

Economic Symposium on Laos 2005

Development Strategies and Policies: Economic and Political Impact of Foreign Aid in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

March 26, 2005

Waterfront Activities Center
University of Washington, Seattle

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Each speaker gets 15 minutes for presentation and another 15 minutes for Q's&A's

- 08:30 *Reception*
- 09:05 *Welcoming Remarks* by the Organizing Committee Chair, **Mana K. Southichack, PhD**
- 09:10 *Opening Remarks 1*, **Thomas W. Gething, PhD**, Director, Southeast Asian Center, University of Washington
- 09:20 *Opening Remarks 2*, **Mr. Meuai Thapvongsa**, Board of Directors, Laos Fund
- 09:30 *Political, Social and Environmental Perspectives of Economic Development in Laos*. **Sin Vilay, PhD**, Economics, Arizona, USA
- 10:00 *An Overview: Economic development in the Lao PDR since 1975*. **Mana K. Southichack, PhD**, Economics, Hawaii, USA
- 10:30 *Challenges of Dams Building in the Lao PDR*. **Bolyvong Tanovan, PhD**, Engineering, Oregon, USA
- 11:00 *The Dynamics of Education in Lao National Development*. **Bounlieng Phommasouvanh, PhD**, Education, Minnesota, USA
- 11:30 Open questions to any speaker
- 12:00 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 13:30 *An Overview of Health Care System in Laos*. **Phoumy R. Bounkeua, PhD**, Health Science, WA, USA
- 14:00 *Human Trafficking: Economic and Human Rights Problems of Young Lao Women*. **Mani Sinhbandith**, Social Activist, WA, USA
- 14:30 *LPDR: Impact of Foreign Aid on Political Development*. **Baramy Mithivong**, Social Activist, DC, USA
- 15:00 *Barriers to Growth and Foreign Aid Impacts on Economic and Political Development in the Lao PDR*. **Mana K. Southichack, PhD**, Economics, Hawaii, USA
- 15:30 Open questions to any speaker
- 16:30 Announcement and END

March 27, 2005

All individuals interested in attending the Sunday March 27th session other than organizers and panelists are required to register with the organizing committee. Registration for this session is available on Saturday, if advanced registration has not been made.

Agenda

- Discussion, comments and criticism on papers by panelists
- Discuss publication plan
- Discuss future plan:
 - What to achieve
 - What must be done
 - Plan for the 2006 and 2007 symposium
- Others

Location: To be announced on Saturday

Time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm