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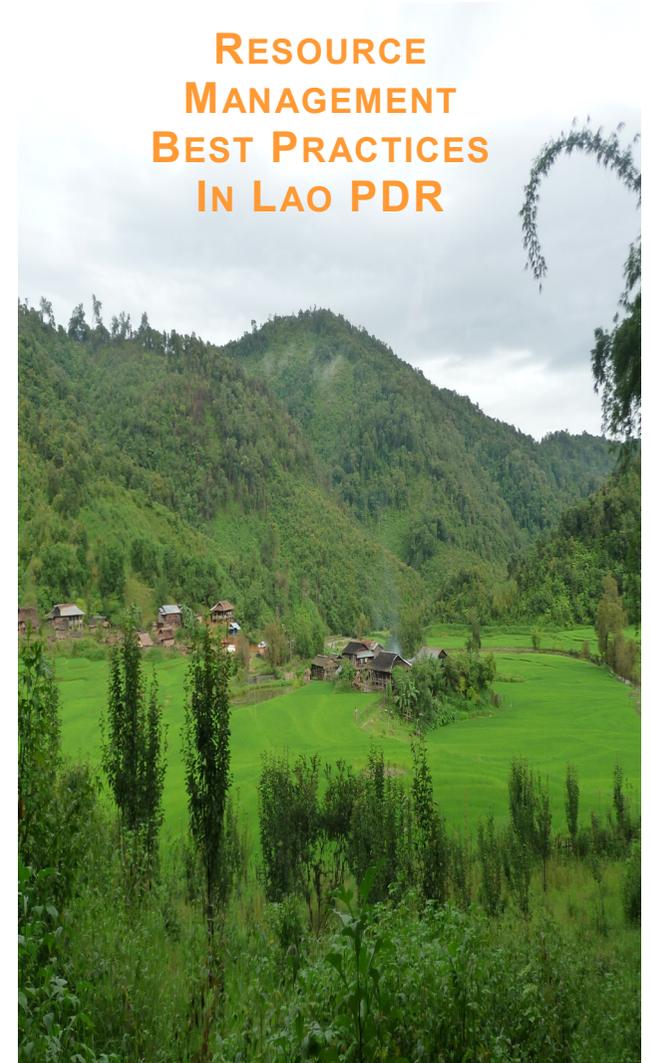


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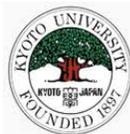
The 11th Kyoto University  
Southeast Asian Forum

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES IN LAO PDR



Kyoto University Network in Laos

Vientiane, Lao PDR  
19 November 2012



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### Rationale

Lao PDR is one of the richest fresh water reserves in the world. The country is located in the upstream of the Mekong River which it has 13 tributaries. It contributes about 35 percent of the water into Mekong River mainstream. The country has approximately 41 percent forest cover and agriculture is the backbone economy of the country, where more than 70 percent of residents are farmers. Lao PDR is recognized as one of the richest biodiversity areas where many unknown species are discovered from time to time.

In addition, Lao PDR has a low population with a large land area compared to neighboring countries. However, ethnicity is very diverse, where 47 ethnic groups are recognized. Along with a diversity of socio-cultural behavior, resource usage, including land, forest, and water are observed. Agricultural practices too are highly diverse. Local people have different food habits where about 45 percent of foods and medicines used come from the forest and fallow agricultural land.

Rapid development of the Lao PDR over the last two decades has brought heavy exploitation of the country's resources through hydro power development, mining, land concessions for agricultural production (rubber, sugar cane, cassava, industrial wood plantation, bio-diesel, etc.). These have increased direct pressure on land resources.

Since 1999 scientists and research teams from Kyoto University together with the local Lao institutions have conducted a series of research studies on different topics to identify gaps, constraints, and alternative solutions related to poverty reduction through sustainable natural resources management and development for the welfare of the people of Lao PDR.

Therefore, the 11th Kyoto University Southeast Asia Forum is to be held in mid-November 2012 in Lao PDR to build the research network with other institutions that are doing research and development in the Lao PDR and to promote education for development in the country.

Kyoto University is seeking collaboration with different institutions in Southeast Asia, precisely in Lao PDR to build

the capacity of subject matter specialists to respond to the need for gaining momentum toward to achieving the MDG goals and helping the country graduate from Least Developing Country by 2020.

### Agenda

Time	Topic/Speaker
13:00-13:30	Registration
13:30-13:40	Introduction of Kyoto University Network in Laos Dr. Thatheva Saphangthong, Chair of The Kyoto University Network in Laos
13:35-13:45	Opening Remarks and Introduction of Kyoto University Dr. Kono Yasuyuki, CSEAS, Kyoto University
13:45-14:15	Thammasat Way Development of Laos Prof. Tanaka Koji, Senior Research Administrator KURA (Kyoto University Research Administration), Kyoto University, Japan
14:15-14:45	Area-Based Planning Approach in Laos Mr. Xaypladeth Choulamany, Director of DoPC, MAF, Lao PDR
14:45-15:15	Future Perspectives for Lao Agricultural Development Dr. Tony Zola, Senior Researcher at the Mekong Environment and Resources Institute (MERI), Thailand
15:15-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:00	Information management and application to the local development context Dr. Andreas Heinimann, Center for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland
16:00-16:30	Introduction to Southeast Asian Personalities of Chinese Descent: A Biographical Dictionary Dr. Lim Boon Hock, Chinese Heritage Centre's (CHC), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
16:30-16:50	Open discussion Co-chair by Mr. Xaypladeth Choulamany, Prof. Tanaka Koji and Dr. Tony Zola
16:50-17:00	Closing remarks Dr. Thatheva Saphangthong, Chair of The Kyoto University Network in Laos
17:00-20:00	Reception party All participant

20 min presentation and 10 min discussion



## Forum Registration

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### Remarks:

Registration via e-mail will be close on November 15th, 2012. For those who has not able to registered on time can register at the front desk of Workshop.