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Lao PDR's Climate Change Activities

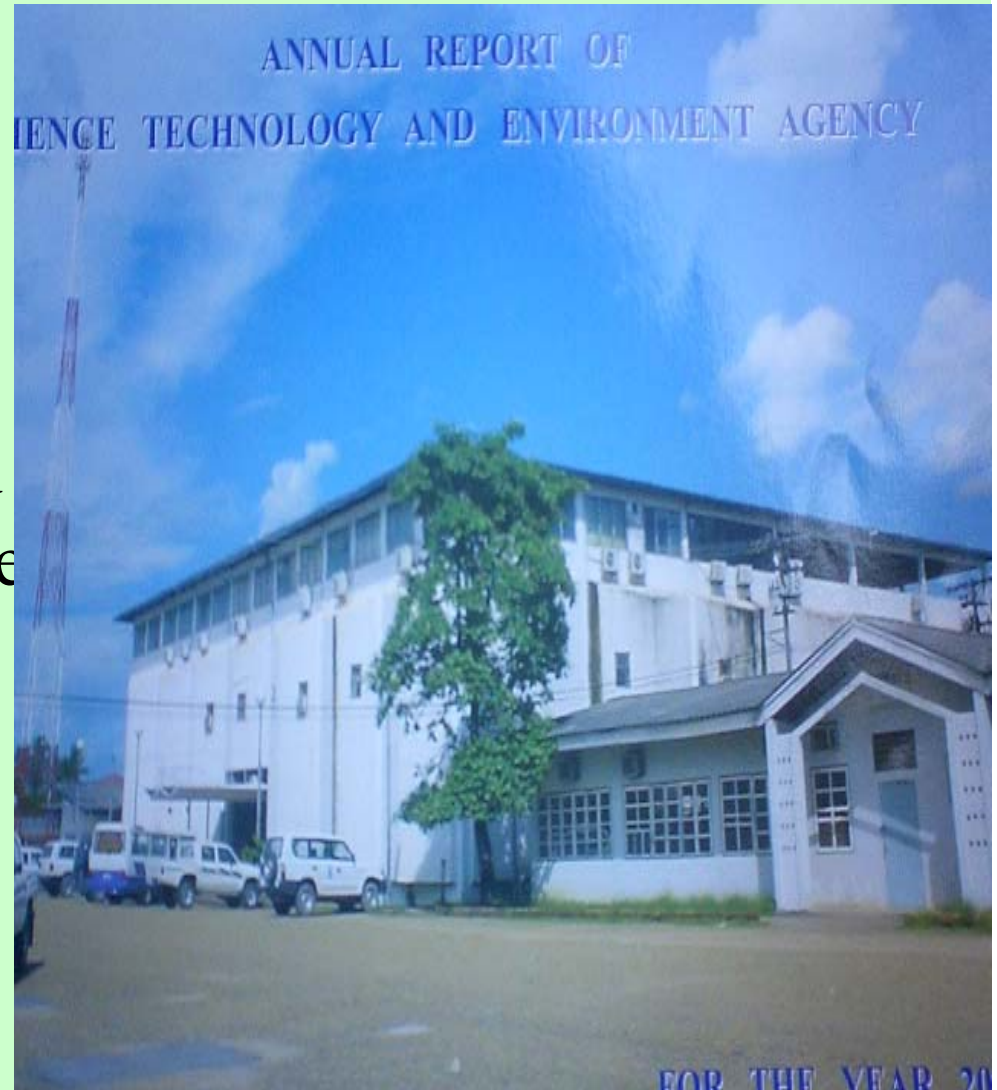


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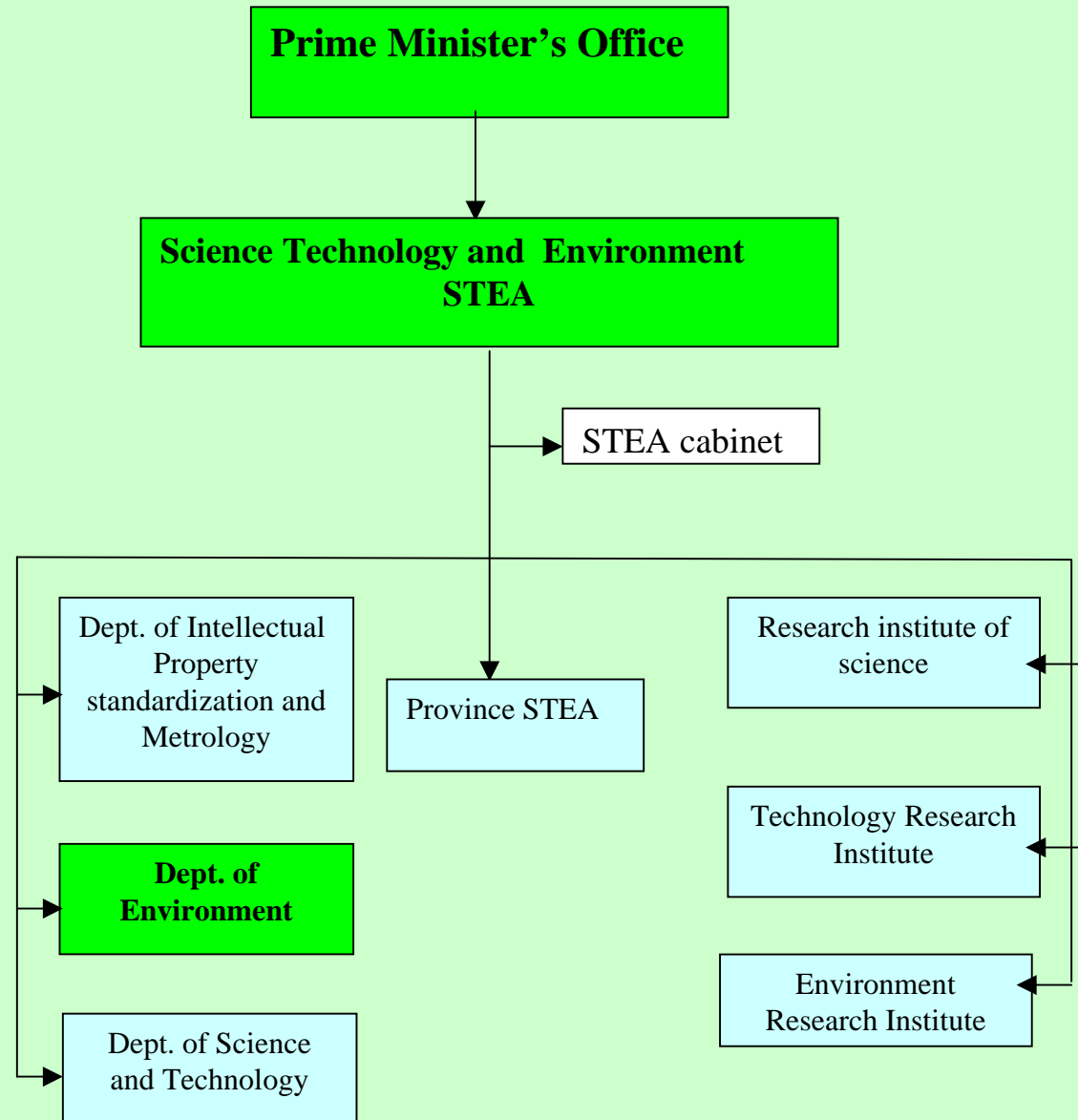
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Introducing STEA its roles

- STEA has been established in 1993 and is under Prime Minister's Office.
- STEA has:
 - 3 Department (Dep. Of Science Technology, Dep. Of Intellectual Property Standardization and Metrology and Dep. Of Environment).
 - 3 Research Institute (Institute of Science, Inst. Of Techn. And Inst. Of Environment)
 - 1 Cabinet Office
 - Total number staff at present is 143 people
