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 of Home Affairs. The 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. A Romanization books this is a book 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