikhamxay province and currently there are two blood donation centres in the province. Last year there were 150 volunteers to assist patients in need of transfusions.

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Participants from many secondary schools in Vientiane and the deputy manager of the Research Institute of Educational Sciences (IRSE), under the Ministry of Education and Sports, Mr Khamphanh Phimsipasom (centre) come together after a training meeting of French teaching assistants who are teaching the French language last week in Vientiane.



National Assembly members queue for free health checks during their attendance at the on-going ordinary session.   
--Photo Khamphanh



Workers plant trees on Tuesday with 1,000 saplings and major landscaping works part of environment protection efforts in Hongsa district, Xayaboury province. Hongsa Power Company, led by the mining unit, along with employees from the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand also participated in the activity with around one million trees already planted and many more to come until the end of the concession in 2041.



Staff of the National Assembly's (NA) sub-committee in charge of the NA hotline collect public opinions from callers who raise their personal and social concerns, as well as their concerns on national issues through the hotline during the ongoing NA ordinary session which will run until July 21.   
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## Five Indonesian airports shut after Mount Raung eruption

INDONESIA (The Straits Times, ANN) -- Five Indonesian airports, including those in Bali and Lombok, were closed on Sunday after Mount Raung's eruption blanketed the sky over eastern Java with ash clouds, disrupting flights and leaving thousands stranded across the country.

The Transport Ministry ordered the airports closed until 9.30pm, but the two airports in Lombok reopened yesterday afternoon.

Some 316 flights were affected, said airport operator Angkasa Pura I. National carrier Garuda, the worst affected, cancelled 112 flights while other airlines, like Lion Air and AirAsia Indonesia, did the same.

Malaysia Airlines cancelled all flights to and from Bali. Singapore Airlines cancelled 10 flights to and from Bali, while four SIA flights today will be delayed.

The airport closures and flight cancellations came a day after Australian low-cost carriers Jetstar and Virgin Australia cancelled all flights between Australia and Bali.

A Straits Times check with Changi Airport Group found that 32 flights to and from Bali were affected on Saturday.

Some flights were cancelled, others re-timed or delayed.

The Transport Ministry's director of Air Navigation, Mr Noviriyanto Rahardjo, said his ministry ordered the five airports closed for safety reasons. Volcanic ash can damage jet engines.

Meteorologists said winds were blowing the ash from Mount Raung in East Java province south-east towards Bali's international airport, Lombok's international airport, Selaparang domestic airport, and the Jember and Banyuwangi airports.

"We have instructed airlines to inform their passengers, to avoid overcrowding at airports," Mr Rahardjo said. Some 3,000 passengers are believed to be stranded in Bali.

The disruptions are the worst since volcanic eruptions started late last month, and come as millions start to travel home for next week's Idul Fitri celebrations.

There were chaotic scenes at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta airport yesterday as airline staff walked around with placards informing passengers of the cancelled flights, and long queues of people asked for refunds or to reschedule their flights.



A Yemeni woman and his son collect wood for cooking as their house was destroyed in the airstrikes in Sanaa, Yemen. --Photo Xinhua

## Warring parties breach UN-brokered truce in Yemen

SANAA (Xinhua) -- Fighting rages in Yemen after a United Nations-brokered humanitarian truce came into effect early Saturday as the warring parties were accused of breaching the ceasefire, officials and witnesses said.

Warplanes of the Saudi-led coalition forces struck several military targets in Yemen's capital Sanaa and other major cities early on

Saturday, two hours after the truce came into effect, while the Shiite Houthi group fired mortar shells against pro-government fighters in Mansoura neighbourhood in the southern port city of Aden, witnesses told Xinhua.

The ceasefire, which was announced Thursday by the UN between Yemen's exiled government in Saudi Arabia and the Shiite Houthi group

controlling the capital of Sanaa, started on 23:59 on Friday and will last through the end of Muslim holy month of Ramadan on July 17.

It aimed at facilitating aid deliveries to more than 21 million people in Yemen who have been suffered severe shortage in food, water and medicine supplies after more than three months of airstrikes and ground fighting.

### In brief from Asia News Network

#### Dozens of villages cut off due to flooding

PAKISTAN (Dawn) -- Heavy rain was reported from some cities in Punjab, including Rawalpindi, on Saturday and the Pakistan Meteorological Department forecast that the monsoon activity would continue in the province and Azad Kashmir over the next 24 hours. The Federal Flood Commission said River Chenab was in low flood in the Khanki-Qadirabad reach, whereas River Kabul was in medium flood in the Warsak-Nowshera reach. River Swat was also in low flood at Charsadda Road Bridge. Rivers Indus, Jhelum, Ravi and Sutlej were flowing normally.

#### Hospital staff to be trained in parental smoking cessation

BRUNEI (The Brunei Times) -- More healthcare professionals will be trained to deal with parental smoking cessation in a move to protect young children from second-hand smoke. Health Promotion Centre (HPC) head Dr Norhayati Hj Kassim said healthcare professionals in hospitals and clinics across the country will be trained to identify, advise and refer parents who are smokers to smoking cessation clinics.

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**Announcement to join the Workshop**

The Director General of the Department of Energy Policy and Planning, and Head of Secretariat of the Public Relation Committee for large Hydropower Power Projects is pleased to inform you that Ministry of Energy and Mines is going to organize the **Workshop on Xayabuly Hydropower Project on 15 July 2015 at Don Chan Palace Hotel, time 09:00 AM to 16:30 PM.** The workshop will inform all participants that the Lao government and developers have taken all necessary measures to minimize the impact and thereby to address concerns as have been raised by MRC member countries and stakeholders.

The workshop's agenda are (i) to introduce policy and strategy of the Lao power sector, (ii) to explain prerequisites of the Concessions Agreement and the procedure in respect of standard taken in complying with the 1995 Mekong Agreement (Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable of the Mekong River Basin, 5 April 1995); and (iii) present technical aspects of the project design, construction, and operation to satisfy the MRC's requirements.

Intended invitees are relevant key representatives from all of the MRC country members including the MRC Secretariat, development partners (Australia, Belgium, Denmark, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America and ASEAN Member States), stakeholder organizations (ADB, IUCN, UN, WB and WWF), and central and provincial government agencies of the Lao government. Developers of other hydropower projects in Laos are also invited to join the workshop.

Therefore, we would like to invite government officers, soldiers, polices, villagers, students, businesses including government and enterprises, international organizations, NGOs and other interested organizations to join the mentioned workshop.

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# Eurasia Express trains set for 14,400-km journey

KOREA (The Korea Herald, ANN) -- A pair of special trains carrying more than 250 South Koreans will embark on a 20-day journey this week criss-crossing Asia and Europe, a highly symbolic event to highlight South Korea's railway ambitions.

The Park Geun-hye administration has pushed for the "Eurasia Initiative" aimed at linking energy and logistics infrastructure across Asia and Europe.

It hopes to connect rail and road networks from South Korea's southern port city of Busan to west Europe.

The upcoming Eurasia Express expedition is expected to help raise public awareness of South Korea's vision both at home and abroad, officials here said.

Under the slogan, "One Dream, One Eurasia," participants will gather at Seoul Station on Tuesday from various cities in South Korea by train.

They include government officials, lawmakers, artists, academics and businessmen.

Split into two groups, they will fly to Vladivostok and Beijing later in the day, respectively, with a cross-peninsula train tour blocked

by the heavily-armed border between the two Koreas.

With nearly 200 people on board, a train will run from Vladivostok to Berlin, Germany, passing through several other Russian cities and Warsaw, Poland.

The other is scheduled to travel from Beijing to Irkutsk, Russia, then the passengers will transfer to the main train for the rest of the tour.

The journey is to end in Berlin on August 2, covering a total of 14,400 kilometres, or 8,948 miles, over six countries including Mongolia and Belarus.

# Dengue fever kills 60 in Myanmar so far this year

YANGON (Xinhua) -- Dengue fever has killed 60 people in Myanmar as of July 10 since its outbreak in January, local media Messenger reported Sunday.

The disease has infected more than 10,000 people in the country this year, doubling last year's figure, the Ministry of Health was quoted as saying.

With Yangon registering the highest death rate, there are

about 200 to 250 dengue fever cases reported daily across the country.

An anti-dengue fever project official said the outbreak of the mosquito-infected viral disease is on an annual increase despite preventive and control measures being taken on a nationwide scale.

The ministry is calling for intensive preventive measures

in the current rainy season when the outbreak of such epidemic disease in Myanmar is common.

Dengue fever was first reported in Myanmar in 1965, killing 444 people in 1994, registering the highest death rate.

The disease infected over 20,000 people in 2009, registering a record high of infection of such disease.

# Typhoon pounds China with heavy rains; 1.1 million evacuated

BEIJING (AP) -- A typhoon pounded the Chinese coast south of Shanghai on Saturday with strong winds and heavy rainfall, submerging roads, felling trees and forcing the evacuation of 1.1 million people.

Typhoon Chan-hom slammed ashore with winds of up to 160 kilometres per hour near Zhoushan, a city east of the port of Ningbo in Zhejiang province. It has dumped more than 100 millimetres of rain since late Friday - about a month's average in less than 24 hours, China Central Television and the Xinhua News Agency reported.

No deaths or injuries have been reported by Saturday evening.

"It was so windy that the rain came in through the windows even though they were closed," Zhoushan resident Zhang Zhouqun, 53, manager of a logistics company, said in a telephone interview.

The storm felled 10-year-old trees in his neighborhood, stranded cars in 60-centimetre-deep water and swamped half the fields, Zhang said. Police were out barring people from trying to drive. At the urging of local officials, Zhang's family had stocked up a few days' worth of groceries, he said.

Some 1.1 million people had been evacuated from coastal areas of Zhejiang and more than 46,000 in neighboring Jiangsu province ahead of the storm, Xinhua said. The provincial



Militia members evacuate residents from a neighbourhood flooded by heavy rains from Typhoon Chan-Hom in Shaoxing in eastern China's Zhejiang province. --Photo AP

flood control bureau said 28,764 ships had been ordered back to port. Heavy downpour was reported in some areas, including the village of Lai'ao, which recorded more than 400 millimetres of rain, according

to Xinhua. More than 100 trains and 600 flights were canceled in the cities of Hangzhou, Ningbo, Wenzhou and Taizhou, according to Xinhua. Buses and passenger ferries also suspended service.

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## Lao People's Democratic Republic

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES  
ELECTRICITE DU LAOS



No. 0607  
Date: 24 JUN 2015

### Invitation for bids

- Electricite du Laos (EDL) has applied the Budget for services and maintenance of Electricity network 2015 to payments under the contract for purchase SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF THE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS.
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- This Procurement is open to all eligible bidders, who have business license in the country or in this region.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from: Electricite du Laos (EDL), Head Office Business Department, Procurement Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (Working day and time) Lao-Thai Friendship Road, Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR Tel: (856-21) 316 133, 316 094 Fax: (856-21) 316 118, 263 794
- A complete set of the Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by the interested bidders on the submission of a writing application to the address below beginning June 22, 2015 and upon payment of non-refundable fee 1,200,000 LAK or its equivalent US\$ 150.00. The method of payment shall be in cash.
- Bid must be delivered to the address below at or before 14:00 (Local time) of July 24, 2015. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to the bidders. All bids will be opened at 14:00 (Local time) of July 24, 2015 in the presence of the Bidding Committee and the bidders representatives who choose to attend at address below: Electricite du Laos (EDL), Head Office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Lao-Thai Friendship Road, Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR Tel: (856-21) 316 133, 316 094 Fax: (856-21) 316 118, 263 794
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Deputy Managing Director

## World



The ground crew pushes Solar Impulse 2 as pilot Andre Borschberg sits in the cockpit at Nagoya Airport in Toyoyama, near Nagoya, central Japan. --Photo AP

## Solar plane damaged by heat, won't fly again before August

HONOLULU (AP) -- A solar-powered plane has been grounded by damaged batteries for at least a few weeks after

completing its record-breaking five-day journey from Japan to Hawaii. The Solar Impulse 2's team

says the batteries were over-insulated and became overheated on day one of the Japan-Hawaii leg. The team said Saturday that it monitored the situation throughout the flight but could not decrease the temperature.

The plane won't fly before the beginning of August as the team works to replace and repair damaged parts.

The plane landed in Hawaii on July 3 after completing a 118-hour voyage that broke the record for the world's longest nonstop solo flight.

The Solar Impulse 2 is next headed to Phoenix as part of an around-the-world flight meant to highlight the importance of renewable energy.

## Fidel Castro gives awards to food production workers: report

HAVANA (Xinhua) -- Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro has handed awards to a group of workers for their outstanding work in food production, the official *Granma* daily reported Saturday.

Published with three photos of the revolutionary leader, the report said Castro attended a meeting on Thursday in Havana "with officers and civilian employees of the Interior Ministry and the Revolutionary Armed Forces."

At the meeting, he "presented certificates of recognition for their work in producing food," added the report. The pictures show that the former president, 88, sits at a table surrounded by several generals and other senior officers, as well as some civilian workers.

"In a lively exchange with the audience," according to the report, Castro talked about the accelerated growth of the world



Cuban former leader Fidel Castro delivering a speech during a meeting with officers and civil servants of the Interior Ministry and the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces involved in the production of food, in Havana, Cuba. --Photo Xinhua

population, climate change, increasing water scarcity, international conflicts and rising food prices. Castro stressed "the importance of increasing food production, the application of science and its influence on the reproduction and development

of livestock," said the report.

