

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Mekong Dialogue: Stakeholder Engagement and Governance:  
Lessons from the 2024 Flood and Beyond  
26-27 February 2025**

**Venue: Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai – Thailand and via online platform**

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**Program**

**Day 0**

Arrival of Participants  
Welcome Dinner

**Day 1**

**Morning Session [Thai/English]**

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Thanikun Chantra, Dean of the School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand Assoc. Prof. Dr. Darunee Wattanasiriwech, Vice President, MFU Ms. Mayumi Murayama, Executive Vice President, the Institute of Developing Economies - Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)
09.15 – 10.00	Keynote Speech on “National-Local Synergy in Flood Management: Lessons from the 2024 Flood Response in Northern Thailand” by Mr. Narongpol Khid-Ngarn, Mae-Sai District Chief
10.00 – 10.15	Short Break
10.15 – 12.15	The plenary session I: Review of recent flash floods in Thailand - Mr. Niwat Roikaew: Chairperson of Chiang Khong Conservation Group - Mr. Somkiat Khuanchiangsa: President of Living River Siam Association - Mr. Kanchit Comphudaeng, Representative from Department of Disaster Prevention and Management (DDPM), Chiang Rai - Ajarn Dr. Suebsakun Kidnukorn (MFU)
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch

**Afternoon Session [English]**

13.15 – 14.30	The plenary session II: Review of recent flash floods and disaster in riparian countries (Part I) - "Changes in the flood patterns in urban Phnom Penh: A Risk Assessment and Coping Strategy," Dr. Chheng Kimlong, Asian Vision Institute, Cambodia
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- “Lessons learnt from the flood in 2024 in the Mekong subregion,” Mr. Daovone Phonemanichane and Mr. Douk Daro, Oxfam, Laos /Cambodia
- “Mapping the impacts of citizen science in Lower Mekong Subregion,” Dr. Nguyen Minh Quang and Ms. Truong Thao Anh, Can Tho University / Mekong Environment Forum, Vietnam
- Rebuilding Communities and Restoring Livelihoods: Haihui’s Approach Post-Wenchuan Earthquake and Pingjiang Flood, Mr. Jie LI, Haihui International, China

**Moderator**

- Prof. Dr. Lee Lai To (MFU) and Ms. Naomi Hatsukano (IDE-JETRO)

14.30 – 14.45	Short Break
14.45 – 15.45	The plenary session II: Review of recent flash floods and disaster in riparian countries (Part II continued)
15.45-16.00	Conclusion of Day 1 Activity
18.00-20.00	Dinner

## **Day 2**

### **Morning Session [English]**

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 10.15	<p>The plenary session III: International Experiences on resources / Disaster Management (Part I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “LMC’s Policy and Activities in Disaster Management in the Lancang-Mekong River Basin,” Dr. Zhifei Li, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Online)</li> <li>- “Development comes first; flood control comes later: Does It Work?” Dr. Kenji Nagata, JICA</li> <li>- “Leveraging Earth Observation and Spatial Technology for Flood Risk Monitoring and Reduction” Mr. Khaled Mashfiq, Regional Liaison Officer for Asia and the Pacific Disaster Risk Management and Climate Resilience Section, United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT)</li> <li>- “Framing the flood health and food security risk and management”, Mr. Shreehari Acharya, Project Manager, CSO Platform</li> <li>- International Experiences on Disaster Management in Southeast Asia, Mr. James Borton, Johns Hopkins University / SAIS Foreign Policy Institute</li> </ul>

**Moderator**

- Dr. Kenji Otsuka (IDE-JETRO) and Ms. Maki Aoki (IDE-JETRO)

10.15-10.30	Short Break
10.30-11.20	The plenary session III: International Experiences on resources / disaster management (Part II continued)
11:20-11:35	Wrap up two days of discussion
11:35-11:45	Closing Remark <i>Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku (Thammasat University)</i>
11.45 – 12.45	Lunch

#### **Afternoon Session [English]**

12.45 – 13.30	<p>Wrap up for future research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy Recommendation</li> <li>2. Proceedings</li> <li>3. Research Proposal</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku</p>
13.30 – 13.45	Short break
13.45 – 14.30	<p>Brainstorming session for further collaboration (Cont.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Co-research and source of funding</li> <li>5. The next Mekong Dialogue</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku</p>