

## **President Choummaly Addresses UN Sustainable Development Summit**



His Excellency Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao PDR on Saturday gave an address at the UN sustainable development summit along with the 193 member states of the United Nations.

At the summit last week, member states of the UN approved new development goals to be achieved by

2030 including ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture, ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages, ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation, according to Associated Press.

The summit also agreed to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, strengthening the means of implementation and revitalising the global partnership for sustainable development.

The newly adopted sustainable development goals will come into effect on January 1, 2016, replacing the millennium development goals. The United Nations stands ready to continue supporting Laos as it develops its strategy for making the sustainable development goals a reality and to initiate the implementation of the 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan, the UNDP in the Lao PDR reported.

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