

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY**

Ministry of Home Affairs

No. 02/MOHA  
Vientiane, dated 12 January 2018

**Notice**

**To:** Presidents of Associations which operated based on the Decree on Association No. 115/PM.

**Objective:** Registration of Associations.

- Pursuant to the Decree on Organization and Operation of the Ministry of Home Affairs No. 97/MOHA, dated 09 March 2017;
- Pursuant to the Decree on Associations No.238/Gov, dated 11 August 2017.

The Ministry of Home Affairs would like to notify the Presidents of the Associations that previously granted to officially established as per the Decree No. 155/PM are now required to speedily register for their associations in accordance with Article 20 of the Decree No.238/Gov, the registration of associations operate at national level, operate at provincial level, capital city level shall prepare the following documents:

1. Associations operated at national level that officially granted to established by Minister of Ministry of Home Affairs are required to submit the 2017 annual report to the Civil Society Organization Division, Department of Public Administration Development, Ministry of Home Affairs. The registration process will be carried out and complete within 15 days upon the date of receiving the annual report;
2. Associations operated at provincial level, capital city level that officially granted to established by provincial governor, governor of capital city are required to submit the 2017 annual report including associated documents as defined in the Article 20 of the Decree on Association No. 238/GoL then those Associations should propose to the provincial governor, capital city governor where those associations are currently operating in order for respective governor to provide comment on performance of associations operate under their supervision (through respective division within province, capital city) upon association receiving comment made by the governor, provincial governor then such associations shall propose to the Minister of Home Affairs in order to proceed with the registration process.

(Unofficial Translation)

Associations is legally eligible to officially commence its operation upon the date of registration as per the Decree on Association. Any continuation of associations without legally registration will be considered as violation to the Law and will not receiving any cooperate from the relevant sectors.

Therefore, please be informed accordingly and to strictly implemented.

Minister

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