



# Lao PDR / Luang Prabang

Area: 16,875 km<sup>2</sup> (Province) /  
Population: 97,760 /Population density: -



## Current status of the city

Luang Prabang is an ancient city located about 400km up the north from Vientiane, located at the confluence of the Nam Khan and Mekong River, and registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. The city serves as the centre of Luang Prabang Province and the northern provinces of Laos.

### Smart city action plan

**Vision:** While maintaining as an international tourism center with the World Heritage Site in its core, aims to become a city with liveable, visitable and sustainable environment that not only serve as a regional connection but also serve all areas of the northern provinces. Service sector becomes the main economic pillar to improve quality of life. The city aims to develop Luang Prabang smart city by 2035.

**Focus area:** Civic and Social, Safety and Security, Quality Environment, Built infrastructure, Industry and Innovation

#### Project 1: Heritage Wetland Restoration for City Green Spaces and Habitats

- Restore 183 ancient wetlands and small ponds to their original values
- Improve the lives of citizens through – improved green spaces, enhanced eco-tourism and ecological diversity, new tourism enterprises for those living around the wetlands, wastewater treatment storm water retention to prevent floods, and restoration of heritage values of the city.

#### Project 2: Construction of Concrete Alleyways and Footpaths

- Complete the upgrading of 44 paths within 5 years in order to encourage pedestrianisation and to reduce dependency on polluting vehicles
- With the fact of being registered as World Heritage Site and tourism industry has been fundamental for the city's economic growth, upgrade existing footpaths and improve amenities as part of this project in order to improve visitor experience.

## Status of progress

### Project 1

About 20% of the wetlands were restored as pilot project, and another 20% wetlands were initially surveyed and designed for proposing to the cooperation between Regional Center, France and Luang Prabang Province. The remaining 60% of the wetlands are underway of collecting data and finding financial supports.



### Project 2

Two(2) local roads with total of 236 meters long and 5.5 meters width were upgraded from dirt roads to concrete roads, and about three(3) local roads with 2,400 meter long are expected to be constructed between 2019-2020. Footpath along the main streets of about 1,924 meters long and 1.5 meters width are constructed by brick materials.

