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National Assembly

No. 18/NA
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RESOLUTION
of the
National Assembly Session
On the Adoption of the Law on Lao Youth

Pursuant to Article 53, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Amended), 2015 and Article 11, Clause 1 of the Law on the Amendment of Certain Articles of the Law on National Assembly and the Law on Provincial People's Assembly (Amended), 2020.

After the 10th ordinary session of the VIII National Assembly, a wide range of in-depth studies was undertaken on the content of the Law on Lao Youth on 10 November 2020.

The National Assembly Session Agrees That:

Article 1 The Law on Lao Youth is adopted by majority vote by members presented at the Session.

Article 2 This Resolution is effective from the date of its signature.

President of the National Assembly

[seal and signature]

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Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

President

No. 234/P

Vientiane Capital, 22 December 2020

DECREE
of the
PRESIDENT
of the

Lao People's Democratic Republic
on the Promulgation of the Law on Lao Youth

- Pursuant to Chapter VI, Article 67, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Amended), 2015;
- Pursuant to Resolution No. 18/NA, dated 10 November 2020 of the National Assembly Session on the adoption of the Law on Lao Youth; [and]
- Pursuant to Proposal No. 25/NASC, dated 08 December 2020, of the National Assembly Standing Committee.

The President
of the Lao People's Democratic
Republic Decrees that:

Article 1 The Law on Lao Youth is hereby promulgated.

Article 2 This Decree is effective from the date of its signature.

President of the Lao PDR

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Law
on Lao Youth

Part I
General Provisions

Article 1 **Objectives**

This law determines principles, regulations and measures on the organization, operation-movement, management, monitoring-inspection, protection, promotion and development of all multi-ethnic Lao youth in order to unify Lao youth into the organization, to educate and equip them with good attributes, ethics, right values and disciplines, in order for them to become the workforce, the successor who follows the Nation's mission, aiming at building solidarity, raising patriotism, being an active and vigilant youth, and contributing to the protection and the development of the Nation.

Article 2 **Lao Youth**

Lao youth are Lao citizens between the age of fifteen and thirty-five, regardless of sex, ethnicity, religion, beliefs, profession, social status.

Article 3 **Definitions**

Terminologies used in this Law are defined as follows:

1. **Association** refers to a civil society organization which is legally established on a voluntarily basis, is actively operating, non-profit, [and] working to protect the rights and legitimate interests of the members of the association or the community;

2. **Club** refers to a civil society organization which is legally established on a voluntarily basis, is actively operating, non-profit, [and] working to protect the rights and legitimate interests of its own members;

3. **Group of youth volunteers** refers to youth organizations, which consist of members of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union and/or youth, individuals who actively and voluntarily support social work;

4. **Group of people** refers to two or more persons gathering on a voluntary basis with common purpose;

5. **Correctional facility** refers to a place where prisoners serve their sentences in accordance with the court's final decisions;

6. **Reformatory center** refers to a place for re-education, administrative reformation of the offenders for minor criminal cases;

7. **Risk** refers to an incidence and condition that are undesired, uncertain, and can occur at any time.

8. **Addiction** refers to a stimulus to the neurological system or emotional trigger from substances and non-substances, improper human behaviors or false online social media, with serious negative effects on physical and mental health;

9. **Discrimination** refers to the unacceptance of differences, equity and equality.

Article 4 State Policy on Lao Youth

The State sets policy and mechanism on management, development, and protection of rights and legitimate interests of Lao youth;

The State builds infrastructure, provides necessary budget, materials-equipment, techniques to Lao youth in order

to enhance their knowledge, capacity, expertise, and to enable them to conduct legal activities;

The State encourages, promotes Lao youth to legally obtain education, training, employment, information, and access to services;

The State encourages individuals, legal entities, and organizations to participate and contribute to the protection, promotion, and development of Lao youth.

Article 5 Principles of the Operation-Movement of Lao Youth

Lao Youth shall operate under the following principles:

1. To comply with policy directions, constitution, laws, traditional culture and good traditions and customs of the nation, of all ethnic groups;
2. To comply with Youth Development Strategy of each period;
3. To ensure equal rights in political, economic, and socio-cultural aspects;
4. To comply with physical and emotional development stages of youth;
5. To coordinate-collaborate with other sectors;
6. To comply with international conventions and agreements to which Lao PDR is the signatory.

