

GMS countries keen on using local currencies for trade

BANGKOK, June 21 (Xinhua) -- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) has indicated that the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) are considering using local currencies in reciprocal trade agreements as a measure to prevent risks from the volatile currency exchange rate.

To materialize this idea, BoT Governor Prasarn Triratvorakul proposed that central banks in GMS countries should collaborate to build confidence for the private sector.

Citing a recent currency agreement between Thailand and China, he said the pact has encouraged Thai entrepreneurs to carry out business deals with their Chinese counterpart using the Chinese yuan.

His recent discussions with officials from the central bank of Myanmar also suggested the latter's interest to sign a currency agreement with Thailand, he added.