

3 August 2017

Neak Oknha Kith Meng

Chairman, GMS Business Council
President, Cambodia Chamber of Commerce
Building 7D, Russian Blvd., Khan Toul Kork
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Dear Neak Oknha Kith Meng,

**Subject: Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) 22nd Ministerial Conference and
9th Economic Corridors Forum
18–20 September 2017, Ha Noi, Viet Nam**

We are pleased to invite you to the 22nd GMS Ministerial Conference (22nd MC) to be held on 18–20 September 2017 at the Sheraton Ha Noi Hotel. The 22nd MC carries the theme “*Greater GMS Achievements through Stronger and Pragmatic Cooperation*”.

This year, the 22nd MC will be preceded by the 9th GMS Economic Corridors Forum (ECF-9), with “*Deepening and Widening Benefits of the Economic Corridors through Inter-sectoral Synergies*” as its theme. These two events will bring together the GMS Ministers and senior officials of the six GMS countries (Cambodia, People’s Republic of China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam), the GMS Business Council (GMS BC) and development partners.

We would like you to join us as an ADB-sponsored participant at the following events:

18 September 2017: (i) GMS Development Partners’ Meeting (DPM), 1330-1630H; and (ii) Cocktail Reception jointly hosted by the Government of Lao PDR (ECF-9 Chair Country) and ADB from 1830H.

19 September 2017: (i) ECF-9, 0830-1700H; and (ii) Gala Dinner hosted by the Government of Viet Nam (22nd MC Chair Country) from 1830H.

20 September 2017: GMS Ministerial Meeting (MM), 1030H through lunch.

As an ADB-sponsored participant, we will be pleased to defray your cost of participation. ADB funding will cover a round-trip economy class air ticket via the most direct route, hotel accommodation and allowance within ADB norms.

In addition, we would like to invite you/your representative to deliver a brief statement to the GMS Ministers at the MM on behalf of the GMS BC. The Provisional Overall Program is attached.

We would also like to extend our invitation to other GMS BC members to participate in abovementioned events on a self-financing basis. We would be grateful if you and other members of the GMS BC could confirm your participation by sending the enclosed registration form **not later than 25 August 2017** to the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam, through Mr. Duong Hung Cuong, Director in Charge of the GMS Program (e-mail: cuongmpi@gmail.com), with copy to ADB, through Ms. Rowena Sancio (e-mail: rsancio.consultant@adb.org) and Ms. Cira Rudas (e-mail: crudas@adb.org).

ADB, in close coordination with the Government of Viet Nam, will be pleased to assist in visa facilitation, if necessary. An Information Note containing details of logistical arrangements and Conference documents will be sent to registered participants in due course.

We look forward to your valuable support to the Conference.

Sincerely,



Fa **Alfredo Perdiguero**
Director
Regional Cooperation and
Operations Coordination Division

Attachments:

- 22nd MC and ECF-9 Provisional Overall Program
- Registration Form

cc: Mr. Duong Hung Cuong, Director in charge of GMS Program, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment; e-mail: cuongmpi@gmail.com

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