GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2021

**Population**
7.425 Millions

**Land area**
(1) 230,800 km²

**Exchange rate**
9,697.916 LAK/US$

**GDP**
19,191 Millions current US$

**CPI growth**
3.75%

**GDP growth**
2.05%

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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<th>Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)</th>
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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>553</td>
<td>1,746</td>
<td>3,653</td>
<td>7,695</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>882</td>
<td>2,060</td>
<td>5,675</td>
<td>6,275</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>-329</td>
<td>-314</td>
<td>-2,022</td>
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**Export structure by product group in 2021**
(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 33%
- Agricultural raw materials: 18%
- Ores and metals: 7%
- Fuels: 9%
- Manufactured goods: 11%
- Other: 11%

**Top 5 partners in 2021**
(exports, millions of US$)

- Thailand: 2,967
- China: 2,409
- Viet Nam: 698
- Australia: 333
- United States of America: 200

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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<td>Services exports</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>511</td>
<td>844</td>
<td>(e) 125</td>
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<td>Services imports</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>263</td>
<td>1,078</td>
<td>(e) 252</td>
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<td>Services trade balance</td>
<td>165</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>-234</td>
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**Services exports by main category²**
(as % of total services)

- Transport: 17.9%
- Travel: 68.1%
- Other services: 14.0%

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

**Economic indicators**
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

- GDP, current: 2,946 7,313 14,390 19,191
- GDP per capita, current US$: 503 1,157 2,120 2,585
- Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %: 6.77 8.13 7.27 2.05
- Current account balance, % of GDP: -5.90 0.40 -15.76 (e) -0.91
- Exchange rate (US$): 10,655,167 8,254,163 8,127,611 9,697,916

**GDP by expenditure in 2020**
(as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption: 66.2
- General government final consumption expenditure: 13.5
- Gross Capital Formation: 29.4
- Exports: 34.0
- Imports: 43.1
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>27.70</td>
<td>278.80</td>
<td>1 077.76</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>-0.09</td>
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<td>39.70</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
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<td>1.31</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

[Graph showing trends over time]

FDI inflows and personal remittances receipts

TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trade balance indicators²
(as % and index)

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-5.55</td>
<td>0.17</td>
<td>-15.11</td>
<td>(e) 4.18</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-17.77</td>
<td>0.58</td>
<td>-33.36</td>
<td>(e) 11.68</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.097</td>
<td>0.003</td>
<td>-0.200</td>
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Trade openness²
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

[Graph showing trade openness over time]

LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2021
(% of population)

- Urban 37%
- Rural 63%

OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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Information economy indicators
(as % of)

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
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<td>0.08</td>
<td>9.64</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
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<td>4.55</td>
<td>10.62</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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Notes:
1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
e Estimated.
q Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
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# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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