

Draft Agenda

11th Lao Business Forum

Venue: Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane

Date and Time: 5 July 2018, 8:00-12: 00

7:30 - 8:00	Registration
8:00 - 8:10	Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mrs. Khemmani Pholsena, Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce
8:10 - 8:30	Opening Remarks by H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister
8:30 - 8:50	Overall progress of public/private dialogue under the Lao Business Forum by Mr. Oudet Souvannavong, President, Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI)
8:50 -10:30	<p>Report on Issues, Progress and Proposed Resolutions</p> <p>I. Business Taxation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Value-added tax refund for export-oriented manufacturing sector 2. Excise Tax on Internet service charges <p>➤ <u>Report on issues and proposed solutions by:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Valy Vetsaphong, Vice President, LNCCI 2. Mr. Thanousone Phonamat, Board Member, LNCCI <p>➤ <u>Response by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister, Ministry of Finance <p>II. Trade facilitation and logistics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lengthy and time-consuming process of importing and exporting goods and materials for production, exempted from import duty under Investment Promotion Law Lack of enforcement of regulations on local traditional customs check points 2. High cost of domestic and international transport 3. Restrictions of lists of goods and borders for goods in transit <p>➤ <u>Report on issues and proposed solutions by:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Xaybandith Rasphon, Board Member, LNCCI 2. Mr. Yoshihiro Kinoshita, Representative, Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Lao PDR <p>➤ <u>Responses by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment ▪ Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce ▪ Minister, Ministry of Public Work and Transportation ▪ Minister, Ministry of Finance ▪ Minister, Ministry of Public Security
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:25	<p>III. Barriers to tourism development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Report on issues and proposed solutions by:</u> Mr. Inthee Deuansavanth, Board Member, LNCCI ➤ <u>Responses by:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism ▪ Minister, Ministry of Public Security
11:25 - 11:45	<p>IV. Efforts to improve Lao PDR's performance in Ease of Doing Business Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on implementation of PM Order Number 02 by Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment ▪ Private Sector suggestions on priorities for improving the ranking of Lao PDR in the Ease Doing Business by representative of European Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Lao PDR
11:45 - 12: 00	Closing Remarks by H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister