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**Impact of Trade Policy Reform on Social
Welfare,
Inequality and Poverty: The case of Lao PDR.**

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I. Introduction

- ❑ Least developed countries in South East Asia
- ❑ NEM in 1986 and open country to world
- ❑ Declining on poverty rate from 46% in 1992/93 to 33.5% and 27.6% in 2002/03 and 2007/08 respectively.
- ❑ High economic growth after openness.

I. Introduction

@. Objective of Study

- ❑ To study the impact of trade policy reform as tariff reduction on poverty in Lao PDR through importing and domestic commodity price change.
- ❑ To examine the effect of trade policy reform on social welfare and inequality as a whole during reform process.

II. Trade Liberalization and Poverty Reduction in Lao PDR.

2.1 The process of Lao trade reform after

- ~~1990~~ Beginning implements of trade policy reform from by ranging from 5 percent to 100 percent.
- The IMF proposed new tariff rate structures as as 10, 20, 30, and 40 percent.
- The highest tariff rates still wanted to apply for domestic industry protections.
- Continuing improvement and reform law and institution in order to integrate with regional and international organization.

2.2 Poverty Reduction during Reform

- ❑ Setting poverty reduction programs as the first priority issues in social-economic planning.
- ❑ Escaping from LDCs and meet MDGs by 2020
- ❑ Poverty in Lao PDR is mainly living in rural area which is remote from main road and city.
- ❑ Working in agricultural sector as main sources of their income.
- ❑ Low productivity

2.2 Poverty Reduction during Reform

- ❑ **Why does the Northern part of Laos have many poorer than other regions?**
- ❑ Limited access to agricultural inputs, poor essential infrastructure, and limited access to health services.
- ❑ About 31.6 percent of the rural households don't have road access (Peter Warr, 2005) particular in wet season.

Conceptual Framework and Methodology

The linkage between trade policy reform and poverty

Winters (2000) provided very fundamental framework on relationship between trade reform and poverty reduction as below:

- Consumer price change and import availability,
- Income distribution and employment,
- Government revenue and expenditure

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