Article 6 Scope of Application

This Law is applicable to individuals, legal entities, governmental and private sector organizations, both national and international, related to Lao youth.

Article 7 International Cooperation

The State promotes foreign, regional, and international cooperation regarding Youth affairs based on Lao PDR's foreign policy directions by exchanging lessons, information, sports, arts, culture, technical-scientific research, technology, assistance, training and technical capacity building programs, in compliance with international conventions and agreements to which Lao PDR is the signatory.

Part II

Lao Youth

Article 8 The Significance of Lao Youth

Lao youth is a great workforce, a successor who follows the Nation's mission, a frontline workforce in all areas of work of the sector and the local level. Lao youth are innovative, and they use technology in national development in accordance with the practical conditions and capacity of youth under each category.

Article 9 Category of Lao Youth

The classification of Lao youth is to manage, protect, promote, and develop them as appropriate to each category.

Lao youth is classified as follows:

1. Youth under legal age;
2. Youth as students;
3. Youth with talents and creativity-innovation;
4. Youth as civil servants;
5. Youth in armed forces;
6. Youth as laborers, farmers and craftspersons;
7. Youth in business sector;
8. Disadvantaged youth;
9. Youth with disabilities;
10. Unemployed youth;
11. Vulnerable youth and victims;
12. Youth with addiction;
13. Youth who are detained and under reformatory.

When necessary, other categories of Lao youth can be classified based on the practical situations and conditions of Lao youth in each period.

Article 10 Youth under Legal Age

Youth under legal age are those aged fifteen and above but under eighteen.

Article 11 Youth as Students

Youth as students are those currently studying, conducting research in educational institutions at different levels, [and on] internship, locally and abroad.

Article 12 Youth with Talents and Innovation

Youth with talents and creativity-innovation are those with exceptional knowledge and ability in education, research, creativity-innovation, and in practice.

Article 13 Youth as Civil Servants

Youth as civil servants are those recruited, employed, elected, or assigned to a position in the Party, Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, or a posting at the Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR in foreign countries and international organizations, who receive salary and allowance from State budget.

Article 14 Youth in Armed Forces

Youth in armed forces are those under the organization, movement, command, management, [and] inspection of the Lao People’s Armed Forces.

Article 15 Youth as Laborers, Farmers and Craftspersons

Youth as laborers are those working in manufacturing, factories, businesses, construction contractors, and receiving wages based on labor contracts and laws.

Youth as farmers are those working in agriculture, such as plantation, livestock, and fishery.

Youth as craftspersons are those working in handicraft, such as weaving, carving, sculpturing, molding, casting, tailoring, stitching, knitting, sewing, textile weaving, blacksmith, silversmith, [and] goldsmith.

Article 16 Youth in Business Sector

Youth in business sector are enterprise, business owners, and those working in businesses, such as production, trade,

services, tourism, financial institutions, repair shops, beauty salons, [and] sauna and traditional massage spas.

Article 17 Disadvantaged Youth

Disadvantaged youth are those who are deprived and have difficulties in economic, social, education, and health aspects.

Article 18 Youth with Disabilities

Youth with disabilities are those with physical, vision, hearing, speech, intellectual, memory and other impairments, together with other barriers which prevent them from fully participating in daily life activities, learning and in social activities participation.

Article 19 Unemployed Youth

Unemployed youth are those who are jobless.

Article 20 Vulnerable Youth and Victims

Vulnerable youth are those living, working, studying, researching, experimenting in a risky and hazardous environment and profession that are harmful to their lives and health.

Youth as victims are those affected by natural and man-made disasters, such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks, violence, human trafficking, remnants of war, narcotic drugs, employment, accidents.

Article 21 Youth with Addiction

Youth with addiction are those who continue to use substances or consume non-substances, and cannot resist the urge to use them, such as narcotic drugs, alcohol, influential substances, gambling, [and] false and inappropriate online social media.

Article 22 Youth Who Are Detained and under Reformatory

Youth who are detained are persons serving their sentences by the court's final decisions in a correctional facility.

Youth under reformatory are persons who have undergone re-education, administrative reformation of the offenders for minor criminal cases in a reformatory center.