On July 4, the Cuban press reported a visit by Castro to the headquarters of the Research Institute of the Food Industry in a town near Havana, where he talked with a group of cheese masters.

## UN chief urges countries to give support to the most vulnerable on World Population Day

UNITED NATIONS (Xinhua) -- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Saturday urged countries to give support to the most vulnerable so that they help build sustainable prosperity for generations to come.

In Ban's message on the

World Population Day, he said women and adolescent girls are particularly vulnerable, with nearly 60 million individuals having fled conflict or disaster.

"Violent extremists and armed groups are committing terrible abuses that result in trauma, unintended pregnancy

and infection with HIV and other diseases," he said.

In this regard, Ban called for protection of women's health, including their sexual and reproductive health, as well as continuous advancement of women's rights in times of both turmoil and calm.

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- Managing conflict

##### Qualifications and experience

- Master's Degree or equivalent in HR, Business Administration, Public Administration or related field.
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#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT

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## Public Bank takes on more social responsibility

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Public Bank Vientiane Branch is enhancing its business operations while embracing efforts to contribute to social responsibility programmes.

"The bank is not only operating its business on a financial basis in Laos but we are also thinking about social assistance," said Country Head of the bank, Mr Cheah Kim Leong.

The bank recently organised the successful Sales Road Show 2015 as a part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of the bank in Laos.

Numerous businesses also participated by highlighting their products during the promotional activity.

One of the most popular activities was the children's colouring contest, which along with other entertainment brought happiness to both children and their parents.

Moreover, as an example of the bank's corporate social responsibility, it also invited a specialist team to provide free dental checks for their children aiming to promote and protect



Mr Cheah Kim Leong.

oral health.

"We invited the dental staff to the fun event to perform health checks as some children are reluctant to have their teeth checked at a hospital but their parents have taken this opportunity to bring them along," Mr Cheah said.

The bank planned to show leadership in social responsibility by contributing especially to education and health because these sectors were vital to all people, he said.

The bank was founded in Malaysia and currently

comprises four branches in Laos with headquarters at Hadsady village, Chanthabouly district and others located at Sikhay village, Sikhottabong district, Vientiane, plus Pakxe district, Champassak province and Savannakhet province.

The bank currently comprises 110 staff, most of whom are Lao, with the bank believing strongly in their management and administration abilities. The bank will continue to employ more staff and contribute to the prosperity of the Lao economy.

"The Chairman of Public Bank, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr Teh Hong Piow always tells the staff: 'when the bank prospers, the staff will also prosper,'" added Mr Cheah.

"We are one of the commercial banks operating under the Bank of the Lao PDR guidelines and in line with government policy in socio-economic development contribution and business expansion," Mr Cheah commented.

He believed that the bank's expansion would bring more financial resources to develop the Lao economy.

## Honda chief: Product development needs more time for quality

TOKYO (China Daily, ANN)

-- To illustrate his vision for a turnaround at recall-slammned Honda, Takahiro Hachigo, the new chief executive, showed video footage set to a light-hearted 50s-style rock music of happy people with Honda products, like a lawn mower and the Asimo walking robot.

But that kind of almost nostalgic look back was close to summarising what he offered.

"I believe in the power of Honda people," he told a packed news conference at Honda Motor Co's Tokyo headquarters on Monday, after his appointment as CEO and president was approved by shareholders and the company board.

Honda's brand image has suffered after quality lapses for popular vehicles like the Fit hybrid in Japan as well as huge recall on a global level for defective Takata air bags. Although many of the world's automakers are affected by the recalls, Honda has been hardest hit because it relies heavily on Takata. The company's recalls linked to Takata have ballooned by 20 million globally.



Takahiro Hachigo, Honda Motor's president.

Hachigo promised to take more time in product development, bring his employees together as a team and improve communication within the company, to avoid the recurrence of quality lapses that have led to shrinking profits at the Japanese automaker.

Honda's profit for the fiscal year ended in March dipped nearly 9 percent, offsetting the boost from a cheap yen and healthy vehicle sales. Honda's recent crisis has been so serious that top executives have taken pay cuts.

Analysts say they are waiting on a revival plan, and

many unknowns remain on how the Takata recalls might be resolved, and what that might do to an ailing Honda.

The cause has not yet been pinpointed for the air bags that can explode with too much force and spew shrapnel into the vehicle. The problem has been suspected in at least eight fatalities and 100 injuries. Massive recall efforts are underway to keep drivers safe.

Hachigo reiterated that Honda had no immediate plans to financially help Takata. Honda has a 1.2 percent stake in Takata, which has sunk into losses over the recalls.

## Chinese firms lose 'US listing' taste

CHINA (China Daily, ANN)

-- As China's stock market rises from the turmoil, Chinese video streaming website operator YY Inc and online retailer E-Commerce China Dangdang Inc announced that they have received buyout proposals, adding to a record number of United States-listed Chinese firms going private.

On Thursday, YY's Chairman Lei Jun and Chief Executive David Li offered to take the company private in a deal valuing it at about US\$3.69 billion, while on the same day Dangdang's Chief Executive Officer Li Guoqing and Chairwoman Peggy Yu Yu offered US\$7.812 in cash per American depository share

for the e-commerce firm.

The two companies are the latest among the string of US-listed Chinese firms that are either mulling or preparing to go back to the domestic equity market through privatization.

Statistics from Bloomberg in late June showed that buyout proposals received by US-listed Chinese companies have totaled more than US\$23 billion so far as more than 20 firms received offers to go private, the most in any single year in the past 12 years.

"The two stocks (YY and Dangdang) got hammered over the past several sessions, so I think management believes the price is low and can use the opportunity to offer a

private proposal," Summit Research analyst Henry Guo told Reuters.

Dangdang and YY have fallen 36.1 percent and 21.6 percent respectively, since markets closed on June 25. The offer for Dangdang is at 20 percent premium to its closing price on Wednesday.

Though not all privatization moves are followed by a new listing, analysts said that many tech executives at US-listed Chinese firms are betting on higher valuations back home after the markets turn robust again.

Stocks in China surged for a second day on Friday, after regulators intensified their efforts to shore up the country's falling market.



Public Bank Vientiane Branch personnel show their approval of the recent Sales Road Show 2015 which included free oral health checks for children.



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## IN BRIEF

**France records 0.4 percent rise in May industrial production**

PARIS (Xinhua) -- French industrial production rose by 0.4 percent at the end of May after falling 0.8 percent a month earlier, national statistics institute Insee said on Friday. France also reported improved performance in manufacturing which increased by 0.6 percent compared to a 0.8-percent fall in April and grew by 1.4 percent on a yearly basis. May's positive trend was driven by a 2.3-percent increase in transport equipment and a 0.8-percent rise in other manufacturing businesses mainly in rubber and plastic activities.

**Spanish gov't revises up its economic predictions**

MADRID (Xinhua) -- Spain's government has revised up its economic predictions for 2015 and 2016, predicting a 3.3 percent and a 3 percent growth respectively. The government made this announcement on Friday at the press conference held after the cabinet meeting, when they said that a better performance of the domestic demand and the external sector allowed revising up the country's economic predictions.

**Korea to sell 4tr won in Treasury bills in July**

S.KOREA (The Korea Herald, ANN) -- South Korea plans to sell 4 trillion won (US\$3.5 billion) worth of Treasury bills in four separate auctions in July, the finance ministry said on Friday. "The funds generated will be used to cover temporary shortfalls in the money supply and allow the government to push forward various spending projects," the ministry said. "The cash generated can further help stabilize the management of state-controlled funds."

**Thai institution lowers economic growth forecast over drought**

BANGKOK (Xinhua) -- The University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (UTCC) has slashed its economic growth projection for 2015 to less than 3 percent, on the grounds that prolonged drought has incurred economic losses. The previous projection was 3-3.5 percent, Thanavath Phonvichai, Director of the UTCC's Economic and Business Forecasting Center, was quoted by the Nation newspaper as saying on Friday.

**Greek economy, businesses struggling under capital control**

ATHENS (Xinhua) -- Ever since bank closures and capital controls began in Greece on June 29, Greek businesses have been facing extremely tough times and have reported 1.2 billion euros (US\$1.3 billion) of losses in two weeks, according to industry estimates.

The Greek market is suffocating with a significant percentage of personnel on mandatory leave and payments and supplies on hold due to liquidity problems, experts told Xinhua on Friday.

According to Vasilis Korkidis, head of the National Confederation of the Hellenic Commerce, there are no closures of businesses or mass layoffs recorded yet.

However, the question raised is with bank withdrawals limited to 60 euros per day, how can businesses be sustained?

"Greek businesses have come up against a severe situation that can be overturned if we have a deal with international creditors on Sunday," Korkidis told Xinhua.

Until then imports, exports, the operation of factories, small businesses and transports, are frozen. The capital controls forbid money transfers abroad, except by permission from a special committee of the Ministry of Finance.

"The Greek economy has suffered losses worth 1.2 billion euros since the introduction of capital controls," Korkidis said. "The only sectors in demand are food and fuel."

The use of e-banking in order to pay suppliers abroad and to deliver orders could be a short term solution, he suggested.

The tourism industry, a key pillar of the Greek economy, has been hit as well after the dramatic developments of the last few days.

"Reservations from large foreign tour operators that were made months ago have not been influenced, but there is a 30 percent of cancellations in the last minute bookings," Alexandros Lamnidis, general manager of the Association of Greek Tourism Enterprises, told Xinhua.

Before the announcement of the referendum, reservations had been up 3 percent over the same time last year up to June 26, he added.

"The main problem is the shortage of cash liquidity in the market. Small businesses, which represent 80 percent of the market in Greece, suffer the most, as they do not use the web banking system and depend on cash," Lamnidis noted.

**PM pitches for early implementation of TAPI project**

INDIA (The Statesman, ANN) -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday pitched for early implementation of the US\$10 billion TAPI gas pipeline project during his talks with Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdimukhammedov as both countries inked seven pacts to ramp up engagement in key areas, including defence.

During their comprehensive talks, both leaders resolved to step up efforts against cross-border threats of terrorism, organised crime and illegal drug-trafficking as they their reaffirmed their commitment for a stable Afghanistan.

The Prime Minister identified terrorism as a major threat facing the region and said, "We have shared interest in a peaceful and stable Afghanistan and Central Asia. We have also common purpose in combating terrorism and extremism in our region."

Termining TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) project as a significant initiative in relationship between the two countries, Modi said he conveyed to Berdimukhammedov that multiple options including the possibility of land-sea route through Iran for the pipeline should be explored.

The TAPI gas project is an over 1,800-km pipeline with

design capacity to supply 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per annum from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

The pipeline is expected to be operational by 2018 and will carry gas from Turkmenistan's Galkynysh field that holds gas reserves of 16 trillion cubic feet.

Modi also emphasised the need for enhancing connectivity, calling it a key aspect of the relationship. He also proposed that Turkmenistan becomes part of International North South Transport Corridor.

Noting that the pipeline project could transform regional economic cooperation and bring prosperity along the route, Modi underlined the need to implement it "quickly" besides expressing readiness for India's long-term investment in the energy sector in Turkmenistan.

"I convey our interest in long-term investment in the energy sector in Turkmenistan," the Prime Minister said.

Modi arrived here last evening after his three-day visit to Ufa in Russia where he attended the BRICS and SCO Summits besides holding bilateral talks with leaders of Pakistan, Russia and China.

Modi has already visited Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan and is going to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as part of his eight-day visit to Central Asia.

**Clinton to make boosting wages central to her economic plan**

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Hillary Rodham Clinton will make boosting middle class incomes and wages the focus of her economic agenda, pointing to stagnant paychecks as the central challenge facing the US economy.

The Democratic presidential front-runner intends to lay out the themes of her economic plan in a speech on Monday, emphasizing the need for the real income of everyday Americans to rise steadily alongside corporate profits and executive compensation.

While Republican candidate Jeb Bush has called for an annual growth rate of 4 percent, Clinton will assert that the US economy should not be judged by a specific growth figure but rather by how much income increases for middle-class households.

"For a typical working American, their income has not been rising anywhere near as fast as it should be rising, and that is the challenge we face," said David Kamin, a New York University law professor who has advised Clinton's campaign. "It's not a new problem, and it's going to take a holistic vision."

Clinton's campaign on Saturday provided a preview



Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a campaign stop at the Iowa City Public Library in Iowa City, Iowa.

of her speech to be given at The New School, a university in New York City. The campaign said Clinton will point to economic progress during her husband's two terms in the 1990s and more recently under President Barack Obama. But she will aim to identify ways of improving upon the uneven nature of the nation's recovery since the Great Recession, bolstering wages even as the unemployment rate has fallen to a seven-year low of 5.3 percent.

The former secretary of state is expected to begin

outlining a series of specific economic proposals this summer on issues like wage growth, college affordability, corporate accountability and paid leave.

In Clinton's approach to the economy, more Americans would share in the prosperity and avoid the boom-and-bust cycles of Wall Street that have led to economic turbulence of the past decade. She is also expected to argue that the nation should not be fatalistic about globalisation and that specific policy steps can help US workers achieve better living standards.