- Provincial STEO have been established (Each province has its staff at present time at min 4 at max 13).



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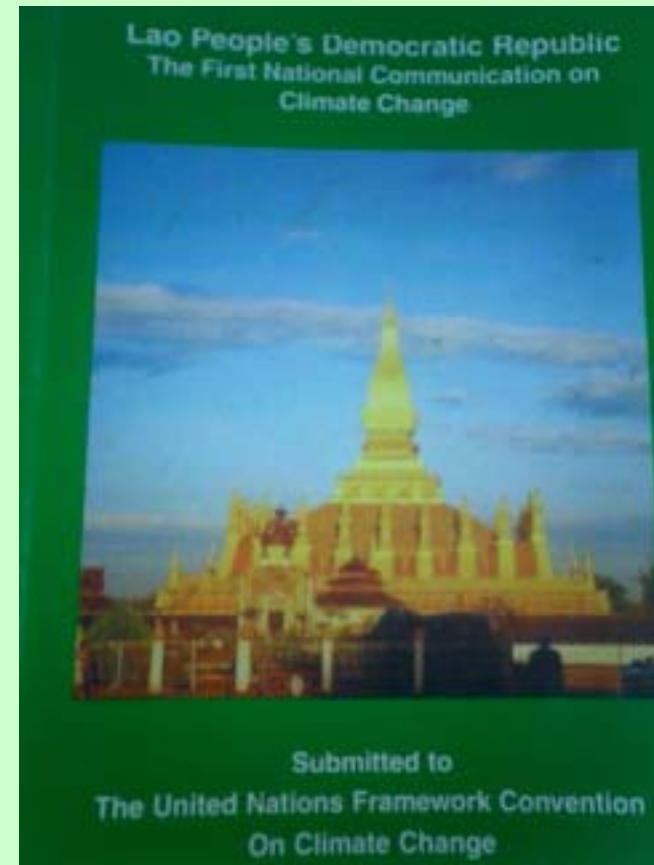
- STEA's Roles:
- To assist the government in research and service on science, technology and environment at a macro level. This includes expanding the policies and programme of the government into plans, projects, regulations and laws. Regarding the environment, STEA has a key role to coordinate across all ministries and local authorities to manage the overall environment throughout the country.
- To manage and implement International, regional and sub-regional convention and agreement on the science, technology and environment.

