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SECOND MEETING GMS URBAN DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

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Country Profile



Land Area: 511,973 km²
Population: 64 million
Density: 125 person/km²
Capital City: Bangkok

GDP 365.56 (USD BILLION)

Connectivity Integration Competitiveness Sustainable

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Concentration of Transportation Network : Trans-Asian Railway Network



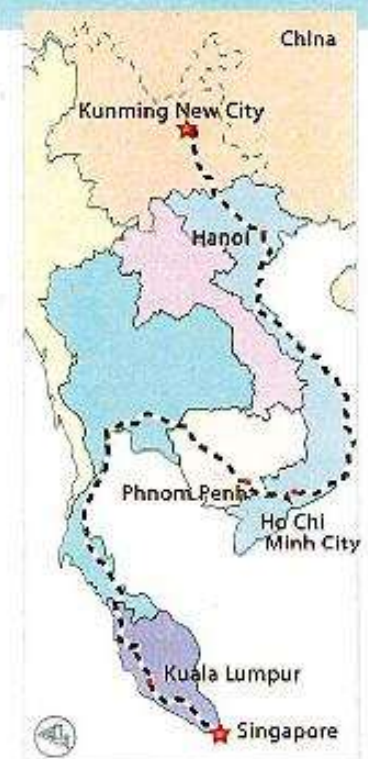
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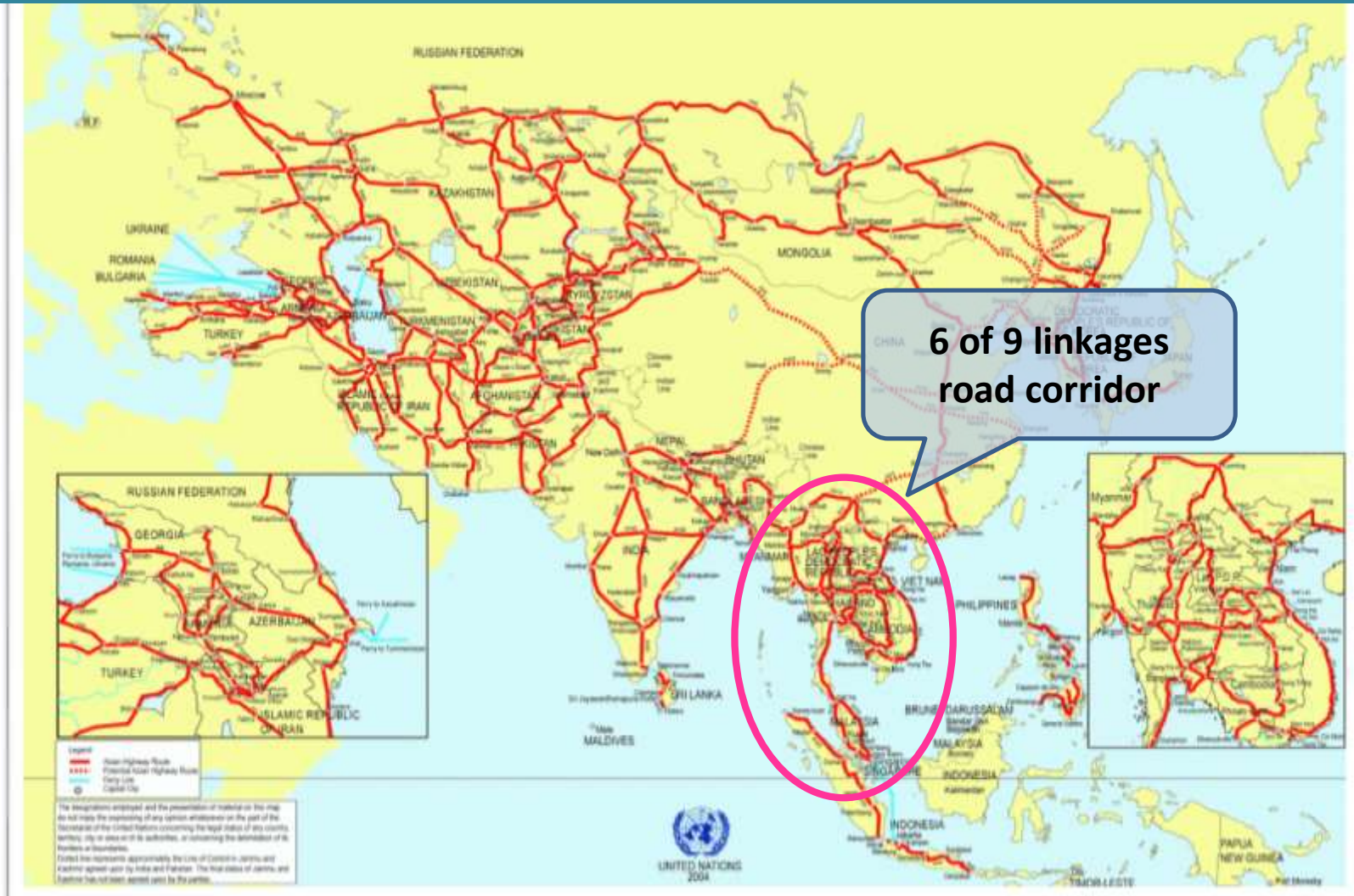
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Concentration of Transportation Network : Trans-Asian Highway Network



