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Economics

Rural Development in Lao PDR: Managing Projects for Integrated Sustainable Livelihoods / Lilao Bouapao
Chiang Mai University : Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, 2005
xvi, 195 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography
974-656-788-8
\$ 18.00

[This book analyses four development projects carried out in a Hmong community in Namon Neua village - the author's home village where he grew up and finished primary school - in rural Laos. It is about 'how' rather than 'what' the projects create, and their impacts on the local environment and livelihoods.

Lilao explains how a development approach that focuses solely on technical or economic aspects will definitely bring about a different result from a project that also considers social and environmental consequences. For example, there are more problems in an irrigation project if destruction of fisheries and salinity of the area are "not considered" or if a road built for better access to local markets ends up encroaching into ethnic burial grounds or commons used by the local community.

The term "integrated sustainable livelihoods" is used to refer to the development approach that encompasses activities aimed at improving the well-being of rural people. Rural development is achieved in a manner that is locally acceptable, dignified, as well as socially and environmentally sustainable. This approach takes into account, in all phases of a project lifecycle, socio-economic, cultural, environmental, and institutional aspects. Local participation and consultation in the decision-making and management processes are fundamental elements of rural development.

This book will benefit to state planners, aid agencies and donors, development practitioners, scholars and researchers as well as others concerned about development, environment, and resource management issues in Laos and the countries of the Mekong region.]

Lao PDR : Economic Monitor – October 2005
Vientiane : The World Bank Vientiane Office, 2005
33 p. ; 29 cm.
\$ 10.00

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Introduction
Part 1 – Recent Economic Developments
Part 2 – Structural Reforms
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Summary Report from a workshop on Poverty Reduction and Shifting Cultivation Stabilization in the Uplands of Lao PDR : Technologies, approaches and methods for improving upland livelihoods Held in Luangprabang – January 27 – 30, 2004
Lao PDR : National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, 2004
viii, 54 p. ; 30 cm.
\$ 20.00

Poverty : Human Poverty Index and Poverty Education Process in Lao PDR / Edited by Sirivanh Khonthapane
Vientiane : National Economic Research Institute, 2005
39 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
Economic Review – January, 2005
\$ 16.00

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Role of Government in Market Economy

Cross-border Trade and its Impact on the livelihood of People at Border Areas

Village saving group: An alternative community-based finance in Lao PDR.]

Economic Review – June, 2005 / Edited by Sirivanh Khonthapane
Vientiane : National Economic Research Institute, 2005
35 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
\$ 16.00

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Socio-Economic Profile with Special Emphasis on District Development : Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR

Vientiane : Bolikhamxay Province with the co-operation of the State Planning Committee and Supported by UNDP, 2000
ill. ; 30 cm.
\$ 35.00

The Report on Operation of Agricultural Promotion Bank (APB) Vientiane City, Lao PDR / Souklaty Sysaneth
Presented to JICA and MAPT II / 2004
66 p. ; 30 cm.
\$ 25.00

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1. Introduction to Agricultural Promotion Bank
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 4. Human Resources and Development
 5. Amount of Capitals and its holders Rules and Regulation on Loan Service System
 6. Interest Rate Structure of Savings and Credits
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Rural and Microfinance Statistics in Laos – December 2003 / Sirivanh Khonthapane
Vientiane : National Economic Research Institute, 2004
v, 53 p. ; 30 cm.
\$ 22.00

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Acronyms and Abbreviation

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Chapter 3 – Comprehensive Data as per Province.]

Improving Livelihoods in the Uplands of the Lao PDR – Vol.1 : Initiatives and Approaches
Lao PDR : The National University of Lao PDR, 2005
xvi, 262 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.
\$ 60.00

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2. Understanding Shifting Cultivation and Upland Livelihoods
 3. Food Security
 4. Land use and management Strategies
 5. Marketing
 6. Approaches
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Improving Livelihoods in the Uplands of the Lao PDR – Vol.2 : Options and Opportunities
Lao PDR : The National University of Lao PDR, 2005
xviii, 206 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.
\$ 60.00

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3. Glossary.]

