

Annex 1

Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund Project Application Requirements

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1. Projects facilitating cooperation in the fields below will be prioritized:

(1) Implementing the outcomes of the Leaders' Meeting: Taking the opportunity of the 10th anniversary of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, use the Five-Year Plan of Action on Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (2023-2027) as strategic guidance to comprehensively implement the important consensus reached at the Fourth Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting and the Ninth Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and to promote the Global Development Initiative(GDI), Global Security Initiative(GSI) and Global Civilization Initiative(GCI) to more deeper and practical in the Lancang- Mekong region.

(2) Deepening integrated development: Cooperation on production capacity, connectivity, cross-border economy, energy, customs, port, standardization, digital economy, science and technology innovation, finance, investment facilitation. Strengthen agriculture strategic docking and practical cooperation, implementing the "Hundred, Thousand, Ten Thousand Action Plan on Lancang-Mekong Agricultural Cooperation".

(3) Promoting green cooperation: Cooperation on water resources policy coordination, development and management, weather, environmental and forestry protection, climate change, air pollution control, implementing the "Plan on Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Benefiting the People"

(4) Strengthening security governance: Practice the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security and carry out the

cooperation on law enforcement, jurisdiction and disaster prevention and mitigation. Jointly combat transnational crime and strengthen security capacity building. Cooperation on public health.

(5) Closer people-to-people and cultural exchanges: Cooperation in culture tourism, sports, education, human resources, media and think tank, youth, women, children, protection of cultural relics, nationality, religion, and public diplomacy, etc.

2. Projects shall be multilateral in principle and benefit all or most of the LMC member countries. Bilateral projects with sub-regional significance will also be considered. Joint application of multiple countries and projects recommended by the Joint Working Groups of the Priority Areas will be given positive consideration.

3. Projects shall be pragmatic and result-oriented. Practical cooperation projects with remarkable society and economy performance are preferred.

4. Projects shall include publicity and public diplomacy elements in the design, and increase promotion measures in implementation in order to enhance public recognition and exposure of the projects.

5. The enclosed Project Proposal and Budget Proposal template shall be completed with all the information required strictly and clearly. And the Proposal shall fully explain the project background, demonstrate the necessity and feasibility of the project, prepare the implementation plan and budget requirement scientifically so as to ensure the goal precise, the proof adequate, the plan feasible and the budget reasonable.

6. Project proponents should promote the project in strict accordance with the approved plan and submit Project Progress Report or Project Completion Report for the ongoing project or completed project timely, which will influence the project approval in future.