

ICT Cooperation

An MOU between India and Lao PDR on ICT bilateral cooperation was signed on September 17, 2004

The following components as per the MoU have been implemented so far:

- a) **Setting up of an Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Training Laboratory** with 25 Computers with software tools; (Completed in November 2004 and inaugurated during ASEAN 2004 summit by Hon'ble Shri Natwar Singh, previous EAM and Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to Prime Minister Office, Govt. of Lao PDR)
- b) **Capacity Building of Government Officials through Human Resource Development for 150 Government officials** in Four Course Modules of 5 days duration. These Training Modules are:
 - Office Productivity Tools (Completed in Jan-Feb, 2005)
 - Database Design & Analysis (Completed in July-Aug, 2005)
 - Web Services, Portal and Content Management (Completed in Oct-Nov, 2006)
 - Basic Software Engineering Technologies and Methodologies (Completed in Feb-Apr, 2007)
- c) **Preparation of e-Governance Action Plan document for Government of Lao PDR** (Completed and report officially released in May 2006 by Hon'ble Shri E. Ahamed, MoS(EA), Govt. of India and Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to Prime Minister Office, Govt. of Lao PDR.)
- d) **MCA Programme for thirty LAO Students in India for three years duration** (30 students of Lao PDR selected through Common Entrance Test and Interview Process held in last week of March 2007. The programme would commence from July 2007 Academic Session by GGSIP University in New Delhi)
- e) **Setting up of National Data Centre** (e-Governance Infrastructure); (Completed and made operational in May 2006 and inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri E. Ahamed MOS(EA), Govt. of India and Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to Prime Minister Office, Govt. of Lao PDR on May 28, 2006)
- f) **Establishment of five pilot Rural Tele Centers** (Community Information Centre) in remote and rural areas along the Mekong River for ICT Penetration in Agriculture, Rural Health and Rural Development Programmes (NIC team had done feasibility study in Nov. 2006 and feasibility study report submitted to MEA, Indian Embassy and Govt. of Lao PDR for acceptance and further actions)