



GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION BUSINESS COUNCIL

A unique regional forum that serves to promote and facilitate trade and investment in the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region

Activities implemented from January - December 2016

1. **1st 2016 GMS-BC Board of Director' Meeting on 21 April 2016 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.** The meeting conducted through video link that transmitted from ADB Resident Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to Vientiane, Hanoi, Bangkok, Yangon, Beijing and Manila.
2. **GMS-FRETA General Assembly on 21 April 2016 on 21 April 2016 at Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn, Bangkok, Thailand.** The meeting was organized back to back to the 1st 2016 GMS-BC Board of Director' Meeting in the morning as the same day. The objective is to elect a new president and office bearers and report about the activities of GMS-FRETA.
3. **Planning Workshop on 'Sustainable Freight Transport and Logistic in the Mekong Region' on 21-22 April, 2016 at Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn Bangkok.** According to the implementation of SWITCH-ASIA on Sustainable Freight and Logistics in the Mekong Region funded by the EU, implementing agencies are GIZ, MI, GMS-FRETA. The project overall objective is to increase sustainable freight transport and logistics in 500 SMEs within Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand. Project's duration is 36 months which starting from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2019. In order to provide a common understanding of project's content and management therefore the project had organized this workshop.
4. **Cross-border development conference on 31st May 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.** The conference was organized by NESBD Royal Government of Thailand, UNCDF and the European Union organized the conference. The objective is to facilitate policy dialogue for transformative solutions to develop CLMVT border municipalities.
5. **8th GMS Economic Corridor Week on 10-12 June, 2016 in Kunming, China.** The purpose is expanding mutually beneficial cooperation and development with members of GMS countries.
6. **CLMVT Forum 2016: Towards a shared prosperity on 16-18 June 2016 at Dusit Thani hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.** The forum was organized by ministry of commerce of the Kingdom of Thailand, in collaboration with ministry of industry, ministry of tourism and sport and the Board of investment. The main objective of the Forum is to strengthen our shared prosperity in line with sustainable development principle and to

build regional networks among top business people, new entrepreneurs, leading policy makers, academics and younger generations of the CLMVT countries.

7. **Regional Workshop on Green Freight and Logistics in South-East on 2-3 June 2016 at the Pullman Hotel in Bangkok Asia.** The workshop was jointly organized by GIZ, EU and ADB.
8. **8th GMS Economic Corridors Forum on 4 August, 2016, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.** The forum was organized by ADB. The theme of this year's forum is "Strengthening Connectivity and Enhancing Competitiveness in the GMS Corridors".
9. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between THE GREATER MEKONG SUB REGION BUSINESS COUNCIL (GMS-BC) AND ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER (ADPC).** The GMS-BC and ADPC had signed MOU with the period of 3 years. The GMS-BC and ADPC undertaken to establish a closer cooperation between themselves with the full knowledge and consent of the boards of both organizations and after their input and agreement, at all levels of proposed cooperation.
10. **2nd 2016 GMS-BC Board of Director' Meeting on 07 November 2016 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.** The meeting conducted through video link that transmitted from ADB Resident Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to Vientiane, Hanoi, Bangkok, Yangon, Beijing and Manila.
11. **The 21st GMS Ministerial Conference on 30 November - 01 December 2016 at Chiang Rai, Thailand.** The MC conference was organized by ADB. The theme of this year's MC is "Spurring Inclusive Growth along the GMS Economic Corridors".