

# The Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)

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India recently joined as a development partner of the ACMECS

## **Objectives of ACMECS**

- To increase competitiveness and generate greater growth along the borders.
- To facilitate the relocation of agricultural and manufacturing industries to areas with comparative advantage.
- To create employment opportunities and reduce income disparity among the four countries.
- To enhance peace, stability and shared prosperity for all in a sustainable manner.

## **About ACMECS**

- ACMECS is a cooperation framework among Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam to utilize member countries' diverse strengths and to promote balanced development in the subregion.
- Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand initiated the establishment of this cooperation framework in April 2003.
- The areas of cooperation include, among others, transport, and trade and investment facilitation.