

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 April 2016

Excellency,

I am pleased to convey my sincere congratulations on your appointment as President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

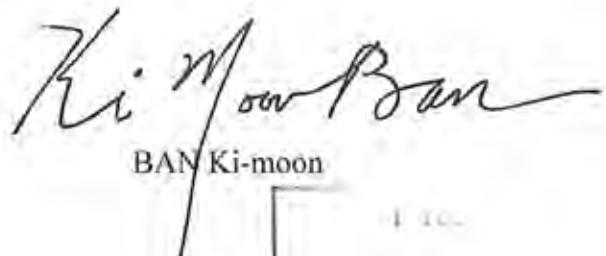
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for the fruitful and productive partnership the United Nations has enjoyed with your Government, in particular towards the realization of the Millennium Development Goals.

Your leadership will be crucial in localizing and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The integration by your Government of the SDGs into the 8th National Socioeconomic Development Plan (2016-2020) and other national development strategies and programmes is highly commendable.

I wish the new Government every success in the realization of the 8th National Socioeconomic Development Plan, which aims to steer the country towards graduation from least developed country status. I would like to assure you that the United Nations system stands ready to continue providing high-quality advisory support and development assistance to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to ensure the country's development in an equitable and inclusive manner based on human dignity.

I also wish to congratulate you on assuming the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) chairmanship this year, and I look forward to meeting you during my visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic this September for the ASEAN-UN Summit. I would also be pleased to welcome you to New York for the forthcoming high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Bounnhang Vorachith
President of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic
Vientiane

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Excellency,

I am pleased to convey my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for the fruitful and productive partnership that the United Nations has enjoyed with the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, particularly in the realization of the Millennium Development Goals. As we begin implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, your leadership in implementing the Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the context of the Lao People's Democratic Republic will be crucial. The efforts of your Government in integrating the SDGs into its national development strategies and programmes are highly commendable.

I wish the new Government every success in the role of Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and in the implementation of the 8th National Socioeconomic Development Plan (2016-2020), which aims to steer the country towards graduation from least developed country status. The United Nations system stands ready to continue providing high-quality advisory support and development assistance to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to ensure the country's development in an equitable and inclusive manner based on human dignity.

I look forward to meeting with you during my visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic this September for the ASEAN-UN Summit. There will be a number of high-level events this year, which I would kindly encourage you to consider attending, including the World Humanitarian Summit in Turkey this May and the forthcoming high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2016.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith
Prime Minister of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic
Vientiane

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29 April 2016

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to their high addressees.

Copies of the letters are attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edmond Mulet'.

Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Khiane Phansourivong
Permanent Representative of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic to the United Nations
New York

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To: CDC (through ODSG),

As requested by the SG, please find attached for approval and his signature, congratulatory letters to the President and PM of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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SUBJECT/MESSAGE:

SG congratulatory letter to new President and Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic

Please find attached for the Secretary-General's signature draft congratulatory letters to the new President and Prime Minister of Lao PDR.

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