Lao Journal of Economics and Management – Vol.1, No.2
Laos : Faculty of Economics and Management, National University of Laos, 2004
95 p. ; 27 cm.
\$ 25.00

Service Delivery and Resettlement : Options of Development Planning Project
Vientiane : Committee for Planning and Investment, National Economic Research Institute, c2004
152 p. ; 29 cm.
Includes Bibliography
\$ 40.00

Rural and Microfinance Statistics in Lao PDR, December 2004
Lao : National Economic Research Institute, 2005
v. ; 29 cm.
\$ 35.00

General

Les Sources Contemporaines Du Laos / Contemporary Sources on Laos : 1976-2003
Bibliography, Maps, Filmography, Sound-Recorded and Miscellaneous / Bernard Gay
Laos : Institut De Recherches Sur La Culture, 2003
1127 p. ; 24 cm.
[Separate Index Book]
981-04-9527-7
Collection Les Sources Pour La Connaissance du Laos No.1.
Avec La Collaboration de Khamla Sisomphou, Nguyen Hao Hung, Yang Baoyun
\$ 1050.00 (Print Version) – Only 40 copies were printed hence, the high price
CD –ROM - \$ 195.00

[This outline of the work Contemporary sources on Laos (1976-August 2003) present about 14700 references edited in 34 languages in 37 countries of Asia, Europe, North America, Africa, Australia and Russia. This inventory is a result of five years of research

which covers all accessible references as far as possible. It encompasses all scientific, technical, artistic, literary and miscellaneous documents. It present monographs, brochures, articles from 1000 scientific reviews, university theses and dissertations, notes and reports issued by governments bodies, international organizations, and NGOs, papers delivered in symposium, and geographical maps. It give also a selection of journalistic report articles, cassettes video, and musical recordings and mention near 400 reviews of books published in periodicals journals.]

History

Post-war Laos : The Politics of Culture, History and Identity / Vatthana Pholsena
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2006

xii, 255 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

981-230-355-3

\$ 29.90

[Post-war Laos is a thorough and original study of the difficult making of a multi-ethnic nation. Combining a historical approach and a multi-sited ethnography, it provides unique insights into the ideology of ethnicity in Laos. This book is clearly a major contribution to the understanding of one of the less known countries in Asia.

Vatthana Pholsena examines how the Lao Marxist regime has attempted to construct a legitimizing nationalist discourse by imposing its own cultural preferences, view of history, and ethnic classification. Dr Pholsena's approach is ethnographic, based on fieldwork in Laos, and historical. Her theoretically sophisticated analysis draws on a wide range of contemporary theory on nationalism, ethnicity and identity to point out the contradictions and paradoxes inherent in the multiple identities that ethnic minority people in Laos have been forced to adopt.

Post-war Laos makes not only an important contribution to the study of Lao identity, society and history, but also more broadly to the vexed problem of multiple identities among the people of Southeast Asia.]

The Literary Heritage of Laos Preservation, Dissemination and Research Perspectives
[Collected Papers in Lao, Thai and English from the International Conference in Vientiane, 8-10 January 2004]

Lao PDR : The National Library of Laos [Supported by The Toyota Foundation, Japan], 2005

x, 446 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

\$ 35.00

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1. Lao Manuscripts and Traditional Literature: The struggle for their survival

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 4. Surveying and Preserving Documents in Dehong, Yunnan, China
 5. A Historical Approach to the Palm-Leaf Manuscripts Preserved in Wat Mahathat, Yasothon (Thailand)
 6. The Preservation of Palm-leaf Manuscripts in the Lao PDR
 7. The Diffusion of Lao Scripts
 8. Notes on the Lao influence on Northern Thai Buddhist Literature
 9. Analytical Study of the Attapu Chronicle
 10. The Socio-political and Administrative Organisation of Muang in the Light of Lao Historical Manuscripts
 11. Disseminating and Bringing to Life Traditional Thai/Lao Folk Literature among the Younger Generation
- List of Contributors.]
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Law

Law on the Promotion of Foreign Investment in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
 Lao PDR : Committee for Planning and Investment, Department for Promotion and Management of Domestic and Foreign Investment, c2006
 18 p. ; 20 cm., 1st ed.
 \$ 10.00

