



**ITINERARY OF THE CAREC NATIONAL FOCAL POINT STUDY TOUR  
AND CONSULTATION MEETING  
Bangkok and Mukdahan  
Thailand  
26–28 September 2012<sup>1</sup>**

**TENTATIVE DETAILED AGENDA**

*25 September*      *Arrival of CAREC National Focal Points (NFPs) and NFP advisors in Bangkok, Thailand*

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>26 September 2012, Wednesday</b> <b>Study Tour: Briefing at the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), Bangkok, and Travel Bangkok–Mukdahan</b>
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*0900*      *Assembly at the hotel lobby*  
*0910 – 0955*      *Travel by bus from hotel to NESDB headquarters*

**1000 – 1200**      **Briefing by NESDB Officials and Discussion**  
**1200 – 1230**      **Tour of NESDB**

*1230 – 1310*      *Travel by bus from NESDB headquarters to hotel*  
*1310 – 1430*      *Lunch*  
*1500*      *Assembly at the hotel lobby*  
*1510 – 1550*      *Travel by bus to Don Muang Domestic Airport Terminal*

**1600**      **Group Check-In: Nok Airways flight # DD9520 from Bangkok (Don Muang airport) to Nakhon Phanom airport**  
**1730 – 1910**      **Flight from Bangkok to Nakhon Phanom**

*1940 – 2100*      *Travel from airport to Mukdahan*  
*2100*      *Check-in at Ploy Palace Hotel, Mukdahan*  
*2130*      *Dinner at Ploy Palace Hotel*

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<sup>1</sup> On 29 September, the CAREC National Focal Points will participate in Day 3 of the Meeting of the CAREC Energy Sector Coordinating Committee to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Bangkok.

**Day 2**

**27 September 2012, Thursday**

**Study Tour: Briefing with Mukdahan Provincial Government, Visit to Second Mekong International Bridge, and Travel Mukdahan–Bangkok**

0915

*Assembly at Ploy Palace Hotel meeting rooms*

**0930 – 1100**

**Briefing at Ploy Palace Hotel**

- Welcome by Mukdahan Provincial Governor
- Presentation by Department of Highways on the Second Mekong International Bridge
- Presentation by Department of Land Transport on GMS Cross-Border Transport Agreement implementation along the East–West Corridor
- Discussion

1100

*Travel by bus from hotel to Second Mekong International Bridge*

**1100 – 1230**

**Visit to the Second Mekong International Bridge and Border Checkpoints and Mukdahan Free Trade Zone**

1230 – 1300

*Travel back to Ploy Palace Hotel*

1330 – 1500

*Lunch at Ploy Palace Hotel*

1500 – 1600

*Free time*

1600 – 1730

*Travel to Nakhon Phanom airport*

**1750**

**Group Check-In: Nok Airways flight # DD9521 from Nakhon Phanom airport to Bangkok (Don Muang airport)**

**1940 – 2120**

**Flight from Nakhon Phanom to Bangkok**

2200

*Transfer from Bangkok airport to Hotel Intercontinental Bangkok*

**Day 3**

**28 September 2012, Friday**

**Consultation Meeting with the CAREC National Focal Points, Bangkok**

<b>Moderators</b>	<b>Mr. Klaus Gerhaeuser</b> Director General, Central and West Asia Department Asian Development Bank (ADB)
	<b>Mr. Robert Wihtol</b> Director General, East Asia Department ADB
<b>0930 – 1000</b>	<b><i>Registration</i></b>
<b>1000 – 1010</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>1010 – 1230</b>	<b>Session 1: Draft CAREC Institute Work Plan and Assessment</b> <i>In line with discussions at the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting in Hohhot, People's Republic of China, June 2012, and in anticipation of presentation to the 11th CAREC Ministerial Conference, a draft CAREC Institute work plan for 2013–2014 and assessment will be considered by the National Focal Points (NFPs).</i>
<b>1230 – 1400</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
<b>1400 – 1530</b>	<b>Session 2: Approach to Transport Facilitation in the CAREC Region</b> <i>Following the Roundtable Seminar on Ways Forward for Corridor-Based Transport Facilitation Arrangements in the CAREC Region held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, July 2012, NFPs will consider the lessons learned and recommendations for moving forward on transport facilitation in the region.</i>
<b>1530 – 1630</b>	<b>Session 3: Preparations for the 11th CAREC Ministerial Conference</b> <i>The NFPs will discuss and agree on the program of events and detailed agenda of meetings for the 11th CAREC MC.</i>
<b>1630 – 1700</b>	<b><i>Coffee/Tea Break</i></b>
<b>1700 – 1730</b>	<b>Wrap Up and Closing</b>