

Welcome Remarks
By
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Economics
On the Occasion of Opening Ceremony
“Training on Enhancement of Industrial
Policy Development
for Lancang – Mekong Countries”
Via Online Platform
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hrs.

Mr. Panuwat Triyangkulsri, Deputy
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry

Mr. GE Tang (เก๋อ ถัง), Political Counselor of
the Embassy of The People's Republic of
China

Representative of Mekong Cooperation Unit,
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Distinguished guests, Participants and
Lecturers,

Ladies and Gentleman,

Good morning and welcome to Thailand via online platform. It is my great pleasure to be here to deliver a welcome remarks at this opening ceremony of “Training on Enhancement of Industrial Policy Development for Lancang – Mekong Countries” organized by Office of Industrial Economic (OIE), the Ministry of Industry of Thailand in collaboration with Siripattana Training Center of NIDA with support from Mekong – Lancang Cooperation or MLC Special Fund.

Initially, this training course was scheduled to conduct physically in Bangkok in May 2020. However, due to the situation of Covid-19 pandemic outbreak of the last 2 years, currently, upon approval from the Embassy of The People's Republic of China, our program has been adjusted into the online platform and still connecting among MLC members.

Ladies and Gentleman,

This cooperation is initiated by Thailand to serve the objectives of the Sanya

Declaration at the first Mekong – Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Leaders’ Meeting, the Five-Year Plan of Action on Lancang – Mekong Cooperation (2018-2022), as well as the Phnom Penh Declaration of the Second MLC leaders’ Meeting. Our areas of cooperation particularly focuses on production capacity, promotion of cross border, and investment cooperation in order to optimize cooperation framework, working mechanism and institutional arrangements among MLC members.

The main objectives aim to improve knowledge relating to industrial development planning for mid-senior level government officials from MLC members and provide the opportunity for inter-country /inter-agency exchange of ideas concerning industrial development strategies. Also, it will promote coordination and cooperation among the industrial development agencies concerned.

In addition, the underlying objective is to effectively help implement the Lancang – Mekong Industrial Plan of Action through

providing an appropriate training on enhancing the competitiveness of the Industrial development planning process for industrial policy makers of MLC members. It is expected that the program will provide useful experience for MLC members in their own efforts to achieve economic growth including narrowing the development gap within the region.

During 3 days of the training activities, the contents will focus on industrial, investment, and economic development policies as well as practical issues on industrial connectivity among MLC members. Apart from the comprehensive and intensive lectures by the proficient experts, there will be opportunity for participants to discuss, learn and share experiences to gain better knowledge in relating to industrial policy formulation. Pre and post-test, evaluation activities will be also performed for illustrating the successful output of this cooperation program.

Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the project team for their hard work and great contribution to this project. I also would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all participants for your kind participation in the sub-regional corporation project implemented by Thailand.

On this special occasion, may I invite Mr. Panuwat Triyangkulsri, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry to deliver the opening remarks for “Training on Enhancement of Industrial Policy Development for Lancang – Mekong Countries”.

Thank you very much.