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UNOPS and Lao PDR's Ministry of Public Works and Transport Partner to Strengthen National Infrastructure and Sustainable Development

VIENTIANE, LAO PDR, 20th October 2025 – The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration on developing sustainable, resilient, and inclusive national infrastructure.

The partnership directly supports Lao PDR's 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan and the nation's goal of graduating from Least Developed Country status. It formalizes a framework for UNOPS, an organization with a core mandate in sustainable infrastructure, procurement, and project management, to provide specialized technical assistance and capacity-building support. This aligns with the Ministry's mission to improve the infrastructure that is vital for economic growth and the well-being of its citizens.

The collaboration will focus on several key areas. This includes improving priority infrastructure projects by providing technical and implementation support for feasibility studies, design, quality control, and contract management. The partnership will also strengthen the Ministry's capacity to plan, manage, and finance public infrastructure projects. Furthermore, it will assist in preparing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects to attract investment and will enhance public procurement systems by providing end-to-end support to ensure value for money, transparency, and accountability.



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H.E. Litta Khattiya, Vice Minister of Public Works and Transport, reaffirmed the government's commitment to the new partnership, stating, "On behalf of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, I reaffirm our commitment to the principles and provisions of this MOU, and to delivering the outcomes of our Five-Year Development Plan for the benefit of the sector as well as the government priorities." He added, "Together with UNOPS, we will prioritize projects that are resilient, inclusive, and sustainable; strengthen the systems and skills that make good projects possible; and mobilize the partnerships and financing necessary to bring these projects to life."

"UNOPS is honored to formalize our partnership with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport," said Eda Kraja, UNOPS Country Manager. "We are committed to supporting the government's vision for a prosperous and resilient future. This MoU lays the foundation for a deeper collaboration that will help turn strategic plans into tangible projects that improve

lives, create opportunities, and support the sustainable development of Lao PDR for a resilient future for every citizen."



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This partnership is set to play a pivotal role in the Lao PDR's development journey by fostering infrastructure that is efficient, inclusive, and resilient, designed to meet today's needs while withstanding the challenges of the future.



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About the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT): The Ministry of Public Works and Transport is responsible for developing and maintaining Lao PDR's national infrastructure, including its road, rail, water, and air transportation networks. Its role includes strategic planning, managing transportation services, and overseeing construction and maintenance projects to enhance connectivity, economic opportunities, and the overall quality of life in the country. Read more at <https://www.mpwt.gov.la/en/>