

Laos' Attapeu airport to open for public service this month

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The newly-built Attapeu domestic airport will officially open for public use at the end of this month as a result of expanded air transport and tourism promotion in Attapeu Province, Lao News Agency reported.

Somboun Daosavanh, director general of the Lao Airport Authority, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, said the construction of the Attapeu airport, which began in May of 2013, is now completed.

The airport was built by the Hoang Anh Gia Lai Agriculture Development Company at a cost of 289 billion kip (about US\$36.19 million) and will officially open for public service on May 30.

"This project contributes to the long-term socio-economic development plan of the government for 2010-2020, according to the policy of shifting from a land-locked country to a land linked country as well as to graduate the country from least developed status by 2020," Mr Somboun said.

The second phase of Attapeu airport construction will upgrade the airport to an international one.

The airport will support planes having 70-100 seats particularly the ATR 72, Fokker 70, MA-60 and Fokker 100.

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