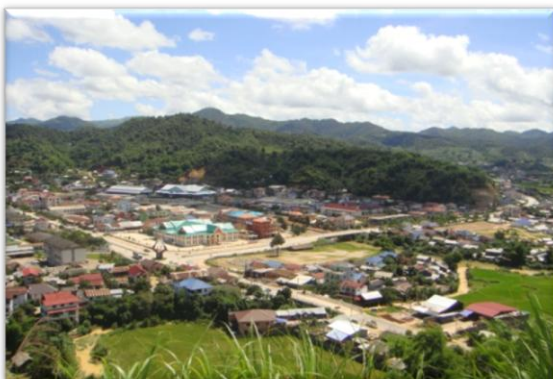


Xamneua's Vision



Pheng Kanyaphim
Xamneua District Governor

By the year 2020, Xamneua will become a green, clean, fresh and livable city of the north. The town will be pollution-free and a pristine tourist destination.



Xamneua has been recognised as an outstanding town in improving the urban environment through several years of technical and capacity building assistance from the central government.

In 2010, Xamneua was evaluated as the top-ranked town for 'Environmentally Sustainable City' in Lao PDR by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, based on 16 performance indicators measuring waste reduction and collection services, waste water management and sanitation, land use planning and the town's capacity in setting development actions and strategies.

SPECIFIC GOALS

- Increase green and recreational areas by 30% by 2012 and increase forest coverage ratio in the provincial area to 70% by 2020.
- Ensure that all natural waterways are pollution-free by the year 2015.
- Prepare conditions for full reuse and recycling of waste by the year 2020.
- Maintain air quality within national standards and limit the emission of greenhouse gases from all sources.

How is the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme Supporting?

The project is aimed at building the town's capacity in effective urban service delivery and land use planning, as well as promoting people's participation in maintaining the quality of urban environment.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Transfer of knowledge through workshops as well as pilot and demonstrative mini projects
- Exchange of best practices among cities in the country

Expected results

- At least 15 staff of the district and province trained in project management, urban service delivery and development planning
- At least 30 persons from the local government and community groups trained on waste segregation and composting, simple waste water treatment technology, tree planting and management of the green areas
- 25 representatives of neighbouring provinces attended a national workshop and utilise the project's experience to implement similar improvements in their respective towns and cities
- At least 0.5 hectare of vacant land upgraded into a public garden covered by grass, flowers and trees

The ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme is a regional initiative funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) to promote the development of 'Environmentally Sustainable Cities' (ESC) in the ASEAN region by supporting capacity building and facilitating partnerships for voluntary and innovative bottom-up initiatives.

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Xamneua's Philosophy for Achieving an Environmentally Sustainable City



Clean your house and your neighbourhoods



Cut down on unnecessary consumption of energy, water and goods



Do not discharge untreated waste water directly into natural waterways



Ensure that there are always flowers, trees, grass or other plants in your courtyard and in your community's living space