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Urban Systems :

- Emphasis on regional perspective
- Decentralize local authorities to initiate development
- More functional categorization
- Promote and support AEC and GMS



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Functional categorization
by NESDB



Functional categorization
based on GMS
development plan



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Registered Population (as of 2012)

| City | Population | Whole Province Population |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Mae Sai, Chiang Rai | 48,823 | 1,263,447 |
| Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai | 45,190 | |
| Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai | 36,916 | |
| Sa Dao, Songkhla | 20,515 | 1,378,355 |
| Su Ngai Ko Lok, Narathiwat | 41,118 | 985,309 |
| Mae Sot, Tak | 70,272 | 531,018 |
| Nong Khai | 71,689 | 511,231 |
| Nakhon Phanom | 115,606 | 757,783 |
| Mukdahan | 76,004 | 344,000 |
| Kanchanaburi | 91,130 | 835,308 |
| Aranyaprathet, Sa Kaew | 69,018 | 550,536 |
| Trat | 71,817 | 224,957 |

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North-South Corridor

| Province | Gross Provincial Product : GPP (millions of Baht) | Top 3 Sector |
|--|---|---|
| Mae Sai / Chiang Saen / Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai | 71,628 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Wholesale and retail trade 3) Education |
| Songkhla | 214,799 | 1) Manufacturing 2) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 3) Wholesale and retail trade |
| Narathiwat | 61,250 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Wholesale and retail trade 3) Education |

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East-West and Central Corridor

| Province | Gross Provincial Product : GPP (millions of Baht) | Top 3 Sector |
|---------------|---|---|
| Mae Sot, Tak | 34,550 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Manufacturing 3) Wholesale and retail trade |
| Nong Khai | 36,437 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Education 3) Manufacturing |
| Nakhon Phanom | 29,611 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Education 3) Wholesale and retail trade |
| Mukdahan | 18,732 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Manufacturing 3) Education |



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Southern and Southern Coastal Corridor

| Province | Gross Provincial Product : GPP (millions of Baht) | Top 3 Sector |
|--------------|---|---|
| Kanchanaburi | 76,269 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Manufacturing 3) Wholesale and retail trade |
| Sa Kaew | 29,089 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Manufacturing 3) Wholesale and retail trade |
| Trat | 39,102 | 1) Agriculture, hunting and forestry 2) Fishing 3) Wholesale and retail trade |

