Lao P.D.R. (country code +856)

Communication of 29.XII.1994:

The Entreprise d'Etat des Postes et Télécommunications Lao (EPTL) announces that all existing four digit telephone numbers in Lao P.D.R., country code "856", have been changed to six-digit telephone numbers on 15 September 1994, as follows:

Locality	Area code	Numbers
Vientiane (Capital)	21	21 XXXX
	21	31 XXXX
	21	41 XXXX
	21	51 XXXX
	21	61 XXXX
	21	63 XXXX
	21	71 XXXX
	21	73 XXXX
	21	81 XXXX
	21	83 XXXX
Loungprabang	71	21 XXXX
Pakxan	54	21 XXXX
Thakhek	51	21 XXXX
Svannakhet	41	21 XXXX
Pakse	31	21 XXXX

Localities above can be reached by international direct dialling (IDD) calls. For the other areas telephone calls are provided by operators.

The international test call number is +856 21 212862 (or +856 159).

Communication of 18.I.2011:

The *National Authority of Posts and Telecommunications (NAPT),* Vientiane, announces that the mobile telephone numbering in Lao P.D.R. will be changed from seven- (7) digit subscriber numbers to eight- (8) digit subscriber numbers effective from 0000 UTC on 1 June 2010.

A prefix number (2, 5, 7, and 9) will be added to the current seven- (7) digit subscriber numbers, as follows:

Operator	Current seven-digit subscriber numbers	New eight-digit subscriber numbers	Date of entry into service
ETL	+856 20 2 XXX XXX	+856 20 22 XXX XXX	15.I.2011 at 00:00 UTC
	+856 20 3 XXX XXX	+856 20 23 XXX XXX	
ETC	+856 20 4 XXX XXX	+856 20 54 XXX XXX	ETC, STL and MLL will implement the new eight-digit series on
	+856 20 5 XXX XXX	+856 20 55 XXX XXX	
	+856 20 6 XXX XXX	+856 20 56 XXX XXX	1 June 2010 at 00:00 UTC
MLL	+856 20 7 XXX XXX	+856 20 77 XXX XXX	
STL	+856 20 8 XXX XXX	+856 20 98 XXX XXX	
	+856 20 9 XXX XXX	+856 20 99 XXX XXX	

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