

The experts committee from ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) visited The Banque Pour Le Commerce Extérieur Lao Public (BCEL)



On the Morning of Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

The Banque Pour Le Commerce Extérieur Lao Public (BCEL) welcomed experts from the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO). The meeting was held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the meeting room, BCEL's headquarters.



The BCEL delegation was led by **Mr. Somphone Houangyachith, Acting Chief of the Treasury and International Service Division**, accompanied by representatives from relevant BCEL divisions. The AMRO delegation was headed by **Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Cuc, Head of the Economic Research Team**, along with her team. Representatives from the Bank of the Lao PDR (BOL) also participated in the discussions. AMRO's visit was part of its annual routine, conducted under the ASEAN+3 financial cooperation framework.

The objective was to collect information related to the banking sector, specifically focusing on BCEL's overall business operations across various periods, including the implementation of government policies. The AMRO experts also inquired about pressing issues in the financial and banking sector to gather the data for their ongoing monitoring of the macroeconomic situation in the Lao PDR. During this working visit, several key topics relevant to BCEL were discussed,

such as: overall business operations, asset and profit growth, loan growth and bond holdings, plans for improving capital adequacy ratios (CAR), progress in increasing registered capital, Implementation of Basel II and IFRS-9 principles, benefits and challenges of participating in LFX company. Following their engagement with BCEL, the AMRO delegation was scheduled to meet with the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of the Lao PDR to report on the findings of their mission.