

## U.S. Under Secretary of State Visited Laos



(KPL) U.S. Under Secretary of State for Management Patrick F. Kennedy visited Laos from December 4 - 6, 2014 to participate in the opening of the new Embassy building of the United States in Vientiane, as well as to meet with senior Lao government officials. Mr. Kennedy's visit is a sign of the growing closeness of the relationship between the two nations.

During his visit, U.S. Under Secretary of State Kennedy met with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Dr. Sounthone Xayachack to discuss expanding Lao - U.S. cooperation. Under Secretary Kennedy noted the recent high level visits and meetings between U.S. and Lao officials, including the visits to the United States by the Minister of Health and Minister of Defense, as well as Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith's recent meeting with Secretary of State John Kerry in Nay Pyi Daw, Myanmar. The Under Secretary noted that the United States is eager to commemorate the 60th anniversary of U.S. - Lao relations in 2015.

Under Secretary Kennedy visited Wat Ho Phra Keo and viewed some of Laos' most treasured artifacts and learnt about Lao culture and history.

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Lao Embassy in Washington, D.C.