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## Asian bourses swap fears for cheers

SINGAPORE (The Straits Times, ANN) -- Possibility of deal on Greek debt tomorrow; Chinese markets shake off brutal sell-down

Asian markets recovered slightly yesterday, thanks to better news out of Greece and China.

Greece came up with a fresh economic reform proposal late on Thursday, offering to meet most of the demands made by its creditors in a bid to win new funds and keep its place in the euro zone.

Renewed hope that a bailout deal could take place tomorrow lifted sentiment on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.19 percent.

"The proposals appear to offer additional concessions from Greece on the key issues that have stalled negotiations this year," Oanda senior market analyst Craig Erlam told Reuters. "(The proposals) could offer a platform on which a deal could be agreed this weekend."

In China, markets rallied in the wake of government efforts to restore investor confidence, shaking off the

brutal sell-down that took place over the last three weeks.

Shanghai shares jumped 4.54 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index gained 2.08 percent.

The Nikkei 225 Index in Japan, however, slipped 0.38 percent.

IG market strategist Bernard Aw remained sceptical of China's rebound. "The government measures have distorted the normal functioning of the equity markets," he said.

Still, the brighter overall sentiment sent the Straits Times Index up 12.48 points, or 0.38 percent, to 3,279.88.

Bourse operator Singapore Exchange also did well, climbing 15 cents to S\$8.13, while Singtel edged up three cents to S\$4.29. Yesterday's gains were steered largely by vehicle-distribution giant Jardine Cycle & Carriage, which rose 77 cents to S\$31.77.

Singapore Technologies Engineering added five cents to S\$3.31 following the firm's announcement on Thursday that its aerospace arm clinched new contracts worth S\$920 million in the second quarter

of this year.

On the other side of the ledger, Singapore Airlines tumbled 15 cents to S\$10.80, while United Overseas Bank dropped six cents to S\$22.76.

Outside of the blue chips, oilfield services firm Ezra Holdings gained 0.1 cent to 15.8 cents. This was despite the group reporting on Thursday that it recorded a net loss of US\$3 million (S\$4 million) for the third quarter ended May 31. OCBC Investment Research analyst Low Pei Han said in a report that the results were "below expectations".

"Looking ahead, the operating environment of the subsea division is expected to be challenging, and the offshore support vessel segment is also expected to see lower charter rates as well."

She maintained a "hold" rating on the stock.

SIIC Environment, which specialises in water treatment and management, was again the day's most active counter, with 78.6 million shares changing hands. The stock closed one cent up at 18.3 cents.

## Renewed risks in Bank Indonesia reserves

INDONESIA (The Jakarta Post, ANN) -- Bank Indonesia (BI) has warned that the rupiah's depreciation might exert stronger inflationary pressures this year, with the central bank consequently forced to intervene more aggressively in the market to stem excessive declines in the currency.

BI senior deputy governor Mirza Adityaswara said that economic risks from imported inflation were more serious this year due to the implementation of a fixed-subsidy scheme, where domestic fuel prices are set freely based on fluctuations in the price of oil and the exchange rate.

Every 1 percent of rupiah depreciation would add 0.13 percent of annual inflation this year, he said recently. That compares with BI's estimates of 0.07 percent last year, when the government still capped the price of subsidised fuels.

"We attempted to halt [the rupiah's decline] because an excessive weakening in the currency could have a negative impact on inflation," he said at the central bank's headquarters recently.

BI has targeted inflation to fall between 3 and 5 percent this year, but analysts fear that a surge in price levels might exceed the range.

The World Bank, for instance, has predicted that inflation could hit 6.8 percent in 2015, arguing that the

rupiah's depreciation and future fuel price increases may raise inflationary pressures.

Realising such a fact, BI has been forced to perform heavier-than-usual intervention in the currency market to halt declines in the rupiah. The local currency, which hovered at 13,304 per US dollar on Friday, has fallen 6.9 percent year-to-date, Asia's second-worst performer after the Malaysian ringgit.

BI's foreign exchange (forex) reserves — used by the central bank to supply dollars in the market to stabilise the rupiah — have declined for four consecutive months to hit US\$108 billion by the end of June, the lowest level in a year.

While BI has been more aggressive in intervening in the rupiah lately, Mirza said that the central bank would remain prudent in splurging its dollars and would not target the rupiah at a certain level.

"BI saw the rupiah rate as already weaker than its fundamental value based on its real effective exchange rate [REER], so BI had to be present in the market to safeguard the currency's movement," Mirza said when asked about the steep decline in forex reserves in recent months.

In a meeting with business stakeholders from the Indonesian Economists Association (ISEI) this week, President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo highlighted the importance of the central

bank performing an orderly intervention in the currency market.

Responding to businesspeople's concerns on the weak rupiah, the President stated that a central bank should not perform "too much intervention" to reverse the course of the currency.

Barclays Bank economist Wai Ho Leong said that the drop in BI's reserves in the last few months was the result of increased market expectations that the rupiah would depreciate, as well as of the perception that the Jokowi administration would fall short of its plans.

"We do not expect reserves to continue to fall on a trend basis. They may drift slightly lower, but should start to stabilise as portfolio investors return," said Leong.

BI's forex reserves of US\$108 billion are sufficient to cover seven months of imports. The reserves-to-imports ratio is among the lowest in the Asian region, though it is still above the international standard of three months.

BI has beefed up its forex reserves defense by signing bilateral swap lines with central banks in Japan and China worth US\$12 billion and US\$15 billion, respectively, which will allow the Indonesian central bank to tap fresh funds at times of stress.

## Imported beef prices up on strong US dollar

BRUNEI (The Brunei Times, ANN) -- THE price of imported beef had been rising in the past few weeks on back of strong global demand for Australian beef and higher shipping costs.

Representatives from the local meat industry told *The Brunei Times* that the strong US dollar has raised the cost of shipping beef from Australia to the Sultanate.

A spokesperson at PDS Meat Industries Sdn Bhd, a local abattoir, said beef prices have been increasing since April. This is because the stronger greenback has raised freight costs which are US dollar-denominated. She declined to disclose the landed cost of Australian beef in Brunei.

The US dollar is 20 percent higher against major currencies from July last year through the first quarter of 2015, according to a report from Reuters. The exchange rate is currently at B\$1.349 per US dollar. In comparison, in July last year, it was valued at around B\$1.248 per US dollar, according to data issued by the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam.

Mok Csuang Koon, sales representative at meat processing firm BMC Sdn Bhd, said higher demand from the US and China has also spiked prices of Australian beef.

The drought in the US has cut down production of feed corn, and consequently beef production. This has pushed the US to import more beef from Australia. In China, the growing number of middle class consumers has boosted appetite for beef.

Local retail prices of beef



An employee weighing the meat during the canning process at a meat processing firm in Berakas.

has increased in May compared to the year before, according to the latest Consumer Price Index report issued by the Department of Economic Planning and Development (JPKE).

For beef and buffalo meat, the price index has increased by 1.9 percent.

Retail prices, however, are expected to be stable despite the higher cost of importing beef. This is because of the price caps imposed by the JPKE for the Ramadhan season.

JPKE said for meat from

local cows or buffaloes, the price should not exceed US\$12 per kilogramme.

Beef imported from India is capped at US\$7.90 per kg, while Australian beef should cost no more than US\$13 per kg.

The PDS spokesperson said that for this Ramadhan, the company is offering a 40 to 50 percent discount on meat bones that are typically used in traditional soup dishes.

She also assured there will be no beef shortage during the Hari Raya as their imports will be coming in as scheduled.

## Philippines' rice production under pressure from El Niño

PHILIPPINE (Philippine Daily Inquirer, ANN) -- The Philippines is suffering the worst from the effects of the El Niño dry spell and driving up demand for milled rice imports, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

In its latest semestral Rice Market Monitor Report, the FAO raised its forecast on global rice trade for 2015 to 42 million tonnes, or 700,000 tonnes more than the forecast set last April, partly due to Philippine importation.

The United Nations agency said that while the global production of paddy rice in 2015 was forecast to recover slightly from 2014, Asia's three major rice exporting countries—Thailand, India and Vietnam—were already under pressure from a lack of

precipitation.

"Among importers, crops in the Philippines are suffering most from the effects of the prevailing El Niño anomaly and preparing for its likely persistence until early 2016," the agency added.

For 2015, the Philippines' National Food Authority has so far contracted foreign suppliers for a total of 750,000 tonnes of milled rice.

The FAO noted that the Philippine government had lowered production forecasts for the crop year July 2014 to June 2015 to 18.85 million tonnes.

This is lower by 150,000 tonnes compared to the forecast last April, but still representing a marginal gain over the previous crop year's harvest.

For this, the Philippines' Department of Agriculture has cited the impact of prolonged

dry spells, which cut plantings of the dry season crop by 2 percent to 2.1 million hectares, as well as pest attacks further compromising yields which might have pushed down the output by 1.4 percent to 8.3 million tonnes.

"As planting activities of 2015 main crops get underway, FAO has also lowered its [crop year July 2014 to June 2016] production forecast for the country to 18.4 million tonnes", 500,000 tonnes below the current estimate for the crop year just ended, the FAO said.

"Underlying the negative outlook is primarily the El Niño phenomenon, which, while linked to a reduced incidence of storms, is commonly associated in the Philippines with a poor rainfall performance," the agency added.



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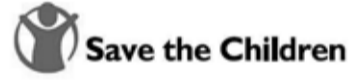
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**Para-professional Social Work Training Manual Consultant**  
**UNICEF Vientiane, Lao-PDR**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Vientiane, Lao PDR is looking for a qualified consultant to support the Finalization of the Para-professional Training Manual on Social Work for Children and their Families in Lao PDR for Child Protection Section for a period of approximately over 20 working days between July and September 2015.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

The Consultant is expected to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and the National University of Laos to finalize the Para-professional Training Manual on Social Work for Children and their Families in Lao PDR and ensure that contents of the manual are in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and international standards and best practices on social work for children and their families. The key tasks and outputs of this consultancy are as follows:

1. Assist the Personnel and Organization Department of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MoLSW) and the Faculty of Social Sciences of the National University of Laos (NUoL) to review of the existing Government draft contents of the Para-professional Training Manual on Social Work for Children and their Families and relevant documents (laws, policies, guidelines, reports, etc.) relating to social work in Lao PDR. Support Identify and document key gaps and recommendations, drawing on best practices from the region and international standards.
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**Nutrition Mapping Consultant**  
**UNICEF Vientiane, Lao-PDR**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Vientiane, Lao PDR, is looking for an International Consultant to support Nutrition Action and Stakeholder Mapping in the Health and Nutrition Section for a period of 28 working days over the period of up to six months between September 2015 and February 2016.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

The consultant will provide technical advice to the secretariat of the National Nutrition Committee and the co-conveners of the informal Development Partners Group on Nutrition for the implementation of stakeholder and nutrition action mapping in Lao PDR using the SUN Planning and Monitoring Tool.

The key tasks of this consultancy are as follows:

- Advise on the planning, preparation and facilitation of stakeholder and nutrition action mapping process and develop a detailed road map
- Facilitate technical consultations to get the necessary information for the customization of the SUN PMT to Lao PDR
- Customize SUN PMT for Lao PDR and prepare it for transferring to the office of the NNC secretariat
- Train national staff from key ministries working with the secretariat to the National Nutrition Committee, national contracted staff of the office of the NNC secretariat, SUN CSA consultant and interested Development Partners in the use of the SUN PMT, including data collection, management, analysis, mapping and reporting.
- Oversee and ensure data quality throughout the data collection, data entry and data cleaning period
- Undertake in-depth data analysis, including reviewing the population coverage data collected
- Provide training on data management, map creation of results and report generation to the pool of national staff assigned to the mapping exercise
- Support scale-up discussions based on the insights generated with the SUN PMT and analysis of the data

The key outputs for this consultancy include:

- Road map for nutrition action and stakeholder mapping
- SUN PMT customized to Lao context
- Training materials (agenda + presentations + background documents) for initial orientation of the national team and subsequent training sessions of the use of tool for data analysis and annual update of the tool
- Written analysis of the nutrition mapping including % target population coverage per priority nutrition action per district and geographic coverage (% coverage)
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- Powerpoint presentations of results and analysis for both technical and high-level audiences; output reports and a final presentation of results using slides, maps, and narrative

**Qualifications and experience:**

- Master's Degree in Planning, Economics, Nutrition, Social Sciences or other related field of study
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(Announcement No. 15/18)

**OPEN TO:** All Qualified Candidates  
**POSITION:** Guard Supervisor, FSN-6  
**OPENING DATE:** July 10, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** July 24, 2015  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 48 hours/week  
**SALARY:** Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant.

**NOTE: THIS IS A LOCAL POSITION. THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL COME UNDER LOCAL LABOR LAW, AND BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL COMPENSATION PLAN. ALL ORDINARY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN LAOS AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is seeking 3 (Three) individuals for the position of **Guard Supervisor** in the Regional Security Office (RSO).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Incumbent serves as the assistant supervisor for the entire local guard force and reports to the Local Guard Commander (LGC). Responsible for directly supervising the Roving Patrol and Residential guards after normal working hours, reporting security problems at residences, responding to emergencies at the Embassy or residences, and ensuring compliance with orders, procedures and standards as set forth by the RSO and LGC.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

- Education:** Completion of secondary school is required. College graduate is desired.
- Prior Work Experience:** Three years of guard duties or directly applicable military or police experience.
- Language Proficiency:** Level III English, good working knowledge necessary. Fluency in Lao speaking and writing required.
- Knowledge:** Must be thoroughly familiar with all Embassy Guard orders, procedures, standards and emergency responses.
- Skills and Abilities:** Must demonstrate leadership, supervisory skills and organizational skills. Must have a valid driving license and be physically fit and able.

