Lao – China Railway and promoting sustainable transport in the region

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I. Background

- **Trans-Asian Railway Network:** (TAR) linking Europe to Asian and promoting better economic and social integration of the two continents.

- **PAN-ASIA railway network:** is one of four routes which will form the Trans Asian Railway. Linking Kunming to Singapore.
II. Implementation


- Railway line from Boten – Kunming: 626 km

- Under consultation stage for construction of railway bridge to connect Laos – China railway and Laos – Thailand railway
Development Plan on Railway and network in Lao PDR

(1). Laos – China railway : 422.44 km

(2). Laos – Thailand (khamsavat passenger station) : 11 km (plan to operate in Jan 2023)

(3). Vientiane – Thakhek – Naphao – Mu Dia (Laos – Vietnam border): 452 km. (completed the review of FS report)

(4). Savannakhet – Lao Bao (Laos – Vietnam border) 220 km. (require funding for development)

(5). Thakhek – Savannakhet – Pakse – Vangtao (Laos – Thailand border) : 345 km (require funding for development)


(7). Pakse – Vernkham (Laos – Cambodia border: 100 km. (require funding for development)
9 Dryport development in Lao PDR to facilitate cross border trade and transport in the region

1. Thanaleng, Vientiane
2. Savannakhet, Savannakhet
3. Vangtao, Champasak
4. Natuey, luangnamtha
5. Houy Xai, Bokeo
6. Mueng Xay, Oudomxay
7. Luangphabang, Luangphabang
8. Lak Sao, Bolikhamxay
9. Thakhek, Khammouane

- Under operation
- Not yet operation
Issues / challenges

➢ Limited types of goods allowed to transport to China by train due to current COVID-19 regulation.

➢ Limited budget / funding sources to upgrade road network and to develop logistics facilities to support multimodal transport: Dryports, consolidation centers, truck terminals to maximise the effective utilization of railway and to reduce logistics cost.

➢ Inadequate experiences, know-how for the development, management and operation on railways.

➢ Inadequate platforms / mechanism among G2G, G2B and B2B to discuss and promote sustainable freight and logistics development for regional benefits.
Thank you for your attention

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