

Project Summary

Project Duration

July 2018 to July 2023

5 years

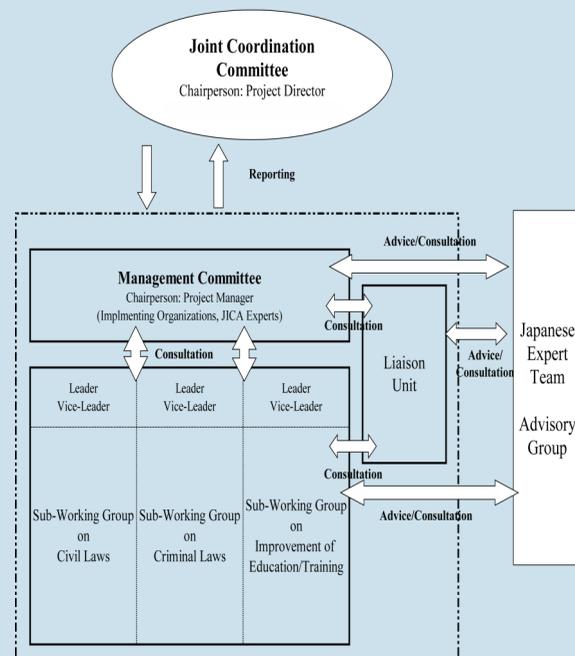
Counter Parts

- Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor
- The People's Supreme Court
- Ministry of Justice
- Faculty of Law and Political Science, National University of Lao

Type of Cooperation

Technical Assistance

Project Structure



JICA J-ROL office

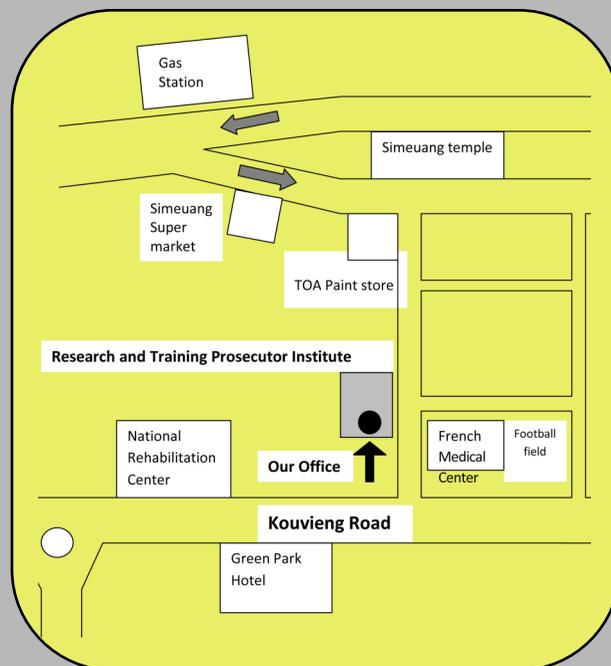
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JICA J-ROL Project

2018-2023

The Project for Promoting Development and Strengthening of the Rule of Law in the Legal Sector in Lao PDR

Background

On the basis of the Lao government's master plan of building the country to be a state governed by the rule of law and the results of evaluations of prior projects "Project for Human Resource Development in the Legal Sector" Phase I & II, which were implemented from 2010 to 2018, JICA and the four Lao authorities concerned, such as Ministry of Justice, People Supreme Court, Office of Supreme People's Prosecutor, National University of Laos, have seamlessly started new J-ROL Project.

Project Purpose

The core human resources of legal and judicial sector acquire abilities to study legal theories, to implement and enforce basic laws based on legal theories and to improve laws and practices, share outcomes of the study with relevant officials of the sector and plan sustainable structures to continue these activities by themselves, and the trainers and lecturers of legal education and training sector acquire abilities to train high quality legal practitioners.



The Three Pillars of JICA's Cooperation for Rule of Law Promotion in Developing Countries

Supporting the improvement of the capacity of organizations responsible for law implementation

Support in the development of organizational capacity and the improvement of the professional practice

Supporting the development of rules and regulations

Support of drafting of laws and legislative activities

Supporting the legal empowerment of people and society

Supporting the dissemination of laws, people's access to legal and judicial systems, and the development of legal-aid systems

Supporting the development of human resources in legal and judicial sector

Supporting cultivation and training for legal professionals, judicial officials, legal organization members and others who are involved in the development of the above three pillars

Civil Code Drafting

The first Civil Code in Lao history, which the JICA project supported drafting work, was approved by the National Assembly on 6th December 2018. The project continues to assist Lao government to disseminate it to the society.



Motion Picture Video "What is Civil Code?"

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20 years History of Legal Cooperation



We celebrated 20th anniversary of Legal Cooperation between Laos and Japan (1998 -2018)

We are honored to provide continuous contributions to Lao government and for establishment of

Rule of Law state and society.



Working Group Activities

The project formulates several Sub-Working groups, such as **Civil Law SWG / Criminal Law SWG / Education and Training Development SWG** which are composed of Lao officials from different organizations to research Lao laws and to make materials based on their research. Japanese legal experts always support these activities.



Training in Japan

Several hundred Lao officials have visited Japan and learned Japanese legal system built by harmonizing advanced western legal system and actual Japanese society.



Printed Materials / Publication

Various kinds of printed materials are crucial requirement to develop human resources in the legal sector in Lao PDR. The JICA project gave maximum assistance to Lao legal officials to write and edit many publications with inclusive study of existing laws in Lao PDR.

Representative titles the project has published are;

- Chart book of Civil procedure / Criminal Procedure
- Handbook on Civil Procedure Law (2012)
- Handbook on Criminal Procedure Law (2012)
- Handbook on Economic Dispute Resolution Law (2010)
- Handbook on Labor Law (2013)
- Handbook on Criminal investigation
- Civil / Criminal Mock Case File for Legal Education & Training

