

Transboundary Water Resources Cooperation of Myanmar

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Abstract

Myanmar has assigned five Ministries in related key areas: Connectivity, production capacity cooperation, cross-border economic cooperation, water resources and agriculture and poverty reduction for Mekong- Lancang cooperation. For Joint Working Group (JWG) on water resources, 11 members from related departments/ Ministries were involved. Two meetings were held in (5.9.2017) and (19.2.2017) and project proposals were invited. For early harvest project (1st batch), MLC awareness raising programme for diplomats was completed and feasibility study to upgrade the Wanpon Port project is under processing. For early harvest project 2nd batch, ten project proposals from different departments/ ministries were collected. For Lancang-Mekong cooperation (LMC) Special Fund projects, ten project proposals from different departments/ ministries were approved and are under process for internal procedures. These projects will be implemented at the start of 2018 – 2019 fiscal year (change of FY plan). For LMC Special Fund 2nd batch, the departments/ ministries were encouraged to send project proposals urgently to focal JWG and then will proceed to Mekong-Lancang Cooperation – National Coordination Unit (MLC –NCU) , Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The departments/ Ministries has proposed proposals for five year plan but need to examined whether in line with criteria or not and will proceed accordingly. Myanmar focal JWG on water resources and MLC – NCU encouraged the related departments/ ministries to involve (grasp the opportunities) in the Mekong – Lancang Cooperation projects for sustainable development of the Lancang-Mekong region.

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