



CLMVT Forum 2018: 5 countries to create promising opportunities. Taking-Off through Technology

CLMVT Forum 2018: CLMVT Taking-Off Through Technology was an international event hosted by Ministry of Commerce of Thailand with its co-host partners. It is the gathering of the high-level public sector, business leaders, academia, and young entrepreneurs from 5 countries; namely, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand. The objective is to encourage public-private collaboration and utilize technology to overcome traditional trade pattern, unlock the trap by using technology to connect business with new economy concept called CLMVT Taking-off Through Technology. General Prayut Chan-o-cha was presiding over the opening ceremony and addressing a keynote speech to 1,000 participants during 16-17 August 2018 at 22nd Floor, Centara Grand at Central World, Bangkok.

In his speech General Prayut emphasized that “CLMVT was a huge room of business opportunities. It has a high potential to generate trade, investment, and shared prosperity in the region, by abiding by the sustainable development principle with “Stronger Together” concept. That is to say, cooperation, sharing opportunities, and inequality reduction will be the keys to sustainable growth.

CLMVT Forum 2018 is an event resulted from public and private cooperation as well as the academia to discuss and exchange ideas through more than 14 discussion sessions, from distinguished speakers, academia, executives from public and private sector, young entrepreneurs, more than 50 people who gathered to share experiences, viewpoints, concepts of regional sustainable development and inequality reduction, creating linkage and building seamless economy. From the past discussions, it is evident that most participants gave priority to issues like generating trust in technology, creating connectivity through infrastructure, developing enabling ecosystem such as digital platform, or big data, harmonization of rules and regulations, human capital development by developing knowledge, skills, digital literacy and



mindset. The success of regional development will thus depend on cooperation of all parties involved to create the truly long-lasting success.

To conclude, key outcomes from the discussion which could lead to CLMVT regional development are; CLMVT Digital Trade Roadmap, Human Capital Development including Startup Mentoring, CLMVT Portal and Platform, Startups Investment Mechanism which was called here “CLMVT Angel Platform”, to name just a few.

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