

26 April 2009 World Intellectual Property Day Celebration in Laos

Many countries around the world celebrated the World Intellectual Property Day 2009 and Laos was not an exception. On the 25 April 2009, Laos celebrated World Intellectual Property day by conducting several activities. 2009 is considered to be the biggest inauguration event in Laos, as it involved a marathon, exhibition booths, the distribution of information about intellectual property, the provision of t-shirts for the campaign, the display of banners along the main avenues, and media coverage in both newspaper and television.



25 April 2009, Lao Department of Intellectual Property under the National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office), organized the inaugural marathon for celebrating World IP Day 2009, under the theme of “Green Innovation”.



This event was the largest celebration of World IP Day since the accession to WIPO was successfully co-organized by the Lao Department of Intellectual Property under the National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office), and private sector companies which are authorized IP agencies by the Prime Minister's Office, namely Lao Trademark Agency, Lao Law & Consultancy Group and other sponsors.

The event was officially opened by the Minister of National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office). Delegates from the public sector (line ministries), private enterprises, law students and local people of more than 700 people all participated in the celebration.



T-Flags were installed along the main Lanexang Avenue of Laos from the Monument to the Presidential Palace on the marathon course.



Throughout the event, information on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was provided through CD broadcasting, handouts, etc.



At the completion of the marathon, the Minister of National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office) awarded a certificate of appreciation to all sponsors and a raffle was drawn for participants to win a genuine Nokia mobile phone.



Minister of National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office) presented the Certificates of Appreciation to sponsors.



Minister of National Science and Technology Authority (Prime Minister Office) drawing the raffle for participants in the Celebration of World IP Day in Laos 2009.

There were articles published in the National News including both newspaper and television before and after the celebration of World IP Day in Laos.

summers, as well as food and water shortages. People need to change their habits and reduce electricity usage in homes and offices. It

a lot of plastic bags, which increases waste in Vientiane. It is essential for village heads to persuade people to use baskets when they

ozone layer. It is also very important for teachers to have the knowledge and skills needed to teach the youth about the environment.

their habits. They should ride a bicycle or walk to

the environment. Actually I would like the authorities to help rural people stop damaging forests and give up slash and burn cultivation. I encourage them to be aware

biogas, solar and wind power as well as plant trees to help offset emissions, especially greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide, which are the major causes of global warming.



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Mennonite Central Committee Laos (MCC Laos) is a humanitarian and development organization striving for peace, justice and the dignity of all people by sharing our experiences and resources. MCC Laos focuses on community development in Laos, with projects in integrated health, education, agriculture, food security and income generation. MCC Laos is looking for 2 Lao candidates for the following positions:

1) Program Manager, based in Vientiane

- Be responsible to develop proposals for the extension of on-going projects and/or new projects, in Lao and English languages.
- Provide input into the development of strategic plan in the organization's partnership program.
- Maintain good relationships with partners-in helping them maximize their potentials and capacities.
- Assist Partner Advisors with gaining an understanding of their role with partners and helping Partner Advisors to deal with management, organizational or other questions they may have.
- Assist and advise Project Officers and Partner Advisors in developing yearly, quarterly and monthly plans and budgets based on project proposals.
- Be responsible to work with the project team, partners and target beneficiaries on the planning and management of projects.

Qualifications

- University degree in Human Resource Development, Development Management, Business Administration or related field.
- Experience in working with partners in capacity development
- Experience of working with government offices in Laos
- Good written and spoken English and Lao languages
- Ability to write project proposal and reports in a timely manner.
- Leadership and capacity to develop relationship within partner organizations
- Good management and networking skills
- Ability to work in multicultural teams

2) Nutrition Project Officer, based in Tha Thom District, Xiang Khouang Province

- Be responsible to conduct surveys and plan for activities to increase nutrition in target villages.
- Prepares yearly, quarterly and monthly plans and budgets on nutrition.
- Ensure effective implementation and management of nutrition's activities in target villages.
- Be responsible to develop appropriate manuals to train community people on nutrition.
- Be active in networking with other organizations for sharing of knowledge and resources on nutrition program

Qualifications:

- University degree or Diploma in related fields
- Knowledgeable and experiences in nutrition
- Ability and willingness to work in remote communities
- Ability to work in multicultural teams

Please send detailed CV along with a letter of interest by April 30, 2009 to:
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Home news

Vientiane stamps its mark on Intellectual Property Day

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Crowds of people gathered early on Saturday morning at Patouxay monument in support of World Intellectual Property Day and copyright protection, led by government officials.

Almost 700 people took part in the event, spearheaded by officials from the National Authority for Science and Technology (NAST), the Vientiane administration and other sectors, and diplomats.

NAST's Intellectual Property Department Director Sisomphet Yoybouakong said this was the first time a walk had been organised to mark the day.

"We are proud that so many people are interested in promoting the protection of intellectual property by walking together with us at this event," he said during a speech at Saturday's walk.

Mr Sisomphet said the walk was organised because various copyright businesses in Vientiane had supported the department in publicising the

importance of the day. "Next year, we will mark the day with a concert and other activities to make the public aware of the meaning of intellectual property if we get more support from businesses and the sectors involved."

Last year, the Intellectual Property Department observed the day with interviews with the NAST minister on radio and television, and also hung up signs in Vientiane to raise awareness of intellectual property protection.

This year NAST and the Vientiane administration joined innovative local entrepreneurs to mark World Intellectual Property Day.

The two-day event led to greater promotion of copyright issues among the local populace.

"These activities encourage individual and business copyright holders to protect their investment, as well as to push them to have creative ideas on intellectual property," Mr Sisomphet explained.

He said they worked quite

hard on this issue, such as looking for fake products in markets and then disposing of them.

This includes items such as counterfeit brand toothbrushes, facial creams and mobile phones.

Continued cooperation with other sectors involved in protecting intellectual property and copyright would help spread the word on fake products, he said.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) website, the theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2009 is to promote green innovation as the key to a secure future.

The WIPO has celebrated World Intellectual Property Day since 2001. The convention establishing WIPO originally came into force on April 26, 1970.

This year, the Intellectual Property Office is joining WIPO and its members in marking the link between intellectual property and creativity, while promoting green innovation as the key to a secure future.

Labour fair to help job-seekers

Phetsamone Chandara

crisis, which had affected labour and social welfare in

potential employees directly and choose those whose work experience was in line with job



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