SIDE EVENT TO
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11-12 March 2009

UNODC and the six Greater Mekong Subregion governments (Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam) are holding a Side Event during High Level Segment of CND on 11 and 12 March. It focuses on the achievements of the successful partnership between the GMS countries and UNODC under the MOU signed way back in 1993. The Side Event goes under the following banner:

Title: 15 years of Partnership: Opportunities and Challenges
Subtitle: Countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region and UNODC

Purpose:
1. to publicize past achievements of the joint activities undertaken over the years under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) framework signed in 1993
2. to highlight the continued relevance of the successful MOU mechanism which promotes subregional cooperation and partnership
3. to mobilize resources from the donors for the MOU’s Sub-regional Action Plan which overlaps strongly with the UNODC Regional Programme Framework for East Asia and the Pacific

Programme:

EVENT #1
11 March 2009: 18:30hr - Opening of SE Asian MOU the Exhibition followed by a Reception
   • Poster display
   • 12-minute video on the MOU’s achievements and the road ahead

EVENT #2
12 March 2009: 13:00-14:45hr - Ministerial Consultation

13:00 – 13:30 - light lunch (arranged by Thai Mission)
13:30 – UNODC ED welcome remarks, followed by brief remarks by Minister Soubanh from Laos on behalf of all other countries.
13:45 - Discussion and exchange of views
Discussion topics:
1. History of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GMS countries and UNODC (Lao PDR)
2. Achievements of and constraints in the implementation of the MOU-Subregional Action Plan programme (Thailand)
3. Future vision and programme (UNODC)

14:45 – End