COUNTRY REPORT
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Progresses and Challenges in ratifying and implementation the AP Convention
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1. Introduction

• The IX Conference—the Four breakthroughs
• Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015
• The Seventh Socio-Economic Development Plan (SEDP) 2011–2015
• The Five Year Educational Plan 2010-2015
• National Education System Reform Strategy 2006–15
5 Universities:

1. National Universities of Laos (NUOL)
2. Champasack University (CU)
3. Souphanouvong University (SU)
4. Savannakhet University (SKU)
5. University of Public Health and Sciences

over 80 public & private institutes of higher education

9 National Standards Curriculum

Associate Degree
Bachelor Degree
Master Degree

Doctor Philosophy
Specialized
Experts I and II
26 courses for Associate Degree
512 courses for Bachelor Degree
49 courses for Master Degree
3 courses for Doctor Degree

Recognition of foreign qualifications in Higher Education
1) from 1975 to 1980
2) from 1981 to 2006
3) since 2006 until now
Criteria and procedures for assessment and recognition of foreign qualifications:

1. The need from graduated students
2. Assessment and Recognition Step
2. Issues and Challenges

• Not finish their study but having only letter of study not Diploma
• Having diploma graduated from distance learning system
3. The Trends

I. 16 Projects - The Third Draft of HE Strategy and Master Plan 2010-2020

1. Building, improving and expanding HE
2. Higher education reforms
3. Development of teachers and administrators in HE
4. Quality assurance in higher education
5. Promotion and development of research
6. Improving management information systems (MIS)
7. Governance and management in higher education

II. ADB Project
III. Donors
IV. NQF (Draft)
4. Summary
The recognition of foreign qualifications on Higher Education is very important for Lao PDR, especially for Higher Education Field, however DHE needs time to improve this concern with related sections, stakeholders immediately in order to meet the demands of the AP Convention
Thank you very much for your attention