**HOW TO APPLY**

- Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for the application to be considered:
- Universal Application for Employment (Form DS-174). Download the form at: [http://laos.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://laos.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)
  - Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
  - Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Human Resources Office  
 American Embassy Vientiane  
 Thadeua Rd., Km 9, Ban Somvang Tai  
 P.O. Box 114, Vientiane, Laos  
 (Hardcopy or e-mail attachments are accepted)

**POINT OF CONTACT**

Telephone: 856-21-487176/7259  
 Fax: 856-21-488002  
 E-mail: VientianeHRO@state.gov

Interested persons should contact Embassy Human Resources Office for more information. Blank application forms may be picked up from the cabinet inside the Embassy entrance. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 24, 2015**  
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(Announcement No.15/20)

**OPEN TO:** All Qualified Candidates  
**POSITION:** Residential Guard, FSN-2  
**OPENING DATE:** July 10, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** July 24, 2015  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 48 hours/week  
**SALARY:** Actual salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant.

**NOTE: THIS IS A LOCAL POSITION. THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL COME UNDER LOCAL LABOR LAW, AND BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL COMPENSATION PLAN. ALL ORDINARY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN LAOS AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is seeking 8 (Eight) individuals for the position of Residential Guard in the Regional Security Office (RSO).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

Incumbents serve as the security guard for all official residences and reports to the Local Guard Shift Supervisor. He/she is responsible for controlling access, securing, patrolling and reporting all problems, incidents or emergencies at official residences.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

- Education:** Completion of primary school is required.
- Prior Work Experience:** One year of directly applicable military or police or guard experience.
- Language Proficiency:** Be able to communicate in English (level 2). Good working knowledge of Lao language (level 3) is required.
- Knowledge:** Must be thoroughly familiar with all Embassy Guard orders, procedures, standards and emergency responses.
- Skills and Abilities:** Must be physically fit and able.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for the application to be considered:

- Universal Application for Employment (Form DS-174). Download the form at: [http://laos.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://laos.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)
- Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
- Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

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 American Embassy Vientiane  
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**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 24, 2015**  
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(Announcement No.15/21)

**OPEN TO:** All Qualified Candidates  
**POSITION:** Embassy Guard, FSN-3  
**OPENING DATE:** July 10, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** July 24, 2015  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 48 hours/week  
**SALARY:** Actual salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant.

**NOTE: THIS IS A LOCAL POSITION. THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL COME UNDER LOCAL LABOR LAW, AND BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL COMPENSATION PLAN. ALL ORDINARY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN LAOS AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is seeking 10 (Ten) individuals for the position of Embassy Guard in the Regional Security Office (RSO).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

Incumbent serves as a guard for the Embassy compound and reports to the Guard Sergeant (shift supervisor) and Local Guard Commander. He/she is responsible for controlling access of all personnel and vehicles into the Embassy, patrolling Embassy grounds and responding to security incidents, operating security equipment and raising the alarm in an emergency.

- Understand and apply published guard orders, RSO and LG Commander Directions, Embassy security procedures, operations and professional standards.
- Respond to emergencies or incidents at the Embassy in coordination with Surveillance Detection guards, Roving Patrol Guards, local police, RSO and LG Commander.
- Conduct Embassy walking patrols and searches.
- Report all incidents (fire, theft, unauthorized access etc.), suspicious activity, observations via verbal notification and written incident reports.
- Operate complex security, screening and emergency equipment.
- Control all personnel and vehicular access to the Embassy. Screen and/or search all personnel and vehicles prior to entry.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

- Education:** Completion of secondary school required.
- Experience:** One year of guard duties or applicable military, police or security experience is required.
- Language:** Level II English and Level III Lao
- Knowledge:** Must be thoroughly familiar with all Embassy guard orders, procedures, standards and emergency responses.
- Abilities:** Operate security equipment. Interpret guard orders and instructions. Must be physically fit.

**HOW TO APPLY**

- Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for the application to be considered:
- Universal Application for Employment (Form DS-174). Download the form at: [http://laos.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://laos.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)
  - Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
  - Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 24, 2015**  
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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(Announcement No. 15/22)

**OPEN TO:** All Qualified Candidates  
**POSITION:** Sergeant, FSN-4  
**OPENING DATE:** July 10, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** July 24, 2015  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 48 hours/week  
**SALARY:** Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant.

**NOTE: THIS IS A LOCAL POSITION. THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL COME UNDER LOCAL LABOR LAW, AND BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL COMPENSATION PLAN. ALL ORDINARY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN LAOS AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is seeking 5 (Five) individuals for the position of Sergeant in the Regional Security Office (RSO).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Incumbent serves as the mid-level supervisor for the Embassy compound and reports to the Local Guard Commander. Responsible for supervising all guards assigned at the Embassy during respective shift and ensuring compliance with orders, procedures and standards as set forth by the RSO, LG Supervisor and published documents.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

- Education:** Completion of Secondary School is required
- Prior Work Experience:** Three years of guard duties or directly applicable military or police experience.
- Language Proficiency:** Level II English, minimal working knowledge required. Level IV, fluently spoken and written Lao required.
- Job Knowledge:** Must be thoroughly familiar with all Embassy Guard orders, procedures, standards and emergency responses.
- Skills and Abilities:** Must be able to take initiative and work with a minimal amount of supervision. Must demonstrate leadership and supervisory skills.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for the application to be considered:

- Universal Application for Employment (Form DS-174). Download the form at: [http://laos.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://laos.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html)
- Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
 Department of Forestry  
**Selection of Individual Consultant: C12 Procurement Assistant**

The Government of Lao PDR (GOL) in partnership with the International Development Association of the World Bank (IDA, WB), the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFAF), and the Forest Investment Program of the Carbon Investment Fund (FIP, CIF) is in the process of implementation of the Scaling - Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management Project (SUPSFM) covering 51 PFAs in 13 Southern, Central, and Northern Lao provinces. The Project implementation requires establishing a Project Procurement Management Team and building capacity of procurement management staff based on World Bank approved Procurement Manual.

The SUPSFM National Project Management Office (NPMO), under the Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is therefore seeking one Procurement Assistant to assist in undertaking procurement Process under Project. The Procurement Assistant work under close supervision of the National Procurement Consultant and National Project Coordinator and will provide assistance on all procurement process related matters to National Project Management Office (NPMO), as well as provincial and district project management offices and will be based in the National Project Management Office (NPMO) and endorsed by the SUPSFM - National Project Coordinator.

An Individual Candidate will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011.

**Selection criteria are:**

- Diploma or higher degree in Procurement, Business management, Trade Engineering or any related field.
- At least two years' experience in public procurement or procurement for donor funded projects (experience with the World Bank financed projects will weigh considerably);
- Familiarity with the GOL procurement regulations and procedures;
- Good proficiency in written and spoken communication in English;
- Advanced computer skills in Word, Excel, etc.;
- Solid interpersonal skills and willingness to work as part of a team;

Interested Individual Candidate may obtain further information from Term of Reference at the address: SUPSFM Project, Department of Forestry, That Dam Block, Chao Anou Road, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, and Tel & Fax: 856 21 215002, 856 21 215723, E-mail: bounpone.sth@gmail.com, cc to chittanon.bsl@gmail.com from 08:00 to 16:00 hours (Standard Lao PDR time).

Interested Individual Candidates must provide information indicating they are qualified to perform the service (CV with academic background, experience in similar assignment, knowledge of local condition, (if any etc). Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted not later than **July 30, 2015** to the address below:

**Attention:**

Mr. Bounpone Sengthong  
 National Project Coordinator, SUPSFM  
 Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
 P.O. Box 2932, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic  
 Tel/fax: + 856 21215002  
 E - mail: Bounpone.sth@gmail.com, cc to chittanon.bsl@gmail.com



**Theun-Hinboun**  
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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

The Theun-Hinboun Power Company (THPC) is the owner and operator of the 500-MW Theun-Hinboun Power Plant located in Khammouane and Bolikhamxay Provinces of the Lao PDR. THPC is inviting all interested and qualified parties to submit tender documents for the following requirements:

**Installation of 22 kV Power Line, Distribution Line, Transformer and Wiring**

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• **Contract IMD-C06/15: Phakhouak Domestic Electricity Installation**

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THPC is now accepting tenders from registered companies with the financial and technical capability to complete this project within the required timeframe. Companies with proven previous experience on similar sized projects are invited to apply for this contract.

An optional information meeting and site visit will be held at 2:00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015, at the THPC Field Office, Ban Laokha, Hinboun District, Khammouane Province.

The **Instruction to Tenderers and Tender Documents** are available for view and purchase at 200,000 kip per set (non-refundable) from 13-15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the location below:

**Theun-Hinboun Power Company**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Simuang Commercial Center, Fa Ngum Rd, Phiavat, Sisattanak,

P.O. Box 3382, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Tel: 856-21-217363, Fax (856-21) 217 529.

[www.thpc Laos.com](http://www.thpc Laos.com)

**Deadline** for submission of tenders is 10:30 am, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

**Contact:** Mr Phomma Keopaseuth, Mr Kaysone Sayaso or Mr Ounjai Linavong

**Email:** phomma.k@thpc Laos.com, kaysone@thpc Laos.com, ounjai@thpc Laos.com

THPC has been generating electricity in the Lao PDR since 1998, providing significant revenues to the country through exports and making a huge contribution to national growth and development. THPC's hydropower plant is located in both Bolikhamxay and Khammouane provinces, where the company's two powerhouses together generate around 500 MW of electricity, including 60 MW for domestic consumption.



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**1. Field Coordinator/Analyst Role (Lao National)**

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- Carry out and manage data entry from surveys into excel databases
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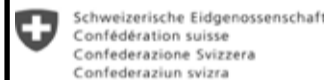
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 Cooperation Office for the Mekong Region  
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) RFP No. UNFPA/LAO/15/001

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, an international development agency, is kindly invited all eligible companies/firms to submit proposals for Stock Availability Survey 2015

The proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes for both Technical and Financial proposals shall be submitted separately no later than **30 July 2015, at 16:00 hrs, Vientiane time** (Reference: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/laos/vientiane>) to the following address:

Attention: **Kamran Rzayev, International Operations Manager**  
UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND  
Ban Phonesavanh Tai  
Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital  
Lao PDR.  
Tel: (856-21) 315547 - 353048 - 353049  
Fax: (856-21) 353051

RFP No. UNFPA/LAO/15/001, (Company name)

Late or partial proposal will be rejected

UNFPA will not be responsible for postal delays, if any, in the delivery of the bid document or no-receipt of the same.

Comprehensive bidding documents can be download via on <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/35663> or <http://countryoffice.unfpa.org/laos/>

A prospective bidder requiring any clarification on the bid solicitation documents may notify to **Kamran Rzayev, International Operations Manager, email address: [rzayev@unfpa.org](mailto:rzayev@unfpa.org)** no later than **17 July 2015 at 16:00 hrs, Vientiane time** (Reference: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/laos/vientiane>).

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**KHAMMOUANE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (KDP)**  
 Project No. P-087716/Grant No. H404-LA

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE POSITION OF International or Regional Consultant to Review Xebangfai Agriculture Research and Development Center and Prepare a Sustainable Plan**

Khammouane Development Project (KDP) is a World Bank-funded project that has been implemented since 2008. The Project aims to strengthen the planning process and public financial management associated with decentralized delivery of services and infrastructure in Khammouane Province. The KDP consists of the following three components:- Component 1: Local Development and Provincial Capacity Building, Component 2: Support for Irrigation Development in Lower Xebangfai River, and Component 3: Support for Rural Livelihood and Agricultural Development. The responsibility of overall project execution lies with the Provincial Department of Planning and Investment in partnership with Department of Irrigation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO). The project is overseen and guided by the Project Steering Committee chaired by the Provincial Vice-Governor.

An International or Regional Consultant is required to assist the KDP-Component 3 Management Unit (CMU) established under PAFO to comprehensively assess the implementation status of strategic plan for Xebangfai Agriculture Research and Development Center (XBF Center) in Khammouane province and develop a Sustainability Plan for 2016-2020 in preparation for its transition and upscaling after the end of the KDP, March 31, 2016. Detailed tasks are provided in the enclosed Terms of Reference.

The Consultant will report to the KDP Project Director and will carry out his assignment under the close supervision of Manager of Component 3. The consultant is expected to spend about 20 working days to undertake her/his assignment starting from July 17, 2015 or after the signing of her/his contract. S/he is expected to work over the weekend e.g on Saturday.

**Minimum Qualification Requirements:**

- A minimum of Master degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource and Forestry Management, or other related fields;
- At least 10 years of working experience, including minimum 5 of proven experience in institutional strengthening, and management in agricultural or relevant sectors or other related fields of expertise;
- Solid knowledge and experience in agricultural development, rice production; agriculture and livestock extension and demonstration work in Laos or in the region;
- Good proficiency in written and spoken communication in English and ability to speak Lao language would be an advantage;
- Willingness to travel and spend time in Khammouane province with CMU and XBF center's staff, and visit farmers and concerned stakeholders.
- Initiative and ability to work independently.

