

Monday 8 Bangkok - Savannakhet

On the first day, we visited Savan-Seno Special economic zone In Lao PDR which is the important area for investment, trade, and services. It is interesting that there are 5 zones: Zone A for Thai investment, Zone B for Japan tourism, Zone B1 for logistic, Zone C for industrial such as Malasia, and Zone D for residence.

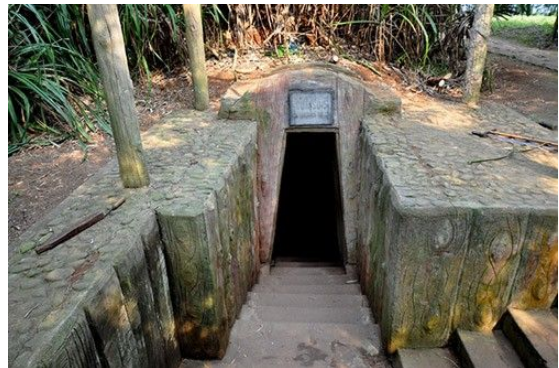


Nowadays, Lao PDR tries to improve the skills of labour to answer the target group that come to invest in its country and to increase job opportunity for local people. moreover, taxes and customs duties have exempted for all import raw material and export manufactured product.

After visiting Savan-Seno Special economic zone, we have been visited royal Thai consulate-general at Savannakhet.

Tuesday 9 Savannakhet - Quang Tei

On the second day, we went to Vinh Moc Tunnel and Demilitarized zone. the tunnels were built to living people from the intense bombing during the Vietnam war. I just wonder and surprised that there are around sixty families lived in the tunnels for many years. In my opinion, it is going to be a hard time to live because of less light, narrow walkway, small space, etc. I very respect people at that time who need to handle the trouble situation. After this, we went to the Cua Viet beach near our hotel. It is a normal beach that has a clear sky and less



Wednesday 10 Quang Tri-Hue

On the third day, we visited CP Vietnam Corporation at Hue factory. In the aquaculture business of CP, there is full vertical integration from beginning to the last step, so the customer can receive complete product traceability and high standard. At Hue, it is a shrimp semi-automation factory, so I and



my group saw the process of frozen cooked and raw shrimp. I was surprised that there are a lot of labours on the processing because some methods can use machines such as selecting the size of shrimp to reduce the cost of production but still use labours. They said that if they still get profit from hiring the local people to do this part, they can help people in the community to get more salary. Moreover, their shrimps are fresh and delicious.

Thursday 11 Hue - Da Nang

On the fourth day, we went to the local market to see how Vietnamese live in Da Nang and find the product that represents Vietnam. I saw a lot of Korean people and Korean restaurant such as BBQ Korean restaurant, Bros chicken, etc. But if we compare the



price in Thailand and Vietnam, the price of food in Vietnam is cheaper than those in Thailand. Moreover, the Vietnamese also like to drink tea and coffee because I and my friend saw a lot of cafes and many people sat in those places.

Friday 12 Da Nang - Hoi An

On the fifth day, we went to Phap Lam Pagoda in the morning. There are a lot of featuring plenty of trees, manicured gardens, and beautiful Buddhist sculptures. In the afternoon, we visited SCG Cement Building Materials in Vietnam. The speaker's speech encourages us to get a clear picture of both Thailand and Vietnam. If we see the growth of Vietnam, the size of Vietnam is half of Thailand but the population's rate in Vietnam has higher than those in Thailand, so it means Vietnam is still a young country while Thailand becomes a ageing country. There are many investors come to invest in Vietnam because the government has a clear policy for investors to invest in Vietnam and Vietnam now still use cash, so we can the real demand.

Saturday 13

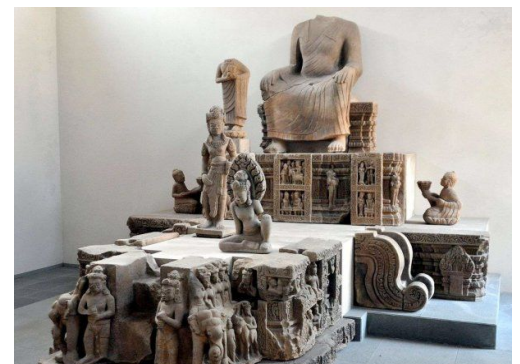
On the sixth day, we went to Sun World BaNa Hills which is one of the top 10 best destinations of the world 2018, there is a cable car network which was ranked by CNN as one of the 10 most impressive cable car infrastructure systems worldwide. We use about 20 minutes



to go up to the French village which is an old fashioned and tranquil France with the classical landmark. I like the atmosphere in that place and the golden bridge is a good place to visit.

Sunday 14

On the last day, we went to the museum of cham sculpture in Da Nang, This place displays almost 300 terracotta and stonework of art in the past, so we can saw the



culture and language. I can get a new experience and learn more about Vietnam history.

During the CLMV trip, I gain a lot of new experiences and understand Vietnamese culture. It is surprising that Vietnamese receive a lot of influence from Korean. For example in Da Nang, we can see that there are many Korean products in the market and Korean restaurants on the street. If we look deeper, we can see that some product made in Vietnam using Korea language. Moreover, it is interesting that most Vietnamese use motorcycles more than cars and they park their cars or motorcycle on the walkway.

From my point of view, the East-West economic route will create benefits to Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam on investment and tourism and also create a range of economic opportunities reducing rural poverty and transport cost. However, we need to concern more about human rights and environmental issue, so the government need to provide enough education and ability to handle the people in that region on economic change. The activities that affect the environment need to be investigated in order to protect endangered habitat.

In my opinion, Laos in the next 5-10 year has a high opportunity for investors to invest in its country because of the low cost of labour, and tax incentives and natural resources will bring the investors to come while Vietnam in the next 5-10 year will become a significant country on high production because of high labours, clear policy, and good infrastructure for investors to invest more.

I cannot imagine myself working or living in Laos or Vietnam because I think it is hard to live in those countries because there are less public transportations. I do not like the traffic in

Vietnam and the way people use a horn. It makes me scare and cannot feel safe anymore when I need to cross the road.

Feedback for the trip

I need more information or detail on each day to prepare clothes for the trip and manage my self.