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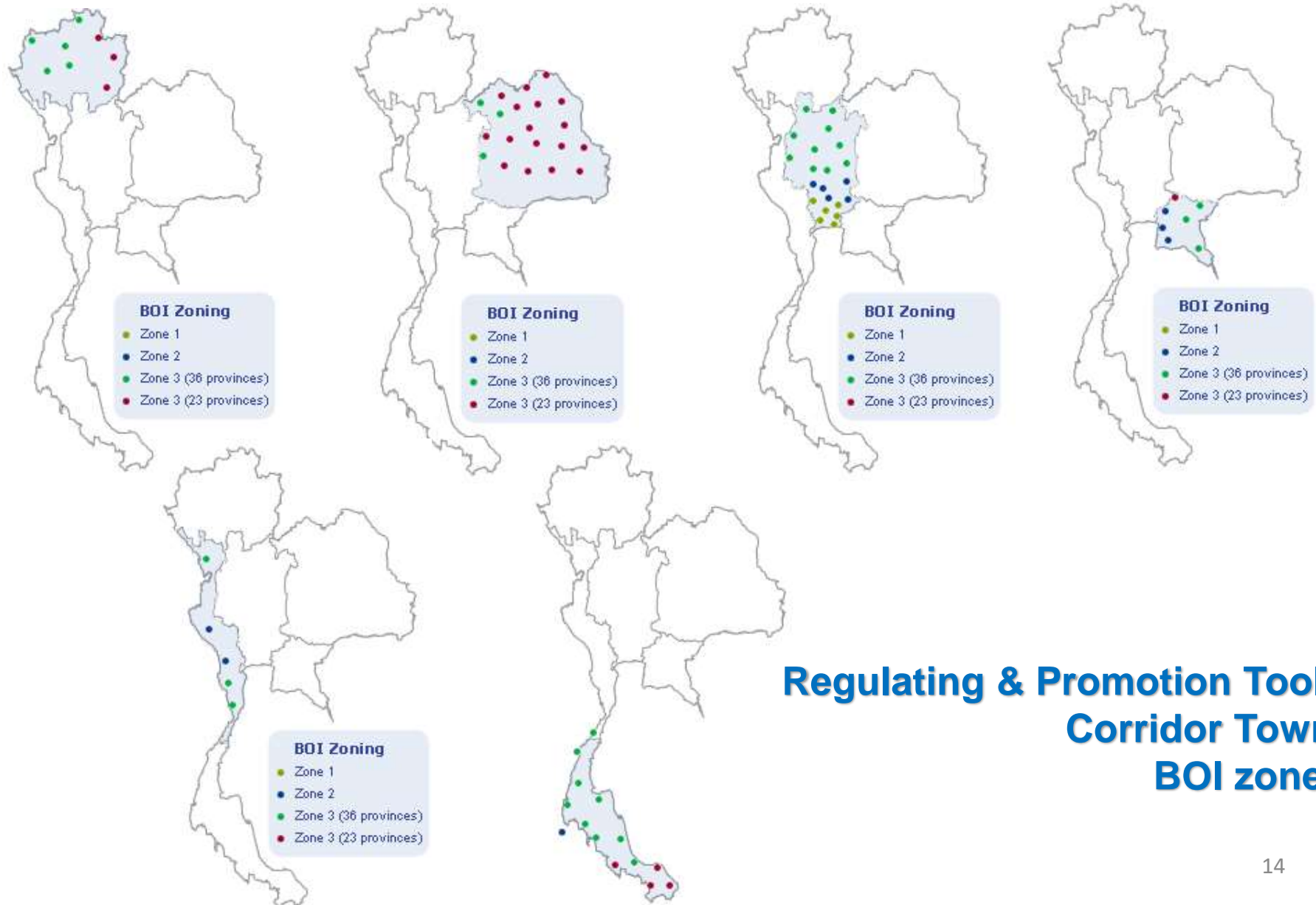
Development Strategies :

- Transportation Infrastructure Improvement
 - Dual-Track Rail
 - High Speed Train
- Regulating & Promotion Tools
 - Special Economic Zones
 - Investment Promotion



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Regulating & Promotion Tools
Corridor Towns
BOI zones

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Regulating & Promotion Tools : Neighboring Zone

