



**Signing Ceremony of the MOU**  
**The cooperation on joining and developing land database**  
**for the modernization**  
**between Department of Land,**  
**Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment**  
**and**  
**Banque pour le Commerce Extérieur Lao Public**

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On 12 November 2020, at Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MONRE), the Department of Land, MONRE and Banque pour le Commerce Extérieur Lao Public (BCEL) have held a signing ceremony of a MOU of cooperation on joining and developing land database for the modernization between the 2 parties. Mr. Anongsone Phommachan, PhD, Director of the Department of Land, MONRE, signing on behalf of MONRE and Mr. Phoukhong Chanthachack, General Managing Director of BCEL, signing on behalf of BCEL. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Sommad Pholsena, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment and Mr. Sonexay Sitphaxay, Governor of Bank of Lao PDR, with the participation of the directors and executives from MONRE, and BCEL, along with the mass media.



The land tax payment platform is developed based on the development and modernization of traditional land tax payment method, aiming on the security and quickness. The platform is purposely developed ensuring the effectiveness of the income collection of the government, strictness, transparency and accountability.

The Land Tax has been launched since 2018 by the cooperation between the Department of Taxes, Ministry of Finance and BCEL. Present, there are 8 representative banks joining with BCEL delivering the service, such as, Agricultural Promotion Bank, Lao-Viet Bank, Lao Development Bank, Lao-China Bank, Joint-Development Bank, Indochina Bank, BIC Bank, ST Bank and Banque Franco Lao

Customers can use the service via the following channels:

- BCEL service counters
- BCELOne
- BCEL i-Bank
- BCEL BCOME Agents (Signed up agents)
- Via service counters and channels of representative banks

The cooperation technically connects the national land database with the BCEL's Land Tax, enhancing customers to pay land tax easier and widening the service area for paying tax. Moreover, the platform also making land information in the national land database updated.

Since the project has been done successfully, the Department of Land and BCEL agreed to continue their cooperation for developing the payment service via the bank for fee and charge of another service of the Department.

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