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UNOPS and KOICA sign an agreement to support Thailand's green transition through advanced laboratory equipment

Bangkok, Thailand.— UNOPS and the Korea International Cooperation Agency have signed a USD 1.8 million agreement to procure advanced laboratory equipment for the Thai Electrical and Electronics Institute, supporting Thailand's transition toward a low-carbon and resource-efficient economy.

The 14-month project, running from 19 March 2026 to 18 May 2027, aims to strengthen national capacity to manage high Global Warming Potential (GWP) greenhouse gases, particularly refrigerants, and to promote the recycling and environmentally sound processing of plastics. The initiative contributes to Thailand's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and net-zero emissions by 2065.

The agreement was signed by **Jiheh Chun, Country Director of KOICA Thailand Office**, and **Nicholas George, Director of UNOPS East Asia and Pacific Multi-Country Office**.

"This partnership reflects our shared commitment to supporting Thailand's transition to a low-carbon economy," said **Nicholas George**. "By strengthening laboratory and technical capacity, we are enabling more effective management of environmentally harmful substances while supporting sustainable industrial practices."

Under the project, UNOPS will be responsible for overall project setup and implementation, including managing a transparent international procurement process and ensuring the timely delivery of specialized laboratory equipment to the Electrical and Electronics Institute. The scope includes supplier engagement, contract management, logistics coordination, and the



delivery of equipment, warranties, spare parts, and training, in close coordination with the beneficiary and partners.

This initiative highlights the strong collaboration between UNOPS and KOICA to advance sustainable procurement solutions and support Thailand's climate and environmental goals.

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About KOICA: The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) is a South Korean governmental organization established in 1991 under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to manage grant-based Official Development Assistance (ODA). It promotes global social/economic growth in developing countries through humanitarian aid, technical cooperation, education, and health projects Read more at www.koica.go.kr

Pictures of the event:



Jiheh Chun, Country Director of KOICA Thailand Office (LEFT), and Nicholas George, Director of UNOPS East Asia and Pacific Multi-Country Office (RIGHT).