

Sub-Program	2. Institution Building and Human Resource Development for Enhancing the
Component	Private Sector
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	<p>Hiroshima University (4) Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation Special Program for Sustainable Development of Developing Countries Development Policy Course in Division of Development Science -Master of Arts -Master of Science or -Master of International Cooperation Studies</p>
Target Organizations:	<p>Ministry of Planning and Investment (Managing Organization) Ministry of Industry and Commerce Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Finance</p>
Purpose of the Study:	
<p>The Lao government has been promoting economic development by utilizing foreign capital importation, but its related laws are still underdeveloped and its investment procedures are unclear and complicated. In addition, there is various problems for developing investment environment that is attractive for foreign investors, because preferential systems and dispute settlement means in special economic zone are still underdeveloped. There are also many issues in terms of trade, such as the underdevelopment of trade related information management including statistics, and extremely complicated customs and trade procedures. In order to promote trade and investment, the development corresponding each industry is crucial, but there is still lack of administrative efforts such as making effective development policies for industries which have potentialities, quality control or introduction of international standards for expanding exports. There is a need for capacity building, especially in the area of PIP management.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to acquire the knowledge useful for policymaking and institution building in relation to the establishment and management of industrial parks, export processing zones, and special economic zones.</p>	