Consultant will be selected through Individual Consultants method as set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (current edition).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 16:00 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by postal mail, Fax or e-mail to the address below by **17 July 2015**.

**Mr. Dethsackda Manikham, Component 1 & 3 Manager**  
 Component 3 Management Unit, Khammouane Development Project  
 Thakek District, Khammouane Province, Lao PDR  
 Email: manikham\_dsd@yahoo.com  
 Cc: Mr. Keophouthone Inthivong, Procurement Specialist  
 Email: keophouthoneinthivong@gmail.com

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Agricultural Promotion Bank

No: 132  
 Vientiane date: July6, 2015

**Invitation for bids**

To : Independent auditing companies  
 Title : Independent auditing companies are invited to offer bids for auditing the business operations of the Agricultural Promotion Bank for 2015.

- Pursuant to the Law on Commercial Banking No 03/NA, dated December 26, 2006.
- Pursuant to the announcement issued by the Bank of the Lao PDR, No 338/BOL, dated September 13, 2012 on external [independent] auditing.


The Agricultural Promotion Bank's Headquarters kindly invites independent auditing companies to participate in the bidding process to select the firm for auditing the business operations of the Agricultural Promotion Bank for 2015 based on the International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and the Lao Accounting Standard (LAS) with the details as follows:

- The international standard comprises the International Standards on Auditing (ISA), International Accounting and Auditing Standards (IAS), and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- The Lao standard comprises the Lao Accounting Standard and auditing standard in accordance with the Lao Law on Enterprises and other relevant regulations of the Bank of the Lao PDR, which are promulgated in each period.

Those companies interested in participating in the bidding process are suggested to contact the Headquarters of the Agricultural Promotion Bank [on the fifth floor] to get the documents outlining the terms of reference (TOR). The headquarters is located in Phakhao village, Xaythany district, Vientiane. Contact numbers: 021 713 061, Mobile: 020 2222 7536, Fax: 021 713 060. The bidding fee is 4,000,000 kip per application. Application forms must be submitted not later than July 17, 2015. The winning bidder will be declared at 14:00pm on July 21, 2015 at the headquarters' meeting room located on the fifth floor.

Therefore, the Agricultural Promotion Bank issued this announcement to invite interested independent auditing companies to participate in the bidding process.

Director



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**Qualification required:**

- Bachelor Degree in Information Technology;
- Minimum 5 Years Experience in IT field with minimum 3 years experience as IT Manager;
- Demonstrated skills in managing projects of various sizes and technologies as well as in the development of strategic architecture.
- High-Level CISCO and VMWARE Experience is a MUST.

**2. Deputy Accounting Manager – 1 position in Vientiane (Head Office)**
**Key Duties:**

- Assisting an Accounting Manager and Management Coordinator to oversee and manage accounting and finance teams. Leading the teams and motivating the accounting and finance staff to complete the works as per due date; the works are including finance, accounts payable, account receivable, inventory, costing, general ledger (including fixed assets), annual budgeting and statutory reporting for all company's project.
- Assist the accounting manager to develop, implement, maintain and review financial controls in order to attain accurate and timely financial information;
- Assist the department head and Management Coordinator to review and improve financial practices, procedures, processes and policies;
- Monitor the accounting team on their performance and development;

**Qualification required:**

- At least obtaining Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or a related field with Certification in CPA or CMA;
- Eight ( 8 ) years of professional accounting experience; OR, Any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved;
- Strong knowledge in Lao Accounting
- Minimum 5 years of Account/project management experience;
- Expert in accounting software utilization; knowledge in ERP is preferable;
- Knowledge and skill in managerial practices and principles;
- Motivated, goal oriented, persistent and a skilled negotiator;
- High level of initiative and work well in a team environment;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Handles stressful situations and deadline pressures well;
- Plans and carries out responsibilities with minimal direction.

**3. Accounting Supervisor – 1 position in Vientiane (Head Office)**
**Key Duties:**

- Issue financial reports of Chaleun Agriculture monthly, quarterly, biannually and annually which includes the operations and activities of Chaleun Agriculture businesses and business activities in the head quarter.
- Check and examine the financial reports.
- Correct and/or adjust the financial reports to meet the requirement of IFRS and Lao accounting system, depending on what kind of reports needed to be issued.
- Coordinate and update the accounting work of the site where Chaleun Agriculture's activities are.
- Support the accounting team at the site of Chaleun Agriculture related to accounting issues and support to solve the problem if any.

**Qualification required:**

- Bachelor Degree in Accounting or Business Administration;
- At least 5 years of professional accounting with private enterprise and/or financial institution is an advantage;
- Completion of Lao CPA course is preferable;
- Fluency in English and Lao with very good writing and oral skills;
- Excellent leadership and communication skills required;
- Good computer skills including MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and other accounting software ;
- Ability to do multi tasks, work under pressure and meet deadline required.

**4. Senior Civil Engineer – 1 position in Vientiane (Head Office)**
**Key Duties:**

- Prepared engineering drawings, sketches, equipment specifications, calculations and cost estimate for resettlement villages
- Prepared preliminary engineering design, cost estimate and other information on resettlement facilities
- Review the proposal and related document.
- Prepared work schedule and methods for field survey and design on resettlement facilities.
- Follow up and monitor project work procedures such as approval from Government to ensure compliance with policies and procedure.
- Participation, discussion and take note of all meeting with GOL.
- Prepare a variety of drawings, field survey report and correspondence on assigned project and collect related documents.
- Provide and shared all information to staff of engineering and staff.
- Follow up all kind of work directed by Company.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor degree in civil engineering
- Strong technical background in civil and design engineering
- Minimum of 7 years of relevant experience
- Experience managing and supervise on commercial civil/site development projects
- Detailed Knowledge on resettlement facilities development, standards and practices on power sector.
- Effectively use computer applications such as computer assisted design programs (AutoCAD), Word, Excel, PowerPoint, email and database software.

**5. Senior Admin Officer – 1 position in Vientiane (Head Office)**
**Key Duties:**

- To assist on general office as administrative officer.
- To prepare budget for traveling, meeting and reconcile.
- To work and cooperate with government when needed.
- To conclude and summarize time sheet of S&E Dept
- To provide letters and documents and also prepare the meeting
- To translate sometimes from Lao to English and also English to Lao

**Qualification required:**

- Bachelor Degree administration.
- At least 3 years of experience in administrative task.
- Must be spoken, written and understood both Lao and English.
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, to include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Programs.
- Be able to travel to field whenever required.
- Able to communicate with a wide range of people from different ethnic and social culture.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Be able to work and meet tight deadline and also under pressure.

**6. Senior Resettlement and Compensation Officer – 1 position in Vientiane (Head Office)**
**Key Duties:**

- To gather data for affected people on environmental and social asset and also data analysis.
- To initiate and know how to make plan for resettlement and compensation affected people
- To know how to convince the affected people to resettle on new resettlement
- To be familiar with Lao regulations and guidelines of resettlement and compensation
- To realize and negotiate well in compensation on project affected people.
- To work closely with local people and authorities in order to achieve the target
- To be experienced on compensation and resettlement are needed

**Qualification required:**

- Bachelor Degree or Master in Social studies / Social and Community Development studies.
- At least 7 years of experience in resettlement and compensation in hydropower or mining project.
- Must be spoken, written and understood both Lao and English.
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, to include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Programs.
- Be able to travel to field survey whenever required and be assigned to the site when project is operated.
- Physically fit to work at the site.
- Able to communicate with a wide range of people from different ethnic and social culture.
- Ability to work and willing to assist disadvantaged groups.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Be able to work and meet tight deadline and also under pressure.

**7. Senior IT officer – 2 Position in Lak20 ,KSO Gold Mine**
**Key Duties:**

- Mainly focus on IT network operation
- Qualification required:
- Bachelor Degree in computer science or information technology
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<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	Programme Assistant	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	G-4 ( Fixed Term Appointment)
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	FAO Representation to Lao PDR	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	Vientiane, Laos (based in the Country Office)
		<b>DURATION :</b>	12 months with a possible extension
		<b>POST NUMBER:</b>	0134996
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	2.1.01b

**Organizational Setting**

The post is located in the FAO Representation, Laos

**Main Purpose**

The Programme Assistant performs a wide range of routine administrative and financial functions in support of the delivery of the organizational unit's programme and projects.

**Supervision Received/Exercised**

The Office Associate reports to the FAO Representative. Work is performed autonomously, showing a high degree of initiative and independent judgment. Supervision received is focused on facilitating service delivery. The incumbent effectively organizes and supervises other office support staff and provides relevant guidance and training.

**Working Relationships**

The Programme Assistant interacts with a wide variety of colleagues within the work unit and with immediate clients within the Organization, providing routine administrative and financial services.

**Key Functions/Results**

- Collect and compile data on programme/ project activities to support reporting on programme/ project delivery;
- Provide information on programme/ project expenditures and status of programme/ project budget;
- Process, format and proof-read reports, documents, publications and correspondence related to the work of the unit from draft texts;
- Review and direct correspondence, calls and queries to appropriate contacts; provide for background information; respond to routine enquiries;
- Make arrangements for meetings, seminars and events: implement logistics, prepare correspondence, compile and distribute documents, make administrative arrangements;
- Initiate and follow up on administrative and financial actions related to staff management, non-staff support, travel, payments, and procurement;.
- Enter, select, analyze and summarize data from various sources, including FAO corporate systems, such as COIN (Country Office Information System), FPMIS (Field Programme Management Information System), GRMS, country databases, etc.
- Maintain, log, file and maintain and update records in prescribed format for subsequent use.
- Participate in project monitoring by maintaining current registers and controlling tools on the status of projects at various stages; review inputs, expenditures and time frames according to work plans; make necessary abstracts and computations; detect inconsistencies.
- Assist in the preparation and submission of Quarterly Project Implementation Reports (QPIR) and any other periodic and ad hoc project reports.
- Prepare background material, working papers and tables for briefings, review sessions and meetings.
- Prepare correspondence to verify data, answer queries, and obtain additional information on transactions and operational matters, as required.
- Maintain a filing system of technical and project documents and correspondence.
- Carry out other specific operational tasks for programme/ project implementation as requested.
- Perform other related duties as required.

**Impact of work**

The incumbent's work impacts on the timely and efficient delivery of the immediate work unit's programme.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS - candidates will be assessed against the following**

**Education:** Secondary School Education/certificate

**Experience:** Five years of relevant experience in management- and office support work

**Languages:** Working knowledge (Level C) of English

**IT Skills:** Very good knowledge of the MS Office applications, Internet and office technology equipment

**Technical Skills**

- Thorough knowledge of a computerized financial/travel/human resources systems (Enterprise Resource Planning)

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**

- Thorough knowledge of the Organization's communication and documentation standards
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- Your application should be typewritten (where possible), signed and dated.
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- Submit a separate application for each position for which you are applying.
- Send your application to the address (mail, e-mail or fax) indicated on the Vacancy Announcement.

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**Computer Skills**

- Indicate your word processing skills and knowledge of database/spreadsheet (e.g. Excel, Access), or any other office automation software known and used.
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**Streetwise**

# How has economic development changed in Laos?

*As the nation makes preparations to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Lao National Day on December 2, Vientiane Times reporters asked people what changes they have seen to economic development in Laos.*

**Times Reporters**

**Mr Somphong Deviengxay, President of Lao Association Travel Agents:** We can see that Laos has improved significantly, especially in the travel industry. Laos now has many interesting tourist sites of culture, nature and history in both the city and



rural areas. The government and party have paid more attention to this recently and are always building telecommunications and

transport infrastructure to add convenience for tourists. Right now tourists from overseas can come to visit Laos easily and use private transport. This is good for people and tourist sites in the rural areas with many tourists now going there. Many tourists come to Laos interested in the culture, natural and history, so I would like to call on individuals and companies to pay more attention to telling tourists what is appropriate behaviour in Laos. However, some are worried that if we give visitors too many rules it will discourage them but I think good quality tourists understand these regulations protect important sites. I would like to thank the Party and government for its efforts in the sector and helping us.

**Mr Khamvan Keovichit, a retired man from Savannakhet province:** The 40th anniversary of

Lao National Day is fast approaching. As a person who has lived for a long time in Laos I can see the nation has greatly improved. There are now Lao and foreign companies, both private and government operating and employing many people who have better lives. When I was young around 30 years ago, it's was very difficult if we wanted to purchase something, especially from other countries and we had very poor communications. I had to send a letter as we didn't have telephones. However, Laos is still less developed compared to some other countries as we cannot produce as many goods and have to import them.

**Ms Ammala, an elder from Nongtaeng Tai village, Sikhottabong district:** It's easy to see that Vientiane is developing as I'm now at Chao Anouvong Park seeing children enjoy

themselves playing in a modern playground. We never had open areas like this when I was a girl. As an older resident I have seen many changes to our country particularly in the capital. I think the economy of our country is growing day by day because of good



leadership of the government. The government has proper policies and laws on investment and commerce. So compared to the past, the economy is growing strongly which sometimes makes me

forget the poor times of the past.

