

Executive Summary

Over the last year, Lao PDR has given the priority on drug prevention through civic awareness campaign on drug harms, treatment and rehabilitation, vocational trainings, alternative development among former poppy growers, and promotion of integrity, strictness and decisiveness on law enforcements among law enforcement officials. In addition, the cooperation with friendly countries and international organizations has always been emphasized. As a result, certain level of achievements on preventing and mitigating drug threats has been gained.

Lao PDR is located in a strategic location within the Greater Mekong Sub-Region, sharing about 5,000 km land and waterway borders with neighboring countries, has been used as a transit country for illicit drug and precursor chemical trafficking. In 2013, Lao law enforcement officers have addressed 1,434 drug cases, apprehended 1,943 suspects, seized 15,211,387 tablets of ATS, 291.19 kg of heroin, 98.97 kg of crude opium, 5,581 kg of dry marihuana, vehicles, weapons and some equipment. It is found that, those mentioned figures are on a rising trend.

In order to realize the drug-free ASEAN community goal in 2015, it is demanded that AIPA must strengthen the cooperation on the matter. The 11th AIFOCOM will be a great opportunity for our dialogue to identify appropriate measures and means to prevent and address threats posed by illicit drugs both at the regional and global level.