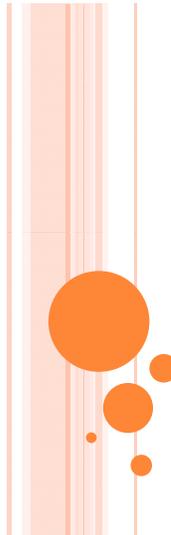


Progress made in Lao PDR on Promoting ESC Since the 1st HLS ESC

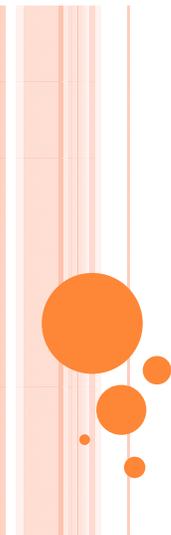
1) The traditional urban planning scheme that has been in practice since the last twenty years is now gearing toward a long term strategic development plan by giving a priority on the town greenery, cleanliness, safety, including disaster prevention, and reduction of transport emission .

The concept of Green City is well accepted and promoted by all provincial capital towns and major cities of Laos;



2) National Urban Forum and thematic sub-forums are under an establishment process to provide a better knowledge sharing, exchanges of opinions and co-ordination of efforts in urban planning and development between the public, private sectors and civil societies, especially in combating with uncontrolled urban sprawl, increasing in number of road accidents, deterioration of natural environment and destruction of traditional construction sites in economically more advance cities.

3) The government effort in strengthening the capacity of local authority and facilitation of decentralisation of power in urban management and administration are defined an integrated part of development missions of on-going urban development projects and will be consolidated in the future.



4) Under the activities of AWGESC the clean air, clean land and clean water indicators have been tested in three towns and by a support from GTZ a road map toward a clean air plan has been prepared for the Capital city.

Thank you