

# **Greater Mekong Subregion North-South Economic Corridor**

## ***Strategy and Action Plan***

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## **Outline of Presentation**

- I. Background on the NSEC and Rationale for the Strategy
- II. Key elements of the strategy
  - *Development Potential*
  - *Investment Opportunities*
  - *Impediments and Constraints*
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- III. Critical Success Factors
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## Background

- Identified in 1998 as a priority project
- Included in 2002 as a flagship program under the Ten-Year GMS Strategic Framework



## Rationale for Strategy and Action Plan for the NSEC

- Operationalize a multi-sector, holistic approach
- Provide vision and framework
- Improve coordination
- Assist in mobilizing resources
- Help broaden support



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## Key Role in GMS Development

- Serves as main land route between Yunnan Province and Thailand.
- Opens up sea access to Yunnan Province.
- Provides direct trade link between southern China and Viet Nam.
- Serves as principal gateways for China-ASEAN trade.



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## Investment Opportunities

- Each route could emphasize and specialize on certain sectors and sub-sectors
- For example:
  - Western route – agriculture, tourism, logistics and technology intensive industries
  - Central route – agriculture, agro-industry and labor-intensive industries
  - Eastern route – agriculture, agro-industry, mining and tourism



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## Impediments and Constraints

- Physical infrastructure and facilities
- Logistics
- Policies, regulations, procedures and standards
- Human resources
- Institutional factors
- Information



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## Objectives

- Ensure that NSEC development is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable
- Enhance the competitiveness of the corridor
- Pursue underlying comparative advantages and complementarities



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## Strategic Priorities

- Mainstream measures to deal with social and environmental concerns
- Strengthen physical infrastructure and facilities needed for integrating economic activities
- Facilitate cross-border transport and trade
- Address human resource constraints
- Establish/enhance institutional arrangements and mechanisms



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## Action Plan: 2008-2012

- Serves to:
  - Guide implementation of NSEC programs and projects;
  - Monitor and evaluate progress and results; and
  - Identify areas needing follow-up action.
- Shows for each strategic priority:
  - Projects, measures and activities
  - Result or output expected
  - Agency or body responsible for implementation
  - Time frame or target date of completion
  - Status



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## Critical Success Factors

- Strong political commitment
- Participation of stakeholders
- Conduct of human resource development programs
- Close monitoring, effective and timely response
- Sufficient and sustained funding support
- Effective institutional mechanisms



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## Next Steps

- Endorsement of draft SAP to GMS Ministers for final approval.
- Dissemination of SAP to GMS forums and working groups, GMS-BF, concerned national agencies and local authorities, development partners and other stakeholders.
- Implementation and monitoring of Action Plan.
- Discussion of status of Action Plan implementation at next meeting of ECF



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## Thank you!



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