PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE YEAR 2017

Plan of Action of the Hungarian-Lao Friendship Association

February 2017	Consultations with the leadership of the Lao-Hungarian
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Friendship Association in Budapest

March 2017 Supporting the exhibition in the "Hopp Ferenc East-

Asian Museum" entitled "Nagas, Birds, and Elephant – Traditional Dress from Mainland Southeast Asia". Joint visit to the museum by members of the HLFA in

the framework of a guided tour

22 April 2017 Supporting the program of the "Hopp Ferenc East-

Asian Museum" presenting and explaining the "baci"

("sou khouan") ceremony with traditional Lao New Year

celebration and Lao dance

April-May 2017 Celebration of the traditional Lao New Year ("Boun

Pimay Lao") by members of the Hungarian-Lao

Friendship Association

July 2017 Bid farewell to the Lao students completing their

studies in Hungary in 2017

September 2017 Commemorating the 55th anniversary of the

establishment of diplomatic relations between

Hungary and Laos (cultural program)

October 2017 Receiving and introducing new Lao students

commencing their studies in Hungary in 2017

November 2017 Presenting the film by Anysay Keola "At the Horizon"

to the members of the HLFA

(https://pro.festivalscope.com/film/at-the-horizon)

Plan of Action of the Lao-Hungarian Friendship Association

Elaborating the Charter of the Lao-Hungarian Friendship Association

February 2017

Visiting Hungary and signing a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and the Plan of Action for year 2017 with the Hungarian-Lao Friendship Association

From March 2017

Mobilizing former Lao students graduated from Hungary, inviting them to be members of the Lao-Hungarian Friendship Association and recruting voluntary members

Sept.-Oct. 2017

Organizing Hungarian Days in Laos for commemorating the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Laos and Hungary

Promoting historical, cultural and artistic traditions of the two countries, assisting cultural and artistic exchange

Facilitating contacts and exchange of experiences, especially between agricultural producers, enterpreneurs and scientists

Promoting mutual knowledge about Hungary and Laos in the Lao and Hungarian society about history, economy, science, culture, art, literature and tourism of the two countries

Contributing to the organization of exhibitions and trade fairs, encouraging Hungarian and Lao participation at these events

In the field of education: coordinating with the Ministry of Education and Sports and other ministries interested in the "Stipendium Hungaricum" scholarship program offered by Hungary for Lao students and experts for university studies or training courses in Hungary.

Plans for joint actions:

- Assisting the future cooperation to be established between Budapest and Vientiane by participating in their cultural and touristic programs (Mayor of Vientiane will visit Budapest in March 2017).
- In the field of agriculture: facilitating Lao participation at OMÉK (National Agriculture and Food Exhibition and Fair in September 2017, or in 2018) (http://en.omek2017.hu/)
- Supporting making a documentary film on Lao personalities graduated from Hungary and Hungarian experts having worked in Laos
- Cooperating in creating and developping a website for Lao Student Community.

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