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Anthropology

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Luang Prabang, Laos : Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre, 2014
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Economics/Development Studies

2014 Annual Economic Report and 2015 Outlook [Laos]
Vientiane Capital, Lao : National Economic Research Institute, 2015
49p.
\$ 30.00
215gm.
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Improve Maternal Health : Key Determinants Affecting Maternal Health in Lao PDR
Vientiane Capital, Lao : National Economic Research Institute, 2014
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165gm.
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Contemporary Laos : Development Path and Outlook of a Nation / Kham Vorapeth
Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2015
xvi, 616p.
Includes Index
9789748495859
\$ 32.00 / HB
838gm.

Contemporary Laos: Development Path and Outlook of a Nation provides a critical look at obstacles to the development of the Laos state. It explores different facets of its political, economic, societal, and cultural history and focuses on the current period of unfinished transition. The author offers an analysis of the geopolitical position of Laos, its relations with the global powers and with its ASEAN partners, and its efforts to maintain equilibrium with Vietnam and China. Once known as the kingdom of Lane Xang, Laos was a backwater during French colonial times and was often called the “forgotten country” during the two Indochina wars. It became the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on December 2, 1975. The country has slowly rebuilt itself after different wars (colonial and civil) over the past century, which considerably curbed its cultural and economic development. A member of ASEAN since 1997 and the World Trade Organization since February 2013, Laos plays an active role today as a partner in the regional economic community. A landlocked country, it sits at a crossroads along major transportation and communication routes or “corridors” throughout the greater Mekong watershed. It is also promoting itself as the “battery of ASEAN,” thanks to its numerous hydropower plants. This book reflects on other themes: How will Laos reach its destiny? Is the coexistence of a state capitalist economy and a particularly rigid political system sustainable in the long term? What role could the Lao diaspora play in the modernization of the country? What are Laos’s priorities? Where is Laos heading?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=216674>

Official Publications

Agricultural Statistics Yearbook 2014 [Laos]
Vientiane Capital, Lao : Department of Planning and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 2015
Ix, 138p.
\$ 60.00 / PB
390gm.

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History

Lao Postcards by Alfred Raquez : A Collection of His 166 Postcards from 1906 / Diethard Ande

Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd., 2015

xii, 326p.

Includes Bibliography

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Old Postcard Series Vol. 1 : Laos

\$ 53.00 / PB

1330gm.

Lao Postcards by Alfred Raquez is a first attempt to bring together the 166 postcards that were produced in six series of 25 each as Collection Raquez and 16 out-of-series postcards produced by Decoly as Cliché Raquez and later also under his brand La Pagode. Raquez was the first traveler who systematically made photos in Laos around 1900. He made seven trips in Laos; the longest journey was seven months. The result was his record Pages Laotiennes, available now in English translation as Around Laos in 1900: A Photographer's Adventures. A pictorial book with only his several hundred photos on Laos is available as volume 2 of Around Laos in 1900. Raquez organized the Lao Pavilion at the 1906 Marseille Exhibition, showing his large collection of textiles and artifacts gathered from around Laos
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