**Mr Bounthavy Khanthavong, a resident from Donepamai village, Sisattanak district:** I think Laos is now very different from the past. All sectors are improving and the country is now more modern and developed. There are many markets, shopping centres and commercial enterprises. The number of roads, schools, hospitals, and high-rise building is increasing too. There are many kinds of local products which generate more income for Lao people. There are many sites to visit which provide good service, and the country is beautiful, peaceful and also politically stable. All of these factors have helped rapid economic growth and this is helping the people's living conditions.

**Mr Chinchila, a small businesswoman in Vientiane:** Everything is now changing

because of development in Laos as we are following the government and Party. But we are still seeing many projects in Laos failing to complete after gaining the go-ahead and we don't know why. I think the authorities should pay more attention to this as it is slowing down development. On the other hand, some developments cause problems for the public or the environment if we're not careful such as recently with some factories.



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# Economic growth key to Singapore's property fortunes

Lee Su Shyan

SINGAPORE (The Straits Times, ANN) --There's no denying that private property prices in Singapore are on a downward trend; they have been falling for seven straight quarters.

Last week, the flash estimates for the second quarter were released, showing a 0.9 percent drop in private home prices.

Invariably, with each quarter's release, the debate gets resurrected to some degree about whether the existing cooling measures have served their purpose and are due for a review.

There are those who think some of the cooling measures - the additional buyer's stamp duty being a prime example - should be rolled back, and others who reckon the time is not right yet.

And, like the Greek referendum, the "yes" and "no" camps can mount compelling arguments.

Those in the "yes" camp point out that the measures are working. Fewer people are buying second properties for investment purposes.

A large proportion of those buying at launches are doing so for their own use and not for investment.

A measure of sub-sales - those of sales before the project is complete, a measure of flipping - has declined sharply.

This "yes" camp argues that this means much of the speculative fizz has been taken out of the market.

If cooling measures are not lifted, it could go all wrong in the twinkling of an eye, given that a projected 22,000 units will be completed this year and a further 21,000 next year.

It will soon be a confluence of factors that make it a perfect storm, they say.

Then, there are proponents of the "no" vote.

Prices are down about 6.7 percent from the third quarter of 2013, the first quarter when the total debt servicing ratio took effect.

This group says the cooling measures have achieved a soft landing, which is an ideal situation where the market decline appears sustainable.

And indeed for those who are hoping to get into the market, many think that prices could and should fall further.

While the debate often focuses on these aspects of the cooling measures, the issue merits a wider discussion. It's about the longer-term prospects of the property market.

Alternatives in investing in a residential property

The slowdown in the residential property market saw some savvy investors turn to industrial property but, with stricter development guidelines and cooling measures together with a slowing economy and fewer potential tenants, this sector is seeing less investor interest.

Commercial property has been more resilient, with a surge of shophouse transactions, for example, but it remains a niche market and meant for those with ample

funds. Perhaps a more appropriate substitute for residential property would be overseas real estate.

Figures back up the argument that some of the pent-up demand for residential property has been channelled overseas.

Such purchases totalled S\$3 billion in 2013 and eased to S\$2 billion last year.

A CBRE report noted that the number of transactions from Singapore for London property halved last year.

CBRE's Asia director of international project marketing, Sarah Nicholson, noted that this could be because many Singaporeans have already invested in Britain.

Another factor is that with the London market still strong, there is less incentive for developers to market their properties overseas, including in Singapore.

One factor that could encourage foreign property purchases is the weakness of certain currencies, such as the Malaysian ringgit and Australian dollar.

But demand has been affected by higher minimum purchase prices of properties bought by foreigners, as well as the threat of oversupply in Johor.

Nearly 336,000 private residential units are set to be built in Johor. This number is larger than the number of private homes in Singapore.

Given that investors have had their fling with various other types of property, it is

possible that real estate at home could be seen in a more attractive light.

The risk would be that if cooling measures were lifted, there might still be pent-up demand exhibited for local real estate.

However, given the various prudential controls, such as the TDSR (total debt servicing ratio) framework which is expected to remain a fixture for the foreseeable future, it is unlikely to spark a commensurate surge in buying.

**Alternative ways to build nest egg**

Many Singaporeans have the funds to invest. With a growing emphasis on retirement planning, many people are searching for more ways to build up their nest eggs.

Physical property here still remains one of the easiest ways of parking one's money.

Stocks and shares are risky, require some understanding and research and offer less scope for leverage than with property.

If any of the property curbs were lifted, liquidity might flow again to real estate if there are no appropriate alternative investments.

But in the past couple of years, the investment landscape has deepened.

There has been a move to offer investments that are low-cost and easy to understand. Exchange-traded funds are one example.

The Singapore Savings bonds due to be issued later this year will be a case in point,

where the principal amount is guaranteed and step-up interest rates can be achieved the longer the bond is held.

Another upcoming investment option will be the retail bonds to be issued by Temasek Holdings that will offer a product that is neither too complex nor too risky.

With these viable alternatives to investing in property, this is yet another reason not to fear a sudden surge in property prices should cooling measures be lifted.

Economic growth and attraction to foreigners

Much of the view that property is a sure-fire win, a one-way bet to riches, is based on historical experience: Property prices have risen 75 per cent in the past decade.

Go further back and anecdotally, a house purchased 50 years ago for S\$50,000 is easily worth about S\$3 million now, while an HDB flat bought at, say, S\$70,000 three decades ago can easily fetch something in the region of S\$800,000 today.

As Singapore has gone from Third World to First, its economic growth and success as a financial centre have formed the basis and foundation for robust property prices.

The recent boom may have been fuelled by cheap money, but it is also because Singapore is attractive to foreign investors.

Take a CBRE report issued last October. A comparison of cities around the world shows that, on average, new prime properties in London go for about 2,200 pounds (\$3,395) per sq ft, about 1,950 pounds psf in Hong Kong and 950 pounds psf in Singapore.

The exact numbers may be disputed and there are many factors driving property prices, but the report illustrates the point that prime properties in large cities fetch a premium over those in smaller cities.

Why prime property in Hong Kong and Singapore is able to fetch such lofty prices is because they are financial

centres and key hubs in the region.

In contrast, Kuala Lumpur's prime residential prices are only around 186 pounds psf, commanding a fifth of what Singapore property can fetch.

And despite Japan still being among the richest nations in the world, the years of non-existent growth have not done its property market any favours.

The average price of new prime residential homes in Tokyo comes in at around 815 pounds psf, even below Singapore's.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong recently highlighted the key challenges Singapore will face in the coming decades.

These include maintaining economic growth and boosting our total fertility rate. These challenges could well have far-reaching consequences for the property market.

What they highlight is that achieving economic growth at the bottom end of the 2 to 4 percent forecast target range, let alone the upper end, might be a stretch.

Yet it is robust economic growth that has driven the handsome appreciation that we have seen in prices over the past decades.


Put plainly, if there is no economic growth, there will be little to sustain the property market.

Even if some of the cooling measures were tweaked or lifted, it may still not be easy to fill those 20,000-plus condos coming onstream next year if there is no population growth, because there will simply be no demand.

In the longer term, the question of whether the measures should be lifted may well be moot.

The issue that overhangs the property market is a wider one. It is the issue of whether Singapore continues to be relevant - as a trading hub, as a financial centre, as a regional headquarters, as an innovation centre.

Lose that special something and, cooling measures or not, property will no longer be able to lift our fortunes.



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## Photo of Filipino boy doing homework outside touches many

SINGAPOR (The Straits Times, ANN) -- Daniel Cabrera's home was destroyed by a fire but it hasn't stopped him from pursuing his dreams of getting an education

When there is light, there is hope.

A picture of a boy doing his homework by the roadside in the Philippines has gone viral after student Joyce Torrefranca posted the photo on her Facebook on June 23.

Since then, the picture has received more than 6,000 shares and 406 likes.

In the photo, the boy is seen sitting on the floor and doing his homework with the help of light illuminated from a McDonald's outlet.

British newspaper Daily Mail has identified him as nine-year-old Daniel Cabrera who studies at an elementary school in Mandaue City in Cebu.

Torrefranca, who is a medical student at Cebu Doctors' University, told Philippine news network ABS-CBN that as a student herself, she was inspired by the boy and admired his dedication.

"It just hit me a lot, like, big time. I seldom go to coffee shops to study. And then this kid, he doesn't

have anything but he has dedication to study."

Facebook user Giomen Probert Ladra Alayon commented: "This kid's perseverance in studying makes this picture such an inspiration. Despite the lack of personal space or inadequate lighting, still he chose to study. Keep it up, kid!"

ABS-CBN reported that Daniel parks himself near the fast food outlet every night as it is the only source of light near his temporary home as the family has no permanent home after their house was destroyed in a fire.

It was reported that a social worker has since visited the family to offer assistance.

In a Facebook post on June 27, Torrefranca wrote: "I didn't think that a simple photo can make a huge difference. Thank you guys for sharing the photo. With that, we were able to help Daniel in reaching his dreams. I hope Daniel's story will continue touching our hearts so that we will always be inspired and motivated in every situation we face in life."



## Free class for learning Korean cooking



Lee Jung Shin explains the free course.

### Ounkham Pimmata

Assistant manager of the K-Mart in INDOKO in Vientiane, Lee Jung Shin, doesn't know how to cook Korean food but she is starting a course to teach its cooking.

"It may seem funny, even strange, but it's true," she laughs shyly while talking to *Vientiane Times*.

"In truth I haven't learnt to cook but I don't have to worry about that, even though I work in the food business. I have invited chefs to do the work for me and all of them are professionals on Korean cuisine."

Lee Jung Shin runs a free course at the end of each month, to which she welcomes everyone in Vientiane who is interested in learning how to cook Korean food and bring new recipes home.

"There is no charge for attending, no cost in doing it and no experience required, just a love of learning new things."

This was the third time that Lee Jung Shin found herself standing beside a Korean chef with the Lao chef at KoKi restaurant on her other side, both being ready to bring some of Korea's most famous dishes to life for their six students.

Lee Jung Shin smiles at the students when she sees them enjoying themselves and having fun preparing the food, while her project's aim is to help promote Korean dishes among Lao people as well as advertising Korean products which are available at K-Mart in Vientiane.

K-Mart has been importing goods from the Republic of Korea for more than seven years, following an influx of Korean businesspeople into Laos. It has a total of five stores in Vientiane and one in Vangvieng district, Vientiane



Students learning how to prepare Korean cuisine.

customers of the company because they buy most of the items, including fish sauce and other ready-made ingredients for cooking.

More Lao people have become interested in eating Korean food as they believe it provides the genuine taste of Korean cooking and is very healthy.

The increasing number of Korean restaurants in Vientiane has meant that Korean cuisine is gaining in popularity among local people.

As you may know, Korean food is a little more expensive compared to Lao food, so it won't be often that Lao people will go to sit in a Korean restaurant.

If they learn to cook it themselves, however, it may be they will cook it at home with a lot of the original ingredients being imported from Korea.

"I accept that, since the class has been held twice, we have not had the best of attendance but a few people have come and the feedback from them has been positive. They love Korean food.

The course covers all kinds of food

popular in Korea like fried noodles and rice rolled in seaweed, so it is easy for Lao people to prepare the ingredients in their own kitchens.

"I think Korean food and Lao food are not so different in their style of cooking, but the taste is a little different. Korean food is a little sweeter with Lao food saltier and spicier," a course attendant explained.

Lee Jung Shin plans to hold a big event at the Talat Sao Shopping Mall, perhaps a Korean food cooking competition, at the end of the year. It will be open to all Lao cooks to show off their skills.

The event will be intended to promote Korean food and K-Mart's products to Lao people, with the winner not knowing what they will get as a prize. She intends to keep that secret.

Anyone who is interested in attending the next free course at the end of this month should follow the advertising and announcements in the Vientiane Mai Newspaper or call 78349390. English can be used.



A Lao chef teaches course participants how to prepare ingredients for Korean dishes.

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# President Souphanouvong's life lived by example

Patithin Phetmeuangphan

This year is the 106th anniversary of the birthday of President Souphanouvong and the 20 anniversary since his death but his honesty and good graces still remain forever in the people's memories.

Souphanouvong was a most unlikely revolutionary. He was born in Luang Prabang province on July 13, 1909 the youngest son, of Viceroy Bounkhong, and Mom Kham-Ouane.

He had two sisters, Princess Thavivanh and Chindarathsamy and two brothers, Prince Phetsarath and Souvannaphoumma, who were born to different a mother.

Souphanouvong never wavered, however, in his commitment to the Lao revolutionary movement and to its special relationship with its mentor, the Communist Party of Vietnam.

"President Souphanouvong had many special qualities that we should follow as they set a good example for us, especially in education. He was also a good leader in development, honest to the country and his people and



President Souphanouvong.  
--Photo courtesy of the Memorial of President Souphanouvong

sacrificed his own happiness for the freedom of people," said the Head of Memorial of President Souphanouvong Department, Mr Bounpone Sylattanavong. Souphanouvong was a talented person in many

regards, especially in terms of education as he loved his study and always spent his time inquiring into various aspects of life and was constantly learning new things.

When he was seven years old, he went to a primary school in Luang Prabang province. He was reportedly a good student who always studied hard and was always top of the class.

In 1920, the year that he went to Hanoi to continue his education, he enrolled at a secondary school at Albert Sarraut in Vietnam and spent the next 11 years there.

