

# **Standardization of Geographical Names in Laos**

## **Language**

Lao PDR has 49 ethnic groups Lao language is a national language with about 70% of Lao population belongs to ethnic of Lao the geographic names represent local spelling romanized from Lao script .

## **Standardization**

The National Technical Regulations on the Landscape and guidelines for the implementation of geographical standard for the Map It is the duty of the Ministry Home Affair.

- GIS Committee established in 2005 by Prime Ministers is appointed to conduct research and study on geographic information they are from 18 ministries.
- Geographical names are a very important element of spatial data and of cartography is responsible for establishment of geographical names lists for mapping purpose in Laos has a Romanization books this is a books already Improved by GIS Committee in 2010.

## **Current status**

Geographic names standardization process carried out for each province base on topographical map scale of 1/100 000 results are presented as signed by Ministers Home Affair the standardized geographical names are gathered in database the National Geographic Department.

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**Thank you**