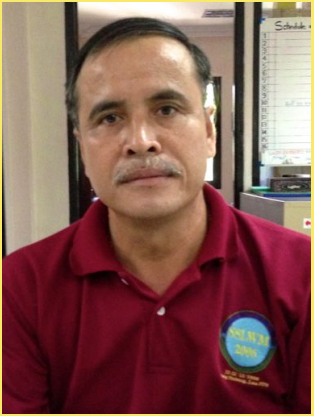


## Self-introduction of Mr. Xang Sanaphonh (PAREDD Project Manager)



Hello, everybody, my name is Xang Sanaphonh. I am very pleased to be appointed as Project Manager of PAREDD project in Luang Prabang province.

The Participatory Land and Forest Management Project for Reducing Deforestation in Lao PDR is a technical cooperation project between the governments of Laos and Japan.

In the capacity as Project Manager, I will do my best, for the project purpose to be achieved, as to instruct the project teams who are implementing the activities in two districts, namely, Xieng Ngeun and Phonxay of Luang Prabang province, as well as coordinating with the authorities and organizations concerned at district and provincial levels.

Any suggestions and comments in order to improve my work would be most welcomed.

## Words of Mr. Savanh Chanthakoummane (PAREDD Project Director)

Hi, my name is Savanh Chanthakoummane, in the capacity as Project Director. I am very pleased and grateful to



support and facilitate the implementation of project activities in order to produce great success for PAREDD. As Project Director, at central level, I would like to make remarks as follows: the activity of land and forest management for reducing deforestation is a task with high challenge, and encompasses a wide range of sectors and organizations at central level as well as local and grassroots levels.

Therefore, taking this opportunity, I would like to request all those who are directly concerned as to use the forest resources carefully. This is in order to sustain those invaluable resources for the next generation, as well as bringing good livelihood and quality of life for the human being worldwide.

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## Formation of the new activities group at Parkthor village, Xiengngeun district

On 26 August 2013, in Parkthor village (target village of PAREDD project), Xiengngeun district, and based on the working plan of Village Development Fund unit and village authorities, a ceremony for releasing loans to the new families had taken place in Parkthor village. The purpose is in order for the new participants to continue with the new activities which include 6 families as the 2<sup>nd</sup> loan release. Details are as follows:

1. Poultry raising activity: 3 families, total loan amount is 6.000.000 kip with interest rate of 4% per year, and duration of the loan is 18 months.
2. Pig raising activity: 3 families, total loan amount is 6.000.000 kip with interest rate of 4% per year, and



Note: The families who get loans have to follow all steps mentioned in the rules and regulations of Village Development Fund unit.



## Monitoring tree planting sites in the project target villages of Phonxay district

### How to manage planting sites:

Meetings were held in the two target villages: Houaykhing and Phakbong, with all villagers, men and women, participated in the session. Purpose of the meeting was to explain the regulations for managing Type 1 activities (tree planting for reforestation) to villagers in order for them to understand and reach mutual consent for carrying out the management activities. The regulations was read out by the village heads and villagers discussed each content mentioned in it, and finally came to mutual agreement for using the said regulations. The regulations was then approved and endorsed for official use by the village head.

## Comments of the village head of Houaykhot on the implementation of PAREDD activities

*Hello, my name is Mrs. Chap Mimangsack, village head of Houaykhot, Xiengngeun district, Luang Prabang province. Houaykhot village is a target village of PAREDD project.*

*On behalf of all villagers, I would like to express my great pleasure and thanks to PAREDD project for their valuable support in the form of funds, materials and equipment for implementing the three main activities such as planting trees for reforestation purpose, improvement of livelihood of the local people and village small infrastructures. In order for villagers to raise income and improve their living conditions on a step-by-step basis resulting in reducing deforestation. I will do all my best to lead villagers to efficiently and sustainably carry out the project activities which are ongoing at the present moment.*

*In closing, I myself and all villagers, we wish once again to express our gratitude to PAREDD project for their immense practical help in terms of funds, materials and equipment for contributing to the improvement of livelihoods of the local people as well as development of village infrastructures.*