At the time, he had been determined to study, especially in regards to technical subjects and also society, foreign languages, art and literature, sports and other subjects while he also had a talent for drawing or painting and writing poetry.

Some years later, he finished his studies at the Faculty of Letter and Education and achieved excellent results in his degrees, so he was chosen to be a student at the Proteeforat School of Indochina.

1931 was the year that he went to France to continue his education and he studied a preparatory course at Saint Louis College and then he went to the National University for Bridges and Roads (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées) in Paris in 1934.

During his time studying in France, he was not only paying attention to his studies in class. He also attended many arts and cultural performances and visited many countries in Europe as well as some in Africa, to see what was happening and experience the political climates there.

President Souphanouvong was the first person from Laos to graduate from the National University for Bridges and Roads in France, after receiving his graduation certificate in 1937.

President Souphanouvong was always a very talented and conscientious student, and later in his life he became famous for being able to speak nine or ten languages to varying degrees.

After that he returned to Indochina where his responsibility was in the Public Works sector in Ya Chang, Vietnam.

During the three years that he was working there, he built Bridge No 14 and also a water power project in Dayim in the south of Vietnam. The former president also built a road and bridge on Road No 13 in Xiengtaeng province, which is now in Cambodia (Stoeng Treng).

After that, he was assigned to duties in Phin district, Savannakhet province to build Road No 23 and Xebanghieng Bridge and then in 1942, he went to Vietnam again, where he was employed in



Head of the Memorial of President Souphanouvong Department, Mr Bounpone Sylattanavong.

Vin district.

During his time working in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos he displayed his competence and determination as a road and bridge engineer, and successfully oversaw many important public works projects.

The most important thing was that he knew and understood about what was affecting the people during the ongoing war, especially the enemy bombarding the city with aircraft and heavy weaponry.

France seized and killed a lot of local people, and witnessing this influenced President Souphanouvong in his decision to become involved in the resistance effort.

While continuing to work for France, he also sought about devising tactics and strategies for the country to one day gain its independence from the colonial power and bring freedom to the people.

So President Souphanouvong chose to be a historian and learned about various political struggles throughout history.

After he chose his life as part of the revolution, he always gave hope to the people by telling them that "only Lao people are the owners of this country and the war will be stopped only when we are all free."

He concentrated his efforts on calling Lao people to be united and to have a love of independence, fighting alongside the people until Laos finally gained its independence.

After the war ended, Souphanouvong went to many countries to thank them for their brotherly support in helping to end the war and expressing their hope that they would be able to continue their friendship into

the future.

Mr Bounpone said that throughout the course of his life President Souphanouvong did so many good things for the people and the country. He was a good leader of Laos that Lao people will never forget, even 20 years after his death, as he still remains in their heads and in their hearts.

"His dedicated studies set a good example for us that we should follow," Mr Bounpone said.

"Because he was a person who sacrificed many things as he loved his country, the place where he was born, and he never judged whether people were rich or poor because he believed they all enjoyed the same rights and privileges."

"Every year, to remind us of his kindness, we always hold the ceremony on his birthday July 13 and another on the memorial of his death on November 30," he said.

The staff of the Memorial of President Souphanouvong and some Vientiane youth also organised some activities to clean up around the memorial on Friday to prepare the ceremony that will be held today and tomorrow.

"On July 13 and 14 or today and tomorrow we will invite some people who used to work with him such as his driver, doctor and other people to be here at the memorial to recount some stories about President Souphanouvong and about this memorial and his things in here," Mr Bounpone said.

"Learning about Souphanouvong is very important for the young people as they will be able to use it in their education as well. So I would like to call to the children or students to try to learn more about him and return his kindness by paying attention to your studies, being honest to the Party and to your country."

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT (Announcement No. 15/24)

**OPEN TO:** All Qualified Candidates  
**POSITION:** Digital Communication Assistant, FSN-8  
**OPENING DATE:** July 10, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** July 24, 2015  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week  
**SALARY:** Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant.

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The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is seeking an individual for the position of Digital Communication Assistant in the Public Affairs Section.

### BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the general supervision of responsible American staff, identifies, curates, drafts, translates, edits, and posts English and Lao content for social media accounts and web sites to advance Mission policies, programs, and activities and serves as back-up Information Assistant.

### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

- Education:** University degree in mass communications, marketing, journalism, international relations, public relations, information science or technology, humanities, business is required.
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Bryce Dallas Howard (from left) as Claire, Chris Pratt as Owen, Nick Robinson as Zach and Ty Simpkins as Gray, in a scene from the movie, Jurassic World, directed by Colin Trevorrow, in the latest installment of Steven Spielberg's groundbreaking Jurassic Park series.

## It's Hollywood, silly!

CHINA (China Daily) -- Despite a nearly 50 percent rise in Chinese box-office returns this year, local moviemakers aren't smiling.

The Chinese box office surged nearly 50 percent in the first half of the year, but with more than half the earnings coming from foreign movies, domestic producers aren't a happy bunch.

Since overtaking Japan as the world's second-largest movie consumer in 2012, China has grossed a record 20.3 billion yuan (US\$3.3 billion) from 156 movies released between January and June, a rise of 49 percent as compared to 2014, according to the country's media regulator.

The Chinese market, which

has maintained an average growth rate of more than 30 percent in the past five years, took 96 days to cross the 10 billion yuan mark and 175 days to surpass 20 billion yuan, the fastest ever in the history of Chinese cinema during the past six months.

In February, homegrown productions nudged out Hollywood for the first time to top world box-office records for a single month, bringing in 4.13 billion yuan. During the Spring Festival holiday from Feb 19-25, a record 1.8 billion yuan was grossed by Chinese theaters, mostly by local movies.

The 10 top-grossing titles in that month included seven Chinese movies (led by The

Man from Macao II at 974 million yuan), a Sino-French production (Wolf Totem) and two Hollywood flicks (The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies and The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1).

Chinese moviemakers' good run at the box office, however, ended soon with March being a historically low-income month and the three months thereafter being recaptured by Hollywood.

The high-octane Fast and Furious 7 made the most money ever in Chinese box-office history, with 2.4 billion yuan, and that helped the country's theaters earn a total profit of 4.11 billion yuan in April, leading to a 126 percent rise from the same period last year.

## The wind whispers Murakami

THAILAND (The Nation) -- In a year when the country's stages are filled with either a musical or a special event show, any meatier offering that tells a lesser-known story is worth both our attention and attendance.

Comprising lecturers, students and alumni of Burapha University's Faculty of Music and Performing Arts, the 206 Performing Troupe debuted at Bangkok Theatre Festival last November.

Their stage adaptation of Haruki Murakami's first novel "Hear the Wind Sing" - "Sadap Lom Khaphkan" in Thai - proves that they've not only continued to perform at their Bang Saen campus but are also willing to collaborate with professional artists who're not affiliated with it.

Veteran playwright and director Apirak Chaipanha, known for his previous works for Theatre 8X8, has adapted Noppadon Wejsawat's Thai translation of the Japanese novel and his storytelling technique is simple, clear and effective. His choice of using a live band not only fits the main setting of a jazz bar, but also enhances the style of the production and helps vary the pace and tone of the play. The only problem is that sitting on right side of the audience stand gives you a full view of the band and the demeanour of some of its members underlines that they're not really performing in the bar.



New adaptation does justice to the Japanese author's first novel.

As the unnamed lead character/narrator Manop Kedpradit is subtle and realistic - he doesn't try to do too much and as a result achieves a lot. As his high school friend Musik, who invited him to return from Tokyo to his rural hometown for 19 summer days in 1970, Japanese expat Tanikawa Shogo is a delight, other than when his scene partners need to repeat his Thai lines, making sure that the audience understands them without having to read the English surtitles.

Near the middle of the 90-minute play, in what can only be described as a Murakami-esque moment, Musik decides he should speak Japanese, and now Thai surtitles are added to the back wall. It's a decision that should really have been made earlier.

The rest of the cast fills

in other parts and in all form a strong ensemble. A guest actor takes turns appearing in one scene and while Kusuma Tepparak's presence is memorable and her rendition of famous Thai song "Duen Phen" pleasant, it's quite difficult to see how the song fits into this Japanese novel. That Japanese and Thai juxtaposition is another major problem, as while most of the original context has been kept intact, almost all Japanese characters keep opening cans of Thai beer, one of the sponsors of the show.

Thematically, Murakami's works, even with their specific Japanese contexts, are universal enough for the audience to relate them to their lives. If the director builds a bridge, but only halfway like this, we may fall off the edge.



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Quotations must be delivered to HPA Office before 10:00 hour July 21, 2015. Late Quotations will be rejected.  
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Mr. John HOLVECK  
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- Review proposed project cost and commercial aspects of the CA in association with GOL Financial and cost specialists;
- Liaise with E&S specialists and ensure their engineering and operational requirements are in the CA;
- Advise on the appointment of additional specialist consultants to assist the GOL;
- Participate in PPA review and non-objection.

#### II. Phase 2 the CE should review the following for CA compliance:

- Construction contracts, particularly risk allocation and issues impacting GOL;
- Procedure for contractor procurement;
- Review detailed design and recommend appointment of consultants when required;
- Monitor construction progress, standards and safety;
- Monitor Lao preference and training programs;
- Review project impounding plans, ECP and participate in approval to impound;
- Review operating plans, hydro safety standards;
- Review E&S compliance reports produced by GOL specialists;
- Participate in project completion approvals.

Interested person please submit his/her CV along with letter of interest before 1st August 2015 to the department of energy business, Nongbon Road, Ministry of energy and mine, Laos. indicating on the envelop "Application for CONTRACT ENGINEER for IPP Projects"

Telephone: (201) 415268, 452539, Fax: (021) 415 626

Email: Energy@deb.gov.la.  
Daophet@deb.gov.la

# What's On

## Lao Super Model Contest 2015

The much anticipated Lao Super Model Contest 2015 final round is set to promote young



people's talent and local culture. The event will also be televised by TV Lao.

**Where:** National Culture Hall.

**When:** August 22

For more information contact: Ms Ting on 020 2247 9479

## Entrance to National University of Laos

The President of National University of Laos is calling on all students to apply for the academic year 2015-2016 entrance examination with applications now open.

**Where:** Students can apply at National University of Laos, Dongdok Campus, Conference Hall, in Vientiane. An application form is 5,000 kip and 35,000 kip for examination registration.

**When:** Wednesday, August 5, 9am-11.00am for physics and chemistry examinations. 2pm-3.30pm for Lao language and Literature examinations.

Thursday, August 6, 9am-11am for mathematics examination. 2pm-3.30pm for geology and history examinations.

**For more information:** 021 740 284, www.noul.edu.la

## Study health at university

An entrance examination will be held for the University of Health and Sciences available to all students in Laos who have finished secondary school.

**Where:** Students can apply at four locations: University of Health and Sciences, in Vientiane, and its branches in Luang Prabang, Savannakhet and Champassak provinces.

**When:** Registration is open from now until July 24. Examinations will take place at the four locations together on same day, August 1. Application forms are 35,000 kip each.

**For more information:** 021 255 461

## NA hotline

Members of the public can call free of charge hotlines to voice issues of concern and seek clarification from the appropriate authorities.

**When:** July 1-21 during office hours (for calls)

**How:** Calls to 156, fax: 021 452627, post box: 662, email: na\_session@na.gov.la.

## Visit the Lao People's Army Museum

Community members and tourists are invited to visit the Lao People's Army Museum to learn about past battles, the brave acts of Lao soldiers, national defence and the development of the army.

The museum features display weapons during the war time and information about the birthplace of the Lao People's Army and its history, as well as detailed accounts of battles against foreign invaders. Visitors will learn about the victories of the Lao military and people in each period of the revolution, and can view pictures of the enemies who destroyed parts of the country and oppressed ethnic groups.

The museum also details the growth and expansion of the army after the liberation of the country since 1975.

**When:** Open daily from 8.30am-11.30am and 1.30pm-4pm.

**Where:** Kaysone Phomvihane Road near That Luang esplanade in Nongsangthor village, Xaysettha district, Vientiane.

For more information contact: 021 900 662



## Learn martial arts at Muay Lao camp

**Where:** Muay Lao camp Sithkhamkhoun Boxing Camp, Saynamngeun village, Xaythany district, Vientiane

**When:** Every day from 17:00h to 19:00h. The fee is 50,000 kip for Lao nationals and 100,000 kip for foreigners.

For more information, please contact: Mr Somsanga Phimmachan 020 5582 6525, 020 5998 3823



## Children's French summer course

The French Institute is running French courses for children aged 8 to 13. The courses offer classes in drawing, music and entertainment and take place in July and August. Registration is now open.

**Where:** French Institute, Lane Xang Avenue, Vientiane

**When:** Monday to Friday, 9:00h-17:00h

Session 1: July 20 to July 31

Session 2: August 3 to August 14

Session 3: August 17 to August 29

More information: info@if-laos.org

## Summer Art Programme for Young Artists @ i:cat Gallery

With Lao artist and teacher, Souphaluck Phongsavath

**When:** 22 June to 31 July

Monday to Friday: Drawing and painting for younger children 9:00 to 10:00 am

Basic Drawing for Secondary Students: 10:00 - 11:30 am

Watercolours for Secondary Students: 1:00 to 2:30 pm

**Where:** i:cat gallery, 16: 230-231 Setthathirath St, Si Meuang Village.

For details and prices call: 030 5772941

icatgallery@gmail.com

Pongsavath3@gmail.com

## Painting Exhibition

The Exhibition Room at the National Institute of Fine Arts carries a permanent display of captivating paintings by Lao artists.

