

A Pilot Study on Development of “CAREC Corridors”

**-Promoting transformation of CAREC Corridors
to economic corridors-**

An initial concept paper for discussion

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I. Background

-Concept of transformation to economic corridors-

- Sequential transformation from “transport corridors” to “economic corridors”
 - A transport corridor: accommodating movements of people and goods as a transport axis
 - An economic corridor: value can be added through spatial interactions along the corridor
- Transformation of a corridor will be expedited by;
 - development of logistics and logistics related service industries, and
 - promotion of private sector activities.

II. Objectives

- to seek ways and means to develop “CAREC corridor nodes” to promote transformation to economic corridors
 - to benefit most from improvement of the CAREC corridors
 - to observe “CAREC corridor nodes” : “nodes” as centers of economic activities
 - to focus on logistics and logistics related services.

III. Approach

	Contents
Step 1	To define the scope of the study, to develop criteria to select “nodes” and determine “nodes” for observation
Step 2	to create profile the economic development status, regional connectivity analysis, and potentials of the selected “nodes”
Step 3	to create in-depth profiling of “nodes” and conduct needs assessment
Step 4	to identify development concepts to achieve international best practices and explore action plans
Step 5	to establish appropriate monitoring mechanism
Step 6	to develop capacity enhancement programs (with the CAREC Institute)
Step 7	to produce a replication plan: for other “Corridor Cities” along the remaining CAREC Corridors

IV. Features

Features	Contents
Pilot Study	to choose some “nodes” for this pilot study and seek possibilities to replicate at the next stage
Action Plans	to produce action plans for each of the “nodes” of projects, policy measures and capacity building initiatives
Monitoring	to determine indicators to monitor the progress of action plans, especially related private sector development
Collaboration	to explore possibility of collaboration with local stakeholders, local experts, private sectors, etc .

V. Outputs and Timeframe

- Initial Concept Note: for consideration and guidance at 2011 SOM;
- Concept Note: for endorsement at MC in November 2011, which will include the defined scope of the study, “nodes” selection criteria, selected “nodes” in-depth profiling;
- Draft report: for consideration and guidance at 2012 SOM; and
- Final Report: for endorsement at 2012 MC

V-2. Tentative Time Schedule

(by 10th MC)

Milestones	Time Schedule
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial discussion on concept and proposed time schedule	Sub-regional Workshops in April-May 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial concept note for consideration	SOM in June 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Desk review, Consultation with stakeholders	from June to October 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of concept paper for endorsement	At 10 th MC in November 2011

Thank you very much

-We welcome your comments on this proposed study.

We would appreciate it if you could send them

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