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### **Brief Biography**

#### **Mr. Oudet Souvannavong**

**President Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI),  
Chairman Greater Mekong Sub-Region Business Council (GMS-BC)**

Mr. Oudet Souvannavong born the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1957, is the President of the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI) since July 2016. He is a council member of the GMS-BC since 2004. He assumed the Secretary General of the GMS-BC since 2008 and has just acquired the Council's Chairmanship in August 2017. Mr. Oudet is also a Founding Member of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) since its establishment in 2000, and a Council Member of the UNESCAP - Asia Pacific Business Advisory Council (AP-BAC). In relation to his business, he is the founder and President of the Lao Hotel and Restaurant Association (LHRA) since 2004.

Mr. Oudet has done his education in French primary, secondary schools and colleges in France, in Vietnam and in Laos. He held a Diploma of Education, Math and Physics from the Ecole Supérieure de Pédagogie de Vientiane (now the National University of the Lao PDR) (1977-1981), and a Post Graduate Certificate of Forest Industry Management, from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SUAS), Sweden (1997).

Mr. Oudet worked a civil servant at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry from 1981 to 1990. From 1991 to 2004, he was a regional expert in the field of human resource, institution and rural development by different international organizations. In 2000, he went into business and is now Managing Director of the Societe Commerciale Lao (SCL) and director in a number of business ventures. The important ones are: Best Western Vientiane Hotel, Fuji Japanese Restaurants (I&I), Lao Inter Tourist Co.,Ltd., in Lao PDR.