Official Publications

Official Gazette : Special Issue I-State Budget Revenue – Expenditure Implementation of FY 2002-2003 and State Budget Revenue-Expenditure Plan for FY 2003-2004
 Vientiane : Lao People's Democratic Republic, 2004 (11th Year)
 171 p. ; 30 cm.
 \$ 50.00

Official Gazette : Special Issue II-State Budget Revenue – Expenditure Implementation of FY 2002-2003 and State Budget Revenue-Expenditure Plan for FY 2003-2004
 Vientiane : Lao People's Democratic Republic, 2004 (11th Year)
 250 p. ; 30 cm.
 \$ 50.00

The National Strategy for the Rural Water Supply and Environmental Health Sector
 Vientiane : Ministry of Health, 2004
 30 cm.
 \$ 30.00

National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2005-06 [Approved by the 8th Ordinary Session Meeting of the Fifth National Assembly 11 October 2005]
 Vientiane : Committee for Planning and Investment, 2005
 88 p. ; 30 cm.
 \$ 35.00

Water Supply Authority Lao PDR : Annual Water Sector Performance Report 2004
Vientiane : Water Supply Authority, 2005
ii, 69 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
\$ 20.00

Agricultural Statistics Year Book 2004
Vientiane : Department of Planning, 2005
66 p. ; 29 cm.
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry :
\$ 30.00

Religion – Buddhism

Short Dictionary of Religious and Buddhist Terms : Lao-English / Patrice Ladwig (The Quiet in the Land)
Lao PDR : S.N.
87 p. ; 21 cm.
\$ 20.00

[The short Dictionary of Religious and Buddhist Terms Lao-English contains approximately 1000 words. It includes vocabulary that is used in everyday religious contexts, but also words that directly derive from Pali and are less frequently employed. The additional 25 lists relate to basic Buddhist concepts (the precepts, the noble eightfold path, the four noble truths) and more practical information such as buildings and equipment of the temple, the annual festivals of the Lao and the names of other religions. This small dictionary is written for interested novices, monks or laypersons that would like to get a basic overview of the vocabulary of religion in English and Lao.]

Buddhist Temple Life in Laos / Wat Sok Pa Luang
Bangkok : Orchid Press, c2006
119 p. : ill. ; 18 cm.
974-524-073-7
\$ 25.00

[This book gives an intimate glimpse into the day-to-day lives of the monks, novices and nuns of Wat Sok Pa Luang. Who are these boys, men and women and why did they become a novice or why did they ordain? Although the focus is on the mundane, the significance of Buddhism in their lives shines through.

The temple complex Wat Sok Pa Luang is blanketed in a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The rustle of leaves in trees and bushes, the sounds of the sweeping rhythm of the broom, and the daily chants nestle down over the whole terrain. But within this serene world other layers are revealed: desires for love and sport, family problems, malaria, poverty and education perils. At the Buddhist high school for example, they share the classroom with seventy other novices. The school has far too many students and on one occasion the floor of a classroom came down. But the students have no choice. Most of them became a novice because their parents had no money for education. Laos is a country which until recently was largely isolated from the rest of the world; its economy is small-scale and predominantly agricultural.

Despite the extremely sober life style, as documented in this book, the stories of the novices and monks are often heart-warming.]

Women's Studies

Development Plan for Lao Women 1998 – 2003

Lao PDR : Lao Women's Union

iii, 68 p.; 30 cm.

\$ 20.00

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1. General situation of Lao women of various ethnic groups

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Programme 3 : Promoting the advancement and protecting the legitimate rights and benefits of women and children

Programme 4 : Promoting women's participation in economic development and poverty alleviation

3. Implementation methods

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Gender and Ethnicity in the Context of Equality and Access in Lao Education

Lao : Ministry of Education

62 p. ; 29 cm.

\$ 22.00

Rural Women in Community Development and Family Health Project

Report on the Impact Assessment of Phase 2 (January 2002 – Oct. 2004)

Lao PDR : Lao Women's Union And Family Planning Australia, 2004

66 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

\$ 20.00