Part III

Protection, Promotion and Development of Lao Youth

Chapter 1

Protection of Lao Youth

Article 23 Protection of Lao Youth

Protection of Lao youth is an application of measures and approaches in management to protect rights and legitimate interests of Lao youth.

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, [and] legal entities provide protection to Lao youth under each category as stipulated in Article 9 of this law, in accordance with the Constitution, laws, and international conventions and agreements, to which Lao PDR is the signatory; provide counseling and establish coordination mechanisms with the relevant stakeholders.

The protection of youth under legal age, youth with disabilities, vulnerable youth and victims shall comply with Article 24, 25 and 26 of this law.

Article 24 Youth under Legal Age

Youth organizations, Lao Women's Union, civil society organizations, families provide protection to Lao youth under legal age by providing attentive mentorship and supervising their livelihoods and movements to avoid social ill that may occur; by providing enabling environment to conduct activities

that benefit society; [and] by coordinating with relevant stakeholders to handle youth misconducts.

Educational institutions provide protection to youth under legal age by creating facilities for quality education, preventing negative social learning and social ill.

Families protect youth under legal age by providing mentorship, care, warmth, happiness, equality to avoid substance use, alcohol, pornography, and illegal activities.

Article 25 Youth with Disabilities

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities protect rights and legitimate interests of youth with disabilities under the law by providing mentorship; respecting their dignity; facilitating; offering care, treatment, employment, social welfare, sports activities, arts; [and] ensuring no discrimination, stigma, mockery, ridicule, obstruction, [and] gossip of all forms.

Article 26 Vulnerable Youth and Victims

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities protect vulnerable youth and victims under the law by providing mentorship, awareness raising, information, close-tie relation, counseling; advising youth on the harmful consequences of diseases and misconducts, which will be harmful to their lives life and health; [and] by coordinating with relevant stakeholders to provide emotional support and assistance.

Chapter 2

Promotion of Lao Youth

Article 27 Promotion of Lao Youth

Promotion of Lao Youth is the provision of support and assistance.

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities are responsible for the promotion of Lao youth under each category, as stipulated in Article 9 of this law, by providing mentorship, enabling, and facilitating Lao youth with training opportunity to build correct mindset, attributes, perspectives, and ideology, and equip them with knowledge and capacity in different aspects.

Youth as students; youth with talents and creativity-innovation; youth as laborers, farmers and craftsmen; unemployed youth; youth with addiction; [and] youth who are detained and under reformatory shall comply with Article 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of this law.

Article 28 Youth as Students

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities promote youth as students by advocating and raising awareness on the value of learning, education, and vocational training, based on the practical situation and conditions of the individual, families, and the demand of the labor market in each period.

Article 29 Youth with Talents and Creativity-Innovation

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, legal entities,

and educational institutions promote youth with talents and creativity-innovation in research, production, and practical application by prioritizing them for scholarships, access to finance, allowance, commendations, entrance examination to acquire jobs based on their knowledge and capacity; by promoting new innovations that benefit society, as well as implementing other policies as appropriate.

Article 30 Youth as Laborers, Farmers and Craftspersons

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities promote youth as laborers, farmers and craftspersons by setting policies; by developing skilled labors and appropriate attitudes toward labor work; by researching and applying scientific techniques in plantation, livestock, production, [and] processing related to services, such as the production of clean agriculture, organic agriculture, seeds and breeds development, sericulture, textile and silk weaving, carving, drawing, sculpturing, weaving, tailoring, stitching, knitting, sewing, [and] pottery.

The State issues legislations on price regulation for agriculture and handicraft products, custom administrations, import-export taxes, as well as policies to offer loans to micro, small and medium enterprises. The State promotes production of goods for export and for domestic consumption.

Article 31 Unemployed Youth

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities are responsible for unemployed youth by advocating and disseminating relevant laws; building labor work attitudes; raising awareness and promoting values on the right and appropriate professions, to promote access to labor market and self-employment.

Article 32 Youth with Addiction

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities are responsible for youth with addiction by assisting and providing them with access to rehabilitation, reeducation, recommendations, counseling, information, so that such youth can recover from their addiction, participate actively in health rehabilitation, and encouraging them to become good citