

Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS): Human Resource Development

Partners



Cambodia



Lao PDR



Myanmar



Thailand

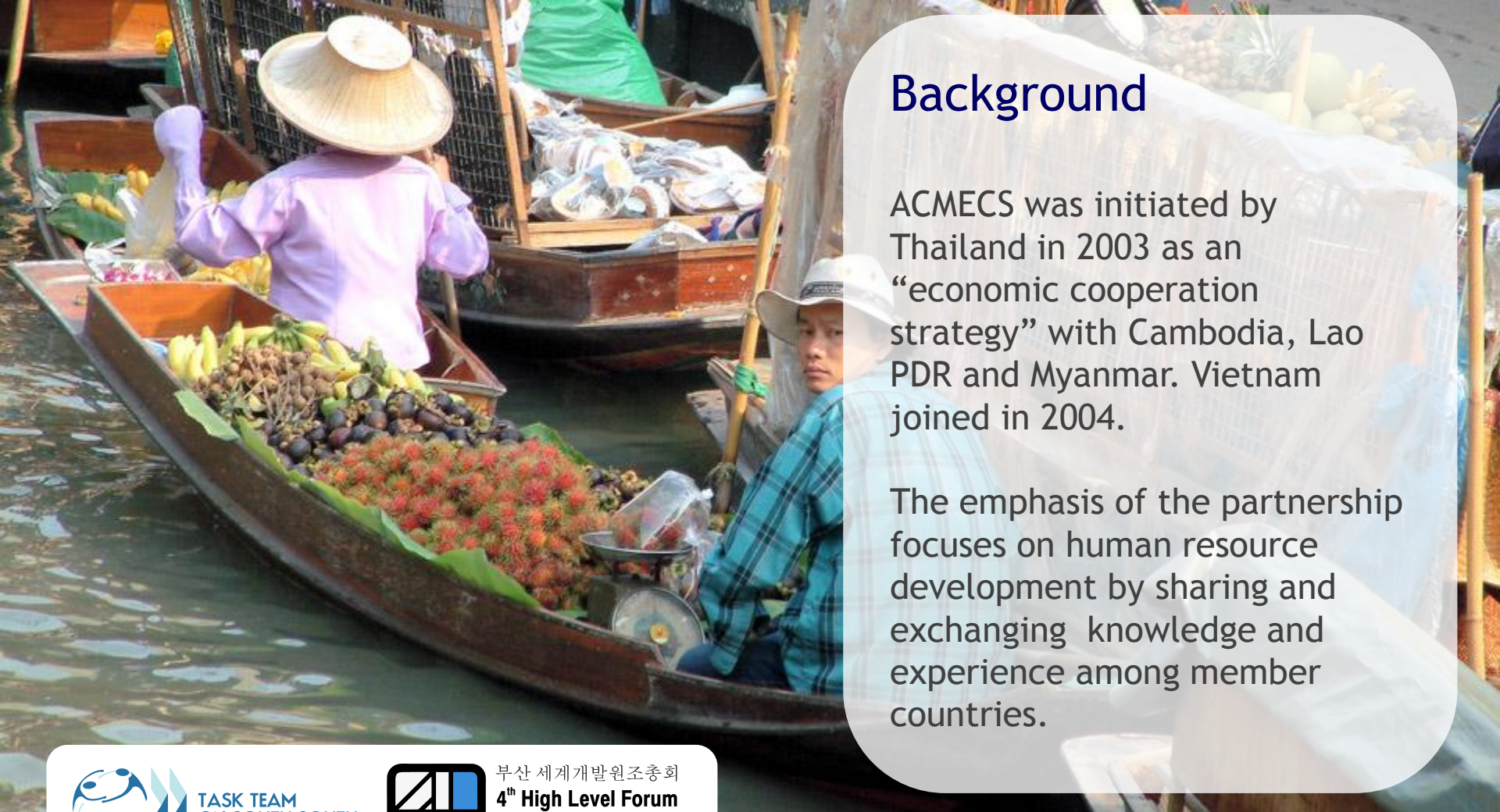


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Background

ACMECS was initiated by Thailand in 2003 as an “economic cooperation strategy” with Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar. Vietnam joined in 2004.

The emphasis of the partnership focuses on human resource development by sharing and exchanging knowledge and experience among member countries.

Objectives

To bridge the economic disparities among members countries and promote sustainable prosperity in the sub-region.

To enhance capacity of the personnel and institutions in the member countries and prepare them for global competitiveness.

To utilize the complementary strengths to promote balanced development.

To transform the border areas of member countries into zones of economic growth, social progress and prosperity, for the equitable sharing of benefits.

Innovation

The work of communities of practice (CoPs) helps extend knowledge and experience to wider target groups.

Strong commitment among member countries is enhanced by assigning each member as coordinating country for the development area in which it is most interested and with summits at policy level among country leaders, ministerial meetings, and sectoral working group meetings.

The human resource development programme benefits member countries through the horizontal sharing of knowledge, best practices and experience.

Results

During 7 years of implementation more than 200 joint projects have been completed. Trade among members and income generation have increased. Socio-economic disparities have decreased, and transport linkages have been developed. Training courses in human resource development have helped build capacity of people and institutions.

Applicability

Innovative practices as developed in the ACMECS HRD experience of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation can be adopted by and adapted to developmental programmes in other regions and globally. In fact, ACMECS member countries have already adapted innovative practices in their development programmes and activities.