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**Status and perspectives  
of the ICT in Lao PDR**

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- Total population 5.62 million
- Rural population as a percentage of total population 69%
- GDP per capita USD 678
- Literacy rate 85%
- Tele-density 28%
- Telephone lines per 100 inhabitants 2.59
- Cell-phone subscribers per 100 inhabitants 25.4
- Computers per 100 inhabitants 1.7
- Internet users per 100 inhabitants 1.77
- Internet hosts per 10,000 inhabitants 0.022%
- Internet cafes per 10,000 inhabitants 0.71%
- Number of websites in Lao languages 297
- Number of websites in English 660
- National transmission backbone 155 Mbps
- International bandwidth 1 Gbps

- Telecommunication act 2001 (Open market)
- ICT policies in 2007-2012
  - Computerization all Central Government Offices
  - Establish the National Information Infrastructure
  - Promote the ICT Human Resource Development
  - Promote ICT industry
  - Promote the ICT research (Software)
  - Establish the ICT regulatory bodies
- National e-Government Action Plan (2008-2011)
  - Phase I (2007-2009): computerize government department and establish the online service
  - Phase II (2008-2010): National ICT infrastructure
  - Phase II (2009-2011): National Internet Centre
- E-Commerce Law

- Strengthening ITRI/NAST ICT activities
- Enhance the ICT research collaboration in Laos
- Establish the ICT research and industry collaboration with ASEAN and EU countries
  - Establish the communication link channel.
  - Introduce some ICT overseas product and activities
  - Conduct the some collaboration research activities