**Where:** Khounboulom Road in Chanthabouly district, Vientiane

**When:** Every Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm; Weekends from 9am-4pm

## Visit That Luang stupa

This is the most important stupa in Laos and the country's most revered Buddhist structure. It was built in 1566 during the reign of King Xaysethathirath.

**Where:** That Luang village, Xaysettha district, Vientiane

**When:** Open every day, 8am-12 noon; 1pm-4pm



## Free Rescue Services

Three free rescue service teams are available on 24 hours standby call in Vientiane

1. Lao Red Cross is providing free emergency assistance, including road accidents, for members of the public who need help. For more information call: 020 59966111

**Where:** Xiengyeun village, Chanthabouly district, Vientiane.

2. People who need help after a road accident or in any other situation where there is danger, can contact the Rescue Hotline Number of the Foundation for Assisting the Poor People of Laos, Tel: 1623

**Where:** The Rescue Centre is located at Nonghay village, Hadxaifong district, in front of Nonghay temple, on Kamphaengmeuang road.

3. People who need help after a road accident or other urgent assistance, please call the rescue hotline number of the Association of Voluntary Rescue of Vientiane Tel: 1624

**Where:** The Association of Voluntary Rescue of Vientiane is located in Nongsangthor village, Xaysettha district, Vientiane.

## Free concert

All are welcome to enjoy a free concert and try out a new vehicle to get free T-shirts and souvenirs. Two artists from Laos Alexandra and Baituey R-siam from Thailand will be there to entertain you.

**Where:** The National Convention Hall, Km6, Kaysone Phomvihane Road, Vientiane

**When:** July 17, 18.00h



## Music party

ITECC Mall invites everyone to join their Music Party next week. The party will feature groups of artists such as Bullenient, the Dreamer, the Final and DJ Ole. Lots of food and drinks, a lucky draw for prizes, free giveaways and more! Free admission for the first 100 people to inbox us to reserve a ticket. Don't miss out!

**Where:** ITECC Mall. Tickets are on sale in front of the music party for 30,000 kip

**When:** July 17, 18, 19, starts 18:00h

**More information:** 021 415518/iteccmall.com



## Hor Pha Keo Museum

This ancient temple was first built in 1565 during the reign of King Xaysethathirath to house the Emerald Buddha (lost to the Siamese in 1828) and was the king's personal place of worship.

**When:** Open daily 8am-12 noon; 1pm-4pm.

**Where:** Setthathirath Road, Chanthabouly district, Vientiane



## Blood donation

Anyone wanting to donate blood and perhaps save a life can do so in Vientiane.

**When:** Every day, including Saturdays and Sundays.

**Where:** Blood Transfusion Centre in Sisaket village, Chanthabouly district

**Tel:** 021 214 763

## Business Forum

The Young Entrepreneur Association of Laos will host the 7th Asean-China Young Entrepreneurs Forum in Vientiane.

**When:** August 6-7

**Where:** National Convention Centre.

For more information, please contact 020 55500506, 020 52508978.

Email: info@acyef7-lao.com, www.acyef7-lao.com

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Any events or functions

open to the general

public are suitable for publishing.

**Contact:** editor@vientianetimes.la

# Nibali's Tour defence is creaking as Froome takes control



Italy's Vincenzo Nibali is distanced by the pack on Mur-de-Bretagne in the last kilometre of the eighth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 181.5 kilometres with start in Rennes and finish in Mur-de-Bretagne, France on Saturday. --Photo AP

MUR DE BRETAGNE, France (AP) -- Vincenzo Nibali is making a patchy start to the defence of his Tour de France title, and if Saturday's eighth stage is anything to go by it may not get much better in the mountains.

Nibali lost another 10 seconds to race leader Chris Froome, the 2013 champion, on the short and sharp final

climb up Mur de Bretagne, setting off alarm bells in the Italian's Astana team. While the stage was won by Alexis Vuillermoz to give France its first victory in this year's race, it was the way Nibali was dropped on a distance of just 2 kilometres that had people talking.

"I don't understand what happened. Hopefully this

was just a bad day, otherwise this Tour will be difficult," Astana manager Giuseppe Martinelli said. "Our team should deliver a perfect performance in tomorrow's team time trial, we can't make more mistakes."

Nibali already trails Froome by 1 minute, 48 seconds and riders have yet to tackle the high mountains.

# Chagaev floors Pianeta in 1st round to keep WBA title



Ruslan Chagaev (left) from Uzbekistan punches Germany's Francesco Pianeta during their WBA world heavyweight boxing title fight at the Getec-Arena in Magdeburg, Germany on Saturday. --Photo AP

MAGDEBURG, Germany (AP) -- Ruslan Chagaev of Uzbekistan defended his WBA heavyweight belt with a first-

round technical knockout of Francesco Pianeta on Saturday. Chagaev dropped Pianeta with two left blows early in

the first round, but the Italian-born German got up before the count. Chagaev pushed his advantage and left him on the canvas again with another two lefts, and referee Jean-Louis Legland had no option but to end the bout just before the bell.

The Hamburg-based Chagaev improved to 34-2-1 (21 KOs) with his first defence of the belt he won for the second time by beating American Fres Oquendo for the vacant title in Grozny, Russia on July 6 last year. Pianeta drops to 31-2-1 (17 KOs).

"My heart is broken. I wasn't careful. ... Congratulations to Chagaev," Pianeta said.

Both fighters previously lost to Wladimir Klitschko, Chagaev in June 2009 and Pianeta in May 2013.

# Chella Choi posts 9-hole record 29 at US Women's Open

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) -- Chella Choi's favourite color is orange, yet it was the red

numbers the South Korean posted Saturday at the US Women's Open that was drawing all the

attention.

Choi, using an orange golf ball, shot the first nine-hole score of 29 in Women's Open history and missed a chance to share another record when she missed a three-foot putt on her final hole that would have matched the championship's single-round scoring mark.

Choi wasn't aware that her par putt at No. 18 would have tied the championship scoring record of 63 by Helen Alfredsson in 1994. But, after her par try horseshoed out, Choi shrugged off the miss and moved on.

"It's really close, right? Tomorrow I have one more day, right?" she said.

She rocketed up the leaderboard and into contention with a 6-under 64, the lowest third-round score in championship history, moving from 4 over to 2 under, good enough for the first page of the leaderboard.

The 24-year-old Choi capitalized on the cool, calm conditions early Saturday at Lancaster Country Club and reeled off six birdies on the front nine for a record 29. After closing out the front nine with birdies at Nos. 8 and 9, Choi said she carried a bit of extra confidence into the back nine and was ready to take a few chances.



Chella Choi watches her tee shot on the 12th hole during the third round of the US Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club on Saturday. --Photo AP

# Iker Casillas leaves Real Madrid for Porto after 16 seasons

(AP)-- Goalkeeper Iker Casillas is leaving Real Madrid to join Portuguese club FC Porto after 16 seasons in which he helped the Spanish powerhouse win a slew of titles that included three Champions League crowns and five Spanish league trophies.

Madrid announced on its website Saturday that a deal had been reached for Casillas' transfer to Portugal.

Casillas joined Madrid's youth academy at the age of 9 and made his debut for its first team in 1999, before going on to become a long-serving captain who was regularly hailed by fans as

"Saint Iker" because his daring saves seemed to them almost miraculous.

Casillas also captained Spain to the 2010 World Cup title — making a key save to deny Arjen Robben in the final against the Netherlands — and helped it win two European championships.

Casillas' departure opens the door for a new goalkeeper and Manchester United's David de Gea has frequently been linked with a return to his hometown, where he played for Atletico Madrid.

Madrid says Casillas will give a news conference at noon

local time on Sunday.

Once considered untouchable at Madrid, Casillas was benched by former coach Jose Mourinho in December 2012 and then found it hard to get back in the starting 11 following a hand injury the following month.

Casillas, 34, was under contract at Madrid until 2017.

At Porto he will be under the instructions of Spanish coach and former goalkeeper Julen Lopetegui, who helped the club reach the Champions League quarterfinals last season.



## Vacancy Announcement Accounts/Administration Officer

RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests, Lao PDR Country Program

Application deadline: 21th July 2015

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RECOFTC is now seeking an **Accounts/Administration Officer** who will be based at RECOFTC Lao PDR Country Program in Vientiane. The contract period will be for 12 months with a possibility of extension.

### POSITION SUMMARY

The Accounts and Administration Officer works under the direct supervision of the Country Program Coordinator (CPC), and in liaison with RECOFTC's Corporate Services (Finance, Human Resources and Administration) team in Bangkok. The Accounts and Administration Officer is responsible for maintaining every aspect of the RECOFTC Lao office accounts. They will prepare all accounts including project accounts for submission to RECOFTC and project donors on a monthly basis, and ensure that the office administration runs efficiently.

For detail of TOR and qualification required please contact:

[bounyadeth.phouangmala@recoftc.org](mailto:bounyadeth.phouangmala@recoftc.org)

**Sports**



Martina Hingis of Switzerland (left) and Sania Mirza of India hold their trophies after winning the women's doubles final against Ekaterina Makarova of Russia and Elena Vesnina of Russia at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London on Saturday. --Photo AP

# Hingis, 34, teams with Mirza to win Wimbledon doubles title

LONDON (AP) -- Martina Hingis is a Wimbledon champion once again, 17 years — exactly half her life — after the last time.

Already a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame on the merits of her “first” career in the sport, Hingis teamed with Sania Mirza to win the women’s doubles final at the All England Club by beating Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina 5-7, 7-6 (4), 7-5 on Saturday night.

The 34-year-old Hingis added to her collection of Wimbledon trophies that includes the singles title from 1997, plus the women’s doubles titles from 1996 and 1998. The latter was her last appearance in a final at Wimbledon.

“It feels like it was in another life,” Hingis said.

“Usually, you’re lucky to win it once or happy to be out here and play on

the Wimbledon grounds,” Hingis said. “It’s above my expectations.”

She’ll get a chance to earn yet another trophy Sunday, when she and Leander Paes face Timea Babos and Alexander Peya in the mixed doubles final.

And to think: A few years ago, Hingis was taking part in the “Legends” tournament for former players.

“I wouldn’t have thought (then) that I’ll be back, playing the finals here,” she said.

The No. 1-seeded Hingis and Mirza trailed 5-2 in the final set before taking the last five games against the second-seeded Makarova and Vesnina, who won last year’s US Open.

“It takes guts and courage being 5-2 down in the third set,” said Hingis, who held serve to win the match, then began leaping up and down on court. “Couldn’t have asked for more drama.”

Play was halted at 5-5

because it was getting too dark; after a break, action resumed with the Centre Court roof closed and artificial lights on.

“When we came out at 5-all, we had goosebumps. The energy on the court — we were getting a standing ovation — it was unbelievable,” said Mirza, the first woman from India to be ranked No. 1 in singles or doubles. “We both came out, and I said, ‘This is what we play for. This is what we work for.’”

Hingis, who reached No. 1 in the rankings and won five Grand Slam singles titles in the 1990s, initially quit tennis in 2002 because of foot and leg injuries, then rejoined the circuit full-time in 2006. She announced her retirement again in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine at Wimbledon. At the time, she denied taking the drug but did not appeal the ruling.

# Germany captain Schweinsteiger heading for Man United

MANCHESTER, England (AP) -- Germany captain Bastian Schweinsteiger is leaving Bayern Munich to join Manchester United, ending his 17-year association with the Bundesliga giants.

United announced Saturday that the club had reached an agreement with Bayern to sign the 30-year-old midfielder, subject to a medical examination and personal terms being agreed.

Schweinsteiger will be reunited with former Bayern coach Louis van Gaal, who is preparing for his second season in charge of United.

“We tried to convince him to stay at Bayern Munich, but I have a bit of understanding for a player who has been 17 years at the club, that he wants to try something different,” Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said.

“We sanctioned the move at his request. We part as great friends.”

United has also signed Netherlands winger Memphis Depay for a fee believed to be in the region of 30 million pounds (now US\$46.5 million) as the 20-time English champions bolster their squad for the season, after finishing



United States’ Michael Bradley (left) and Aron Johannsson (centre) look at Germany’s Bastian Schweinsteiger (right) controlling the ball during the soccer friendly match between Germany and the United States in Cologne, western Germany on Wednesday. --Photo AP

fourth in the Premier League in May.

Schweinsteiger scored 45 goals and set up 70 more in 342 league games for Bayern. He joined the club’s youth sides from Rosenheim in 1998 and went on to win the Bundesliga a joint-record eight times, matching former club stalwarts Mehmet Scholl and Oliver Kahn. He also won the German Cup seven times and the Champions League once, when Bayern claimed the treble in 2013.

Schweinsteiger was named Germany captain following Bayern teammate Philipp Lahm’s retirement from the national team after winning the World Cup last year. However, he subsequently missed months of last season through injury.

German daily Bild reported Friday that Schweinsteiger, who has a year remaining on his Bayern contract, is joining on a three-year deal in a transfer worth around US\$20 million.



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