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# SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

**Chair's Summary Report to the Ministers**  
**18 November 2019**



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# Key Achievements of the GMS Program



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# Transport

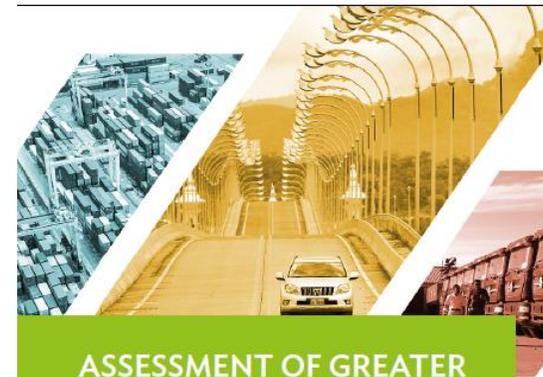
87 transport projects worth about \$78 billion account for 84% of the GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022 pipeline

Increasing share of modes other than roads – railways and ports

Framework Agreement on Cross-Border Railway Transport Connectivity in the GMS being developed

Greater work on road safety

Assessment of the GMS corridors



ASSESSMENT OF GREATER  
MEKONG SUBREGION  
ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

INTEGRATIVE REPORT

10TH ECONOMIC CORRIDORS FORUM  
13 DECEMBER 2018



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# Transport and Trade Facilitation

“Early Harvest” implementation of the CBTA

- GMS Road Transport Permits
- Temporary Admission Documents

Negotiations for expanded coverage along GMS corridors, routes and border crossings under CBTA Protocol 1 were concluded

Progress on CBTA 2.0 and its Annexes and Protocols towards full implementation of the CBTA

Time Release Studies  
SPS standard arrangements



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# Energy

The **Regional Power Coordination Committee (RPCC)** work focused on:

- harmonization of technical performance standards and grid code
- regional transmission planning, pre-feasibility study of priority interconnections

Increasing bilateral and thru-power trade among GMS countries:

- Lao PDR – Cambodia
- Lao PDR – Thailand
- Pre-feasibility for Lao PDR – Myanmar /Lao-PDR-Cambodia interconnection

Move toward establishment of RPCC

Studies completed on integrating strategic environmental assessments (SEA) into power development planning



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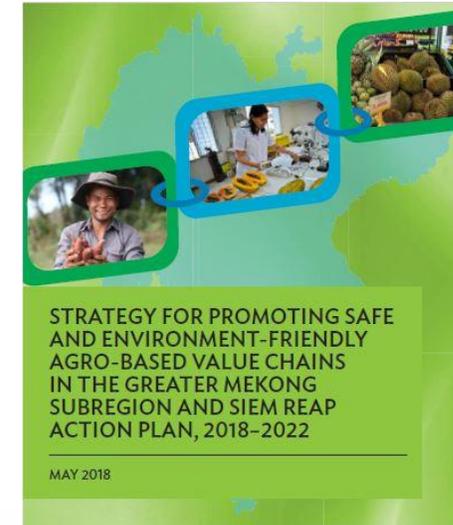
# Agriculture

**GMS Strategy for Promoting Safe and Environment-friendly Agro-based value chains and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022** began implementation

- commitment to food security
- increased market access for small producers
- ensure food safety

Work with DPs on a new GMS Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Program

- green and gender-conscious agri-food value chains;
- financing climate-smart agribusinesses;
- food safety and quality standards;
- cross-border animal health and value chains improvement;
- soil and water management for food security; and
- agricultural adaptation



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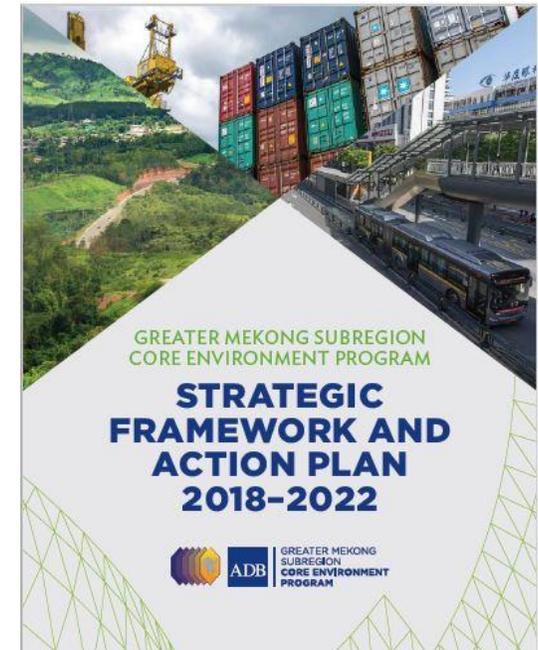


# Environment

**Core Environment Program Strategic Framework and Action Plan (CEPSFAP) (2018-2022)** endorsed by 5<sup>th</sup> GMS Environment Ministers' Meeting, Feb 2018

- address climate change
- leverage green growth opportunities
- decentralize implementation

Work with DPs on a proposed GMS Climate Change and Environment Sustainability Program



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# Tourism

Tourist arrivals reached 78.8 million in 2018 generated \$95 billion in revenues, 6.5 million jobs

Tourism strategy:

- promotion of secondary destinations
- sustained investment in tourism-related infrastructure, technology, and human development

Country efforts proceeding to establish the Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO) as an inter-governmental organization

Successful annual Mekong Tourism Forum and the “Mekong Moments” campaign



2019 Mekong Tourism Forum in Dali



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# Health

## GMS Health Ministers endorsed the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy 2019-2023

- improving GMS health system performance
- responding to public health threats
- strengthening health protection for vulnerable communities
- enhancing human resource capacity to respond to health issues



## Ongoing efforts to:

- strengthen efforts against communicable diseases
- improve public health security systems
- boost national and regional capacity for disease surveillance and response, risk assessment, case management, and subregional collaboration



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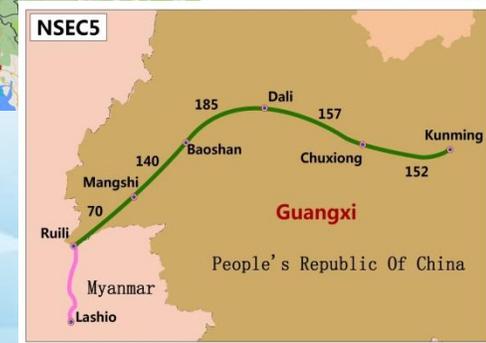
# Urban and Border Area Development

Progress in corridor towns development in Myanmar, Lao PDR, and Cambodia

Planned developments in GMS border areas between Guangxi, PRC and Viet Nam and between Yunnan, PRC and Myanmar

- support for cross-border trade, investment, and financial transactions, particularly for SMEs;
- developing infrastructure and trade related services;
- improving border connectivity and policy coordination; and addressing urban and social development issues

Ongoing study on spatial planning along the GMS NSEC between Myanmar and PRC



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# 10th GMS Economic Corridors Forum

## ***“Extending Corridors for Inclusive Connectivity in the GMS”***

13 December 2018 Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

- updated assessment of state of development of GMS economic corridors
- progress made in trade and investment facilitation
- cross-border E-commerce cooperation
- update on activities related to regional logistics development;
- efforts related to community-building along the corridors, such as in health and safe labor migration.

**GMS Governors’ Forum and Economic Corridors Week** in Kunming included knowledge-sharing to underpin corridor development initiatives



**GMS Governors’ Forum and Economic Corridors Week**  
Kunming, PRC in June 2019



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# Deliverables for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Conference



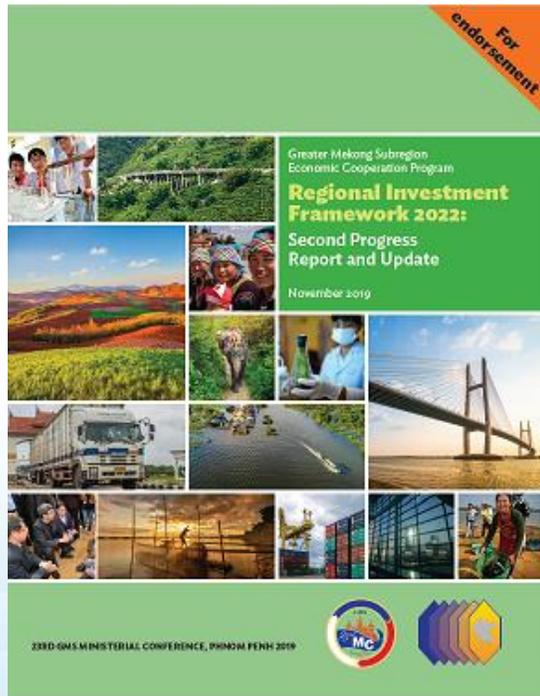
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# GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022: Second Progress Report and Update

– proposed for endorsement



- Total estimated costs of projects in the updated RIF 2022 is \$92 billion
- Projects: 155 Investment Projects – 8 more than 2018
- Projects with available funding now total \$55 billion or 60% of total estimated costs of projects
- 9 investment projects have been completed during 2018-2019
- 57 investment projects are on going



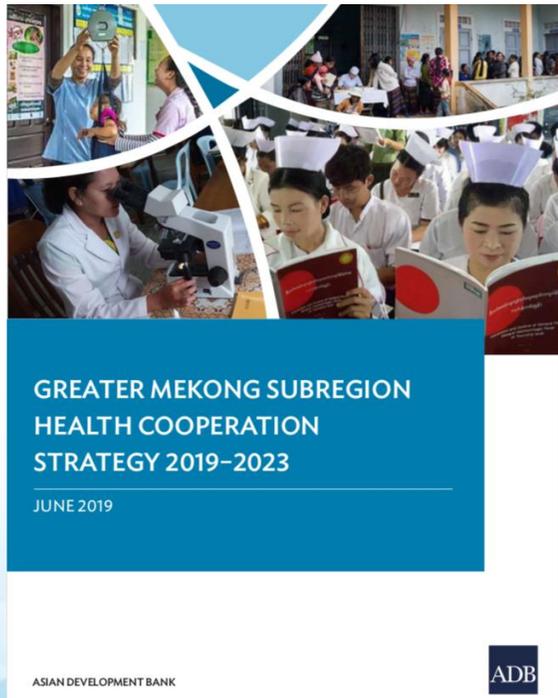
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# GMS Health Cooperation Strategy 2019-2023

-- presented for notation



- The product of the GMS Working Group on Health Cooperation
- It was endorsed by the working group in December 2018 in Yangon, Myanmar
- The Strategy was endorsed *ad referendum* by the Ministries of Health of the GMS countries in the first quarter of 2019
- It will be formally launched later in this Ministerial Meeting.



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# Key Items for the GMS Ministers' Consideration



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# Major Ongoing Work for Consideration by the Ministers

Draft of the proposed long-term GMS Strategic Framework, called *GMS 2030*

Research Program: "The Greater Mekong Subregion: Moving Forward Together – A Knowledge Program"



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# *Thank You*



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