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Current situation of Minimata Convention in Lao PDR

- Lao PDR is not yet signature on Minamata convention ;
- PCD is the contact point of Hazardous Waste and Chemical management including Minamata Convention;
- The roadmap to ratify Minamata Convention:
  - Conducted consultation workshop with technical and senior officers 3 times since 2013-2014;
  - Conducted National consultation workshop, chaired by Vice Prime Minister in February 2015;
  - Government of Lao PDR approved for ratify the Minamata Convention on Mercury 12 May 2015;
  - Lao PDR will be ratify the Minimata Convention in UN Treaty Even 2015 in New York, USA.

The problem on Mercury using in Lao PDR

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) in traditional and culture operation.

Waste from mining

- **Illegal mining operation**

Plan on Mercury Management

- Drafting the Chemical Law (MOIC);
- Drafting the Waste and Hazardous Chemicals Management Regulation;
- Data collection and Inventory on mercury;
- Formulate the National Action Plan on mercury management;
- Institutional strengthening and capacity building of hazardous chemical management;
- Cooperation and coordination with international organization to implement and mitigation the international convention;
- Raising public awareness on hazardous chemical management.

What we need from this program

- Better understand the scope of mercury contamination from mining operation;
- Raise awareness about the dangers of mercury use and the economic benefits of mercury; and
- Transition miners at a pilot site to environmentally friendly, mercury-free ASGM practices .

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