

Program

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Chiang Saen Room, AD Building, Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai, Thailand

Day 1

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

08.30-09.00 *Registration*

09.00-09.30 **Opening Session**

- Opening Remark by M. Maurice SIVETON; Regional Counselor for Cooperation to Southeast Asian Pacific of the French Embassy in Thailand

Session 1: Overview of French research programmes in the GMS

09.30-10.00 Dr. Régine Lefait-Robin, IRD
Summarized by Dr. Saranya Srisuwan – School of Science

10.00-10.30 Dr. Antoine LECONTE, CIRAD
Summarized by Dr. Saranya Srisuwan – School of Science

10.30-10.45 *Tea/ Coffee Break*

10.45-11.15 Dr. Jacques Leider, EFEO
Summarized by Dr. Darunee Wattanasiriwech – School of Science

11.15-11.45 Dr. Christian Culas, CNRS
Summarized by Mr. Jiradej Mahawannakij – IRASEC

11.45-12.15 Dr. Benoît de Tréglodé, IRASEC
Summarized by Mr. Jiradej Mahawannakij – IRASEC

12.15-13.30 *Lunch*

Session 2: Case studies of Cambodian, Lao, Vietnamese and Chinese researches on GMS

13.30-14.00 Cambodia and the GMS (*Prof Dr. Chantrabot Ros, Cambodia*)
Summarized by Mr. Jiradej Mahawannakij – IRASEC

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- 14.00-14.30 Public intervention and craft village development in Vietnam
(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quy Thanh, Vietnam)
Summarized by Aj. Chalongrat Charoensri – School of Liberal Arts
- 14.30-15.00 Rural Development and Agrarian Sustainable Livelihood Strategies:
A Case Study of Ban Huaxieng, Xaithany District, Vientiane Capital,
Lao PDR. (Assoc. Prof. Dexanourath Seneduangdeth, Laos)
Summarized by Dr. Witaya Krajaysri – School of Management
- 15.00-15.15 Tea/ Coffee Break
- 15.15-15.45 China’s soft power and its role in the cooperation with ASEAN
(Asst. Prof. Rao Rui Ying, China)
- 15.45-17.50 A film: “On the wind of the globalization: Bat Trang, a Vietnamese
craft village” by Bernard Ganne and Jean-Paul PENARD, subtitled in
English and French, 95 mns. (Prof. Dr. Bernard Ganne, CNRS, France)
Summarized by Mr. Jiradej Mahawannakij – IRASEC
- 17.50-18.45 **Discussion**
- 19.00-21.30 **Welcome dinner at Ruan Rim Nam in MFU Campus**

*MC: Aj. Parathana Coffin – School of Liberal Arts
Aj. Khwanchit Suwannoppharat– School of Liberal Arts*

Day 2

Thursday, February 26, 2009

- 08.30-09.00 Registration
- Session 1: Case studies of IRASEC studies on the GMS**
- 09.00-09.30 Hydro-diplomacy on the Mekong River
(Dr. Bastien Affeltranger) *presented by Prof. Dr. Frédéric Lasserre*
Summarized by Mr. Kiarttichatra Intarungsee – French-GMS Centre
- 09.30-10.00 Water management in China and regional water politics
(Prof. Dr. Frédéric Lasserre, Canada)
Summarized by Mr. Kiarttichatra Intarungsee – French-GMS Centre
- 10.00-10.30 ADB role in the GMS (Dr. Guy Faure)
Summarized by Mr. Jiradej Mahawannakij – IRASEC
- 10.30-10.45 Tea/ Coffee Break
- 10.45-11.15 Illicit trafficking within the GMS (Ms. Anne-Lise Sauterey)
Summarized by Dr. Darunee Wattanasiriwech – School of Science
- 11.15-11.45 The Cultural heritage Sites of GMS countries: Perspectives and
Regional Integration (Prof. Dr. Guy Lubeigt)
Summarized by Aj. Chalongrat Charoensri – School of Liberal Arts
- 11.45-13.30 Lunch

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Session 2: Thai research institutions working on the GMS

- 13.30-14.00 Thailand's GMS Economic Opportunities and its Potential Linkages with Southwest China and Northeast India
(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Chulalongkorn University)
- 14.00-14.30 Poverty, Livelihoods and Biodiversity Conservation in the GMS
(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sitanon Jesdapipat, MFU)
- 14.30-15.00 Conservation Practices in Biodiversity Corridors in the GMS
(Mr. Dirk Steenbergen, MFU)
Summarized by Ms. Nuttiga Hempattarasuwan – NREM Centre
- 15.00-15.15 *Tea/ Coffee Break*
- 15.15-15.45 The Impacts of Third-country effect and economic integration on FDI: An Application to ASEAN (Dr. Nathapornpan Uttama, MFU)
- 15.45-16.15 Indexing and retrieval of graphical images: Application to cultural heritage (Dr. Surapong Uttama, MFU)
- 16.15-16.45 Feasibility of Oil-Seed Crops for Biofuels Production in GMS Countries (Dr. Saranya Srisuwan, MFU)
- 16.45-17.45 **Discussion**
- 17.45-21.00 **Chiang Rai's Night Bazaar tour**

*MC: Aj. Suphinya Panyasri – School of Liberal Arts
Aj. Sunisa Upra – School of Liberal Arts*

Please note that the program is subject to change to fit the changing circumstances.

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