

Dear President of the ADL of France,
Dear ADL members around the world,

Re: report on economic zone Mahanathi Siphandon *.

To build the economy in Laos, there are two forms, namely the following:

Construction of economic zones, especially in Laos exists this model. The plan was to create 20 places by 2003 by 2015. The government was using it to get out of rural poverty in Laos.

In reality, however, the economy is promoting the cultivation of methamphetamine products, human trafficking and money laundering. This probably results from the lack of education and skills in the government.

1 Former Prime Minister *Buasone Phimasone*, had ordered the economic zones to build. Now it turns out that Minister *Kahamtay Siphandone* wants to regain his old power and sell the land intended for development to the Chinese.

The economic zone concerned has an area of 39,000 hectares. However, according to an inventory of the government with the Chinese investor announced that this only 9,800 acres. This survey was started in early 12 2017 and has been split into 5 areas. In an area outside the river area, they want to build a hotel and casino. It should be declared a protected area. In the outer areas, however, an airport is to be built for private aircraft and for large passenger aircraft, as well as a large shopping center built by four companies from China, Taiwan, Malaysia and Laos. Among them is the Chinese investor with the name *Zen-To*, which works in the background. This proceeds under the premise to receive 100% of the funds to build. Many of these companies has to act as funders for the *Zen-To* company, to act as straw men. The project has just begun with a total of \$ 9 billion for the period 2018-2050.

- 1.1 In reality there is no difference to the projects of the Chinese in the Golden Triangle. Here at the border can be easily produced and sold for the black market. You can also operating money laundering here.
- 1.2 The consequences for the population: many families have to be relocated from the area, a total of about 100 families. Nature is affected, the ecosystem is compromised and the water quality, as a result, it affects the livelihood of people including the water use by contamination with chemicals.
- 1.3 The government has never considered the consequences and has only the interest to sell the land, because they think only of their own enrichment. The head of this project is currently *Sonexay Siphandone (Deputy Prime Minister)* and the responsible for this project is *Mr. Sittisay Xayavong*.

Therefore, we appeal to the President of the ADL in France to publish this project, so that our country is not lost even more than so far.

With great respect

* Area of the 4,000 islands