Country background and main activities on Climate Change

- Climate Change is a new concept in the Lao PDR
- Lao PDR Ratified the UNFCCC on 4/04/1995 and Ratify of Kyoto Protocol on 6/02/03.
- The STEA (Department of Environment) is assigned by the Government to be a UNFCCC National Focal Point and CDM Designated National Authority (DNA).
- Lao PDR has carried out a number of activities relevant to the national response to climate change issues:
 - Enabling Activities for the Preparation of Initial National Communication on Climate Change supported by UNDP/GEF
 - Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority area) supported by UNDP/GEG on Climate Change supported by UNDP/GEF

Country background and main activities on Climate Change

- Main activities have been implemented under UNFCCC:
 - Established a National GHG Inventory Committee and Technical Working Group
 - Completed First National Communication on Climate Change in 2000.



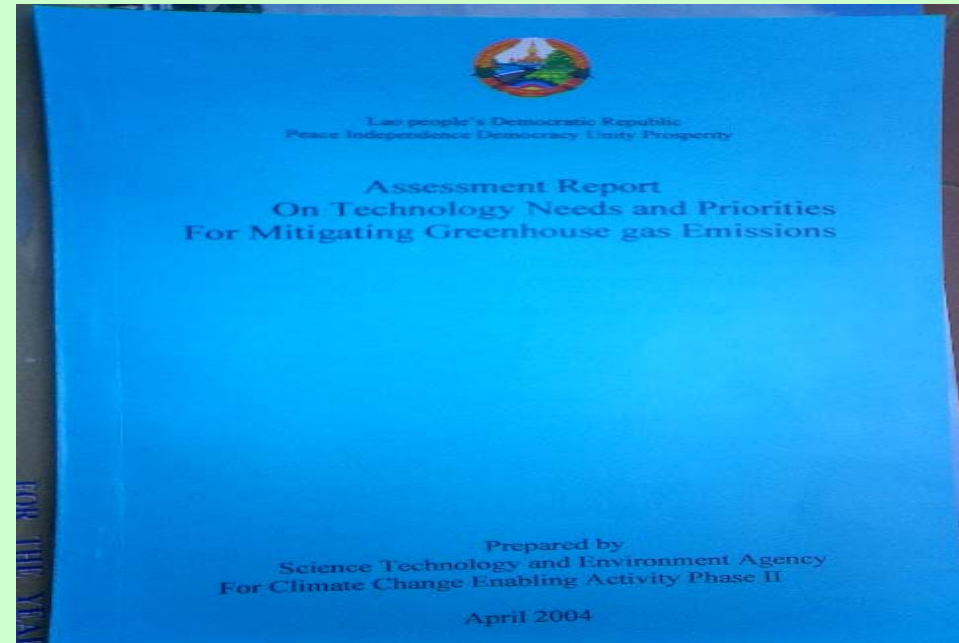
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- Organized awareness workshop on Climate Change at both central and local level.



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- Completed to assess technology needs and priorities for mitigating GHG emissions
- Published leaflet on climate change.



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Legal Framework:

- Many legislation related to environmental and natural resources management have been promulgated, such as Environmental Protection Law, Forestry Law, Water and Water resources Law, Land Law, Mining Law, etc...

Next steps for Climate Change Implementation

- To carry out the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) for Climate Change.
- To undertake the National Capacity Self Assessment on 3 convention: UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD.
- Develop rules and procedures for the approval of CDM projects.
- To prepare the development of the Second National Communication on Climate Change.
- To continue organizing awareness workshop on Climate Change including CDM issues.

Thank you (Q & A)

