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I. Introduction and Overview

1. Government's Policy-Laws and sub-law legislations and enforcement

- Policy and clear-cut regulations such as Anti-Corruption Strategy towards 2020
- Law on Anti-Corruption now criminalizes both the giver and receiver of bribes and also covers those foreign public officials
- The newly amended Law on State Inspection adopted by the National Assembly just last week has given more power to the Inspection Authorities to be able to monitor and inspect heads of agencies.
- Anti-corruption to be attached to all areas of work.



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Introduction and Overview Cont...

- ❑ Laos has enacted Decree on the Monitoring and Inspecting Government Investment Projects at the Early Stage and Decree on the Thriftiness and Anti-Extravagance. Besides, the Ministry of Finance has recently issued 10-point prohibitions for public officials in finance sector.
- ❑ Prime Ministerial No. 15 on the Banning of logging and Exporting of Unfinished Timber Products



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I. Implementation of the SEA-PAC Action Plan 2017-2019

1. Implementation of the UNCAC of Chapters II and V

- By May 2017, Laos and Uganda has completed desk review on Burkina Faso
- Country visit accomplished
- Awaiting for the UNCAC Secretariat to forward us the Draft Country Review Report on Burkina Faso for final comments.
- Starting from June 2017-June 2018, Laos will undergo a review by the Governmental Experts of Pakistan and Cyprus which we are presently in the process of preparing SACL
- Training in Malaysia in late 2016, In Moscow, Russia in April 2017 and in Vientiane Laos in May 2017



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2. Implementation of SEA-PAC MOU on Cooperation for Preventing and Combating Corruption

- Inspection Journal since 2012, published about 35,000 copies per issue for distribution every two months
- Since 2015, SIAA has run a Radio Program at FM 99.7 MHz and aired on Saturdays and Sundays at 15:00-15:30.
- SIAA is working closely with the Ministry of Education and Sports, National University of Laos, National Academy for Politics and Public Administration to review the 3- month inspection and anti-corruption training course that has been implemented some time ago



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2. Implementation of SEA-PAC MOU on Cooperation for Preventing and Combating Corruption cont...

- Photo exhibitions in relation to the inspection and anti-corruption work have been showcased at least four times over the past year to mark key events of anti-corruption work.

- International Anti-Corruption Day: 1. lecture at the National University of Laos; 2. a mini-marathon was organized at the heart of Vientiane Capital; 3. at least 3 anti-corruption banners were hung up on the main streets to raise public awareness re corruption and its detrimental effects



III. Challenges and Proposals

- Language barrier
- Software
- Broad mandate of SIAA slows down the review process
- Lack of human resource with good English proficiency and constant rotating of jobs

- * SEA-PAC should continue to exchange of good practices, experiences, information considered beneficial to the prevention and fighting corruption through various means such as: by exchanging delegations, experts and also through multilateral and bilateral platforms consistent with domestic laws of each state - aiming to upgrade the capacity among the member countries;
- * SEA-PAC member countries with more effective and tangible set of anti-corruption knowledge and practices should offer training on a voluntarily basis to officials of other member countries;
- * Cooperation among SEA-PAC must adhere to the set of principles of ASEAN which have already been agreed upon.

Khob Jai-Thank you

