



The Hongsa Mine Mouth Power Plant, Hongsa district, Xayaboury province.

Hongsa Power to celebrate commercial power generation

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Hongsa Power Company Limited will hold a celebration to mark commercial power generation at the Hongsa power plant, with two generators now fully operational and the third set to operate early next year.

The ceremony will be held at the Hongsa Mine Mouth Power Plant, Hongsa district, Xayaboury province on December 9, and will be attended by high ranking officials of Laos, Thailand and other foreign guests.

The first power generator was officially put into operation in June of this year and the second generator began operating early this month, while the third one is expected to begin generating in March next year, according to the company.

The plant will help to create revenue for the government for development and to promote the bilateral economic relationship between Thailand and the Laos.

The constructions started in 2011 and are expected to finish next year with a 25 year land concession of 76.2 square

kilometres from 2016-2041.

The company is expected to spend US\$3.7 billion on the construction and the plant will have a total capacity of 1,878 MW or 626MW per generator, using 14.3 million tonnes of lignite per year.

Under the agreement, 1,473 MW of electricity will be sold to the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), and 100MW to Electricite du Laos (EDL).

Banpu Power Limited, and Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Company Limited both share 40 percent, and Lao Holding State Enterprise shares the remaining 20 percent.

The Hongsa Mine Mount Power Project is the biggest thermal power plant in the country.

The project respects international environmental standards but some people are still concerned about the pollution it might cause.

The company cooperated with the provincial Health Department to ensure and follow

up the health of current and coming generations.

After the project began construction, it created many jobs for local people, especially young workers.

According to a 2014 company report, almost 3,000 Lao people are employed in the plant and this number is expected to rise this year.

This has improved living conditions of the local people and reduced the number of people illegally working in Thailand.

The company highly values its social responsibility to families affected by the project by promoting agricultural projects, livestock breeding and handicrafts to gain an income.

However, many families still suffer as the special projects are located far from their homes.

The company also assists the community with educational development and health promotion by constructing schools and dispensaries and handing over equipment within the district, as well as road construction works.

Human-value based institutions benefit disadvantaged people

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The Ministry of Education and Sports paid a visit to the Sathya Sai Institutions of India, and has reported last Friday their human-value based model should be considered for replication in Laos.

Deputy Minister Mr Lytou Bouapao told *Vientiane Times* he was invited to visit some of the model institutions in Puttapparth and Bangalore, run by the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust under the Sathya Sai Foundation in Laos.

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council of India have provided the highest ranking to the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning.

This institution, from primary to doctoral level, is highly reputed for churning out some of the best all round students - brilliant in academics besides possessing high ethical qualities.

The institution's aim is to develop good world citizens, with the motto: 'End of Education is Character'.

Besides formal institutions, the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values programme founded in India by Sathya Sai Baba now operates successfully in more than 160 countries, supported by national education departments.

It is a secular programme concerned with putting back character development and values into education and developing all domains of the student's personality.

Mr Lytou explained the objective of his visit was to better understand Sri Sathya Sai Baba's principle of human values, and how these are being translated into reality through free services in education, and medical and social care irrespective of class, race or religion.

"These institutions,



Deputy Minister of Education and Sports Mr Lytou Bouapao (left) leads a Lao delegation to visit Sathya Sai Institutions in India.

grounded on universal human values of love, truth, peace, non-violence and right conduct, focus on the motto 'Education is for life and not just for a living', he said.

The minister added that in Laos, an Indian person working for the United Nations built a primary school where education and free meals are provided for disadvantaged children, built on a human-value based educational model.

"This is not widely known, but we will ask media to cover this in the near future," Mr Lytou said.

Mr Lytou explained in the Asean region, in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia several such institutions are run by the local Sathya Sai Foundations - and these are providing quality education for free.

The Institute of Sathya Sai Education in Thailand led by Dr Art Ong Jumsai na Ayuthya, a former NASA scientist and renowned educator, is providing training to government teachers.

The same institution has been awarded as a model school

both by the Thai government as well as by the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation.

The Lao officials also visited the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, a super-specialty 230-bed hospital that provides quality medical care at the tertiary level free of charge to all.

The hospital provides free medical services in the disciplines of cardiology/ cardio-thoracic vascular surgery, urology, and ophthalmology. It was inaugurated by the former Prime Minister of India.

A second super-specialty hospital was visited in Bangalore as well.

The visiting delegation noted that the human-values based development model can contribute immensely to accelerate development in Laos, especially in the education sector.

Strengthening the education sector, the government can rapidly implement its 3-build system for a developed and prosperous Laos.

Multi-ethnic groups enjoy... FROM PAGE 1

organisations.

Dr Phanduangchit stated that the Lao multiethnic people have jointly and actively participated in the tasks of national development and protection.

Since the 1980s, the ethnic groups have actively participated in the national defence and security task, especially at the grass-roots levels, that has enabled Laos to enjoy stability and security.

Laos has achieved hosting many regional and international events and conferences such as the Asean Summit in 2004 and the 9th Asia-Europe Meeting amongst other meetings, thanks to the active participation from the multiethnic groups that helped ensure security during the

events, Dr Phanduangchit said.

In order to improve the livelihoods of the local people, the government has defined economic development as the central focus of a number of income-generating activities. Notably, cash crop cultivation has been introduced to enable local villagers to make a living.

In addition, infrastructure development projects have been carried out to give remote communities access to roads, he added.

Dr Phanduangchit spoke of the importance of education, which the government has expanded into rural communities. He added that parents have attached great important to encouraging their

children to enroll in school, thereby contributing to national development.

In order to protect the achievements of the revolution, he highlighted the important tasks for the respective elderly people to contribute to, including educating the young people in regards to ideology, the spirit of patriotism and the virtuous attitudes of the leaders.

In addition, he called for the respected elderly people to further enhance the cohesive solidarity among the ethnic groups, regardless of their religion, belief and classes along with mobilising all the social power and strength to participate in the national development effort.

First Vientiane Expo... FROM PAGE 1

60 firms from abroad and international organisations.

The main products being exhibited were handicrafts, clothes, jewellery, furniture, home decor items, cosmetics, medicines, food, financial services, education, tourism and others, Ms Khemmani added.

In the exhibition there are also workshops, business exchange meetings, trade and investment seminars, and cultural performances from both home and abroad.

Officials hope the expo will become an important forum for selling goods and encouraging the development

of local products into the brand name "Made in Laos".

In addition, the exhibition will allow Lao and foreign business and international organisations to demonstrate their own achievements throughout the 40 year period during the establishment and development of the nation.

Weather forecast

Xieng Khuang				
Date	Temperature in (C)		Weather	Weather
	Min	Max		
30/11/2015	16	26	☁	Morning fog
01/11/2015	16	26	☁	Morning fog
02/12/2015	14	25	☁	Morning fog
Luang Namtha				
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	Min	Max		
30/11/2015	16	30	☁	Morning fog
01/11/2015	17	30	☁	Morning fog
02/12/2015	16	29	☁	Morning fog
Luang Prabang				
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	Min	Max		
30/11/2015	17	30	☁	Morning fog
01/11/2015	17	31	☁	Morning fog
02/12/2015	16	30	☁	Morning fog
Vientiane				
Date	Temperature in (C)		Weather	Weather
	Min	Max		
30/11/2015	22	32	☁	Mist
01/11/2015	22	33	☁	Mist
02/12/2015	22	32	☁	Mist
Savannakhet				
Date	Temperature in (C)		Weather	Weather
	Min	Max		
30/11/2015	21	32	☁	Mist
01/11/2015	22	33	☁	Mist
02/12/2015	21	30	☁	Partly cloudy