



INVESTMENT POLICY & OPPORTUNITIES

IN **LAOS:**

Land of

Ample

Opportunities

Successes

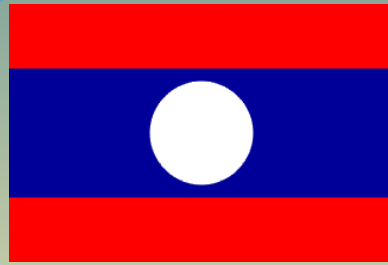
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Laos in Brief



Laos Population
6,5 million (2012)

Laos's GDP
GDP Growth rate 7,9%
\$ 1,396 per capita GDP

Land Area
236,800 sq.km

**Industrial Production
growth rate**
11 % (2013)

**Laos
GDP by Sector**
Agriculture: 26,0%
Industry: 31,2%
Services: 37,1%

**Laos Labor
Force**
3.373 million (2013)





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Country Snapshot



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The Lao government vision is to establish Laos from the Land-Locked Country to the Land-Linked Nation. At the Moment, there are several routes to connect ASEAN to China such as Road No. 3 (R3) connecting Thailand-Laos-China (called North-South Corridor), in the central there is East-West Corridor, which is Road No. 9 connecting Thailand-Laos-Vietnam. In addition, the government of Laos also established the potential of economic zones such as Savan-Seno Economic Special Zone (Savannakhet Province).

Market Access

Access to ASEAN market (500 million inhabitants) and neighboring China
Land-link initiative: East-West Economic Corridor with Special Economic Zone in Savannakhet acting as a trade and service center.

Easy regional access with regular direct flights to the major hubs of Bangkok, Hanoi, Kunming, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore



Why Laos?

Comparative & Competitive Advantages

- Political stability
- High safety
- Low risk from natural disasters
- Low labor cost

(Minimum wage: \$85.7/month)

Country of rich natural resources:

- Fertile land, Minerals, Water, and forest, giving development potential in agriculture, mining, and hydropower.



**No.158th WTO
member in 2013**

**ASEAN Economic
Community 2016**



LAOS: Land of Ample Opportunity and Success

- **Unilateral Trade Agreements with 39 nations**
- **Bilateral Investment Treaties with 28 nations**
- **General Special Preferences (GSP) Privileges with 42 countries**
- **Normal Trade Relations (NTR) with USA (04/02/2005)**



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