The Health Care for Elderly Population in Lao PDR

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Introduction

• Lao society still preserves the good tradition of respecting the older people.
• Older people customary lives with family, children, and grand children until the end of their life.
• Number of elderly population trends to increase gradually, undoubtedly they can live longer, and requires more attention from medical care providers.
Facts & Figures

- Country’s name: Lao People’s Democratic Republic
- Population: 5.6 million (2005)
- Population density: 24 people per square kilometer
- Distribution of population: 23 percent in urban, 77 percent in rural
- GDP growth: 6 percent per annum (2006)
- Religion: Buddhism 67%, other 33%
- Percentage of elderly population: 5.3 % of whole population
## Expectation of Elderly Population Growth from 2007 to 2020

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Source: International Trade & Human Development Lao PDR 2006; UNDP
Health Care for the Elderly

• A National policy towards the elderly can defined as; to have opportunity to develop their health, body, and soul.

• There is no significant differences in treating between elderly people and other aged groups.
Conclusion

• Demands of elderly population for quality health care going to rise in the years ahead.

• Step forwards policy is better for anyone, getting old is a natural.