



The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program

Key Developments and Progress under the Vientiane Plan of Action (2008-2012)

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Recent Key Accomplishments

Transport

- Civil works on the NSEC International Bridge to commence soon
- Economic Corridors Forum (ECF) established and working – strategies and action plans for the North-South and East-West Economic Corridors

Transport and Trade Facilitation (TTF)

- Exchange of Traffic Rights

Energy

- GMS Road Map an for Expanded GMS Energy Cooperation (2009-2015) prepared and adopted

Telecommunications

- Training needs assessment done; capacity building program for GMS telecoms and ICT development to be finalized

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Agriculture

- New TA to support priority activities under the Core Agriculture Support Program (e.g., studies on biofuels/renewables, cross-border agri trade facilitation, contract farming)

Environment

- Five new cluster projects launched anchored in/ within GMS Economic Corridors

Tourism

- 2nd GMS Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in January 2009;
- Visit Mekong Year 2009-2010 and Explore Mekong Campaign launched

Human Resource Development

- New GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan completed

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