GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2020

Population: 7.276 Millions
Land area: (n) 230 800 km²

Exchange rate: 9 045.788 LAK/US$
CPI growth: 5.07 %
GDP growth: 0.50 %

GDP: 19 277 Millions current US$

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade
(millions of US$)

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<th>Merchandise exports</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>553</td>
<td>882</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2 060</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>3 653</td>
<td>5 675</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>(e) 6 050</td>
<td>(e) 5 240</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2020

(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 24%
- Agricultural raw materials: 25%
- Ores and metals: 2%
- Fuels: 13%
- Manufactured goods: 13%
- Other: 13%

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services
(millions of US$)

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<td>204</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>511</td>
<td>263</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>844</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>(e) 347</td>
<td>(e) 445</td>
<td>(e) -99</td>
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Services exports by main category
(as % of total services)

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

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ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>GDP, current</th>
<th>GDP per capita, current US$</th>
<th>Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %</th>
<th>Current account balance, % of GDP</th>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>2 946</td>
<td>512</td>
<td>6.77</td>
<td>-5.90</td>
<td>10 655.167</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>7 313</td>
<td>1 170</td>
<td>8.13</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>14 390</td>
<td>2 135</td>
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<td>19 277</td>
<td>2 650</td>
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GDP by expenditure in 2019
(as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption: 66.1%
- General government final consumption expenditure: 13.6%
- Gross Capital Formation: 29.3%
- Exports: 33.8%
- Imports: 42.8%

+4.2 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2020

Top 5 partners in 2020
(exports, millions of US$)

- Thailand: 2 752
- China: 1 950
- Viet Nam: 415
- Japan: 115
- Germany: 105

- +0.5 %
Gross domestic product growth rate in 2020
### Financial flows

**FDI and External Financial Resources**

#### Financial flows

*(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)*

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<td>FDI outflows</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 financial flows trends]

**FDI inflows**

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**FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2020**

**Personal remittances receipts**

**Trade balance indicators**

*(as % and index)*

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-5.55</td>
<td>0.17</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.097</td>
<td>0.003</td>
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#### Trade openness

*(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)*

![Graph showing trade openness]

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### Trade in Goods and Services

#### Labour force by gender in 2020

*(as % of total labour force, all sectors)*

- Male: 51%
- Female: 49%

### 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

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
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<td>0.08</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
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<td>10.62</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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