

## **Lao PDR, Republic of Korea Build and Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation in Busan**

Leaders of Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of Korea (ROK) held a bilateral meeting in Busan on December 11, 2014 to review fields of cooperation and discuss ways to further strengthen friendly relations.



Lao Prime Minister, Thongsing Thammavong (*left*) shakes hands with Korean President Park Geun-hye during the bilateral talks in Busan, the Republic of Korea

The bilateral meeting between Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong and President of the Republic of Korea Park Geun-hye was held on the sideline of a two-day ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit, which took place in Busan from December 11 to 12.

During the bilateral talks, both sides expressed their pleasure at highly valued achievements of friendly relations, with continuing exchanges of high-ranking delegation visits, particularly an official visit to the Republic of Korea by Lao President Choummaly Sayasone in 2013. The visit of President Choummaly was considered an important milestone for improving relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Both sides also expressed their satisfaction that relations between the two countries have been continuing to promote and cover many sectors of cooperation over the past 19 years. Laos and the Republic of Korea are organizing the 20th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations next year.

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