



**Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program**

**Eleventh Economic Corridors Forum**

**Theme: “Boosting Competitiveness, Connectivity, and Community in the GMS Economic Corridors through Focused and Integrated Spatial Development”**

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1000-1305 H Manila/Beijing time, 0900-1205 H Bangkok/Ha Noi/Phnom Penh/Vientiane time, 0830-1135 H Nay Pyi Taw time

PROGRAM	
<p><b>1000 – 1020</b> (20 min)</p>	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks: Mr. Wanchat Suwannakitti, Ph.D., Senior Advisor to Policy and Plan, the National Economic and Social Development Board, Government of Thailand (Chair)</li> <li>• Statements by Heads of Delegation from Cambodia, PRC, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam</li> <li>• Opening remarks by Ramesh Subramanian, Director General, Southeast Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) (Co-Chair)</li> </ul> <p><i>[Each speech is limited to 2 minutes.]</i></p>
<p><b>Part I. Strengthening the GMS Economic Corridors’ Competitiveness</b></p>	
<p><b>1020 – 1030</b> (10 min)</p>	<p><b>Session 1: Brief on the Economic Corridor Related Aspects of GMS-2030</b></p> <p>Presentation on the strategic thrusts and principles in the draft new GMS Strategic Framework, GMS-2030, that have a bearing on the development of the GMS economic corridors</p> <p>Presenter: Alfredo Perdiguero, Director, South East Asia Regional Cooperation Division, ADB</p>
<p><b>1030 – 1045</b> (15 min)</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Study on Section-Specific Planning for the GMS North-South Economic Corridor in Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China (NSEC-5 Study)</b></p> <p>Presentation on the findings of the study, which aims to identify measures and ways of cooperation to transform NSEC-5 into a full-fledged economic corridor that</p>

	<p>generates increased investment, employment, and incomes along and around the subcorridor in an inclusive and sustainable manner.</p> <p>Presenter: Representatives from the Study Team</p>
<p><b>1045 – 1055</b> (10 min)</p>	<p><b>Session 3: The Development of the Eastern Economic Corridor in Thailand</b> Presentation on the experience of Thailand in developing the Eastern Economic Corridor as an example of an individual country corridor that is linked to the regional economic corridors.</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Kanit Sangsubhan, Secretary General, Eastern Economic Corridor, Government of Thailand</p>
<p><b>1055 – 1125</b> (30 min)</p>	<p><b>Open Discussion on Sessions 1 – 3</b></p>
<p><b>Part II. Improving GMS Countries' Capacities to Better Participate in Regional Economic Integration</b></p>	
<p><b>1125 – 1145</b> (20 min)</p>	<p><b>Session 4: Further Strengthening Multilateralism and Free Trade among GMS Countries</b></p> <p>Discussion on possible ways of how the GMS Program can contribute to accelerating the implementation of the existing free trade agreements in which the six GMS countries already participate (ASEAN+China) and future FTAs in which the GMS countries may participate (e.g., Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership). This could also be useful in determining the possible innovations and content of GMS institutional bodies/mechanisms.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Chen Ning, Deputy Director General, Department of International Trade &amp; Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China</li> <li>• Mrs. Auramon Supthaweethum, Director General, Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership</li> </ul> <p><b><i>[Each presentation is allotted 10 minutes]</i></b></p>
<p><b>1145 – 1155</b> (10 min)</p>	<p><b>Session 5: Possible Ways of Accelerating and Enhancing the Implementation of the GMS Cross-Border E-Commerce Cooperation Platform</b></p> <p>Discussion on ways to further strengthen the implementation of this Peoples Republic of China-initiated cooperation platform.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Liu Qixin, Project Officer, Department of Commerce of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China</p>
<p><b>1155 – 1215</b> (20 min)</p>	<p><b>Open Discussion on Sessions 4 and 5</b></p>

<b>Part III. Enhancing Connectivity along the GMS Economic Corridors</b>	
<b>1215 – 1235</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Session 6: Strengthening Software Aspects of Connectivity along the Corridors: Updates on the Cross-Border Transport Facilitation Agreement, Early Harvest Implementation and other Transport and Trade Facilitation Efforts</b></p> <p>The Forum will be updated on the progress of the “Early Harvest Implementation” of the cross-border transport facilitation agreements and other trade and transport facilitation efforts, including the new knowledge and support technical assistance to support the ‘Early Harvest’ going forward.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Kanya Sasradipoera, Senior Trade Specialist, ADB</li> <li>• Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, Mekong Institute</li> </ul> <p><b><i>[10-minute presentation and 10-minute open discussion]</i></b></p>
<b>Part IV. Building Community along the GMS Economic Corridors</b>	
<b>1235 – 1250</b> (15 min)	<p><b>Session 7: Presentation on Possible Initiatives on Labor Mobility and Safe Migration in GMS Economic Corridors</b></p> <p>Presentation on planned initiatives to promote labor mobility and ensure safe cross-border migration along the GMS economic corridors.</p> <p>Presenter: Kristin Parco, Cambodia Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration</p> <p><b><i>[10-minute presentation and 5-minute open discussion]</i></b></p>
<b>1250 – 1255</b>	<p><b>Consideration and Approval of the ECF-11 Joint Press Release</b></p>
<b>1255 – 1305</b> (10 min)	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up by Co-Chair</li> <li>• Closing Remarks by Chair</li> </ul>