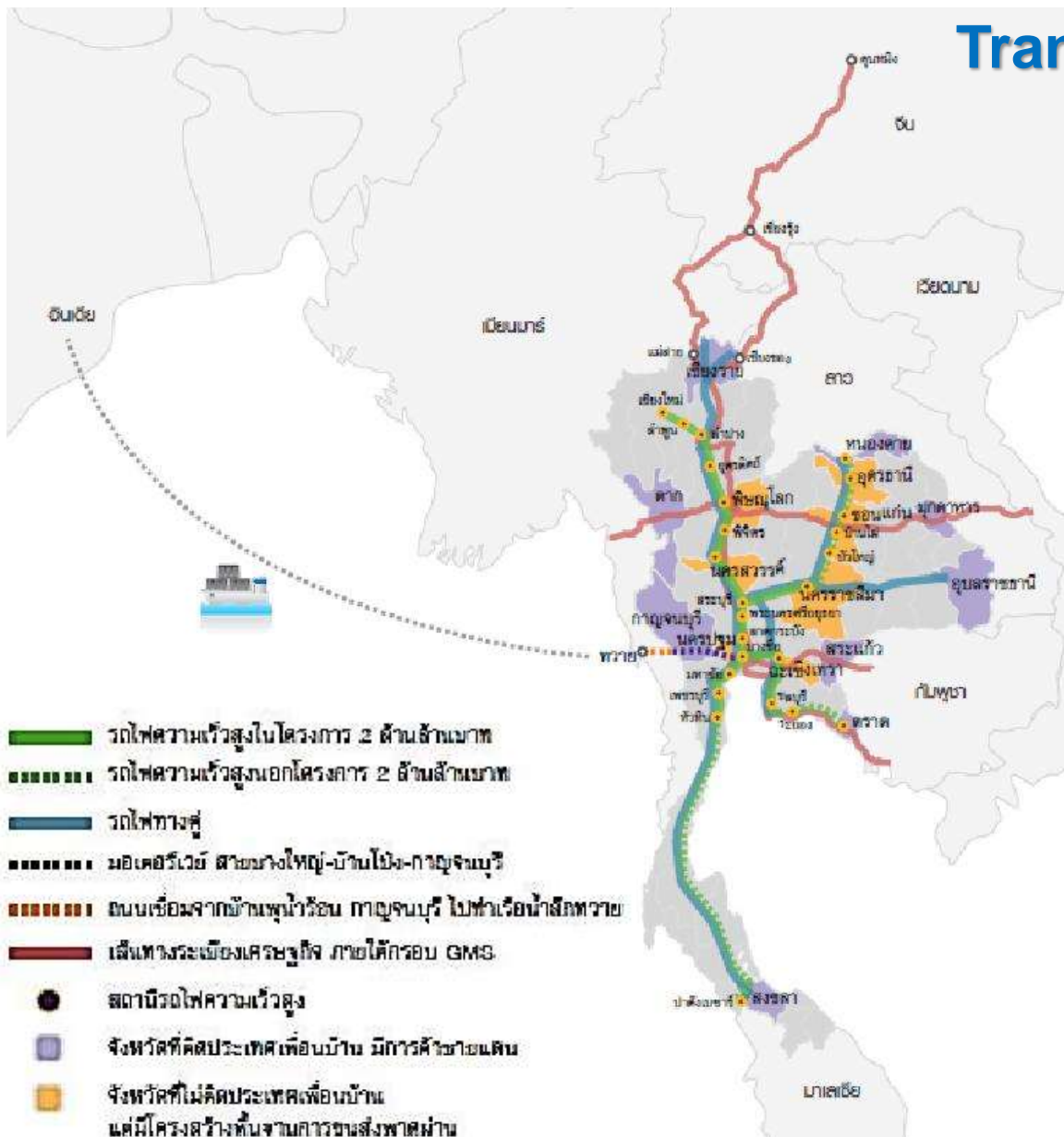
- 12 Special Economic Zones (in 10 provinces)
- One Stop Service
- Incentives from BOI
- Incentives from Customs House
 - Tariffs / Non-tariffs Barriers
 - Convenience of Customs Procedures
- Incentives from Ministry of Commerce



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Transportation Improvement

- High Speed Train
- Improve Railway System (Dual Track)
- Motorways
- Roads
- Dry Ports



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Transportation Improvement



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Environmental Infrastructure Improvement

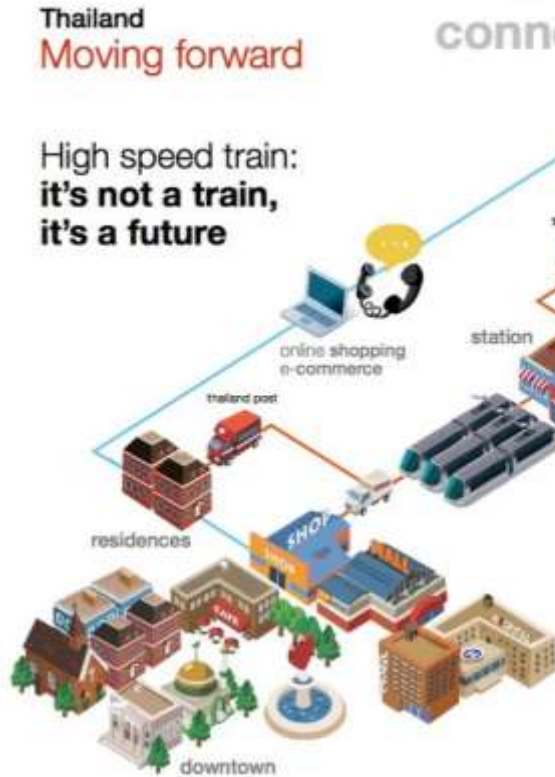
connectivity = opportunity

Hinterland Development

Rural-Urban Linkages

Green Industry

Smart Growth



Resilient City : Structural and Non-structural Measures

Mitigation of Climate Change impacts

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Strategic measures

to strengthen regional cooperation and functional integration among GMS corridor towns

- **Sister Cities**

- **More cooperation / interaction among town planners and policy planners**
 - **Working group**
 - **International seminar**
- **Integration in policy and strategies for sister cities development >> distinct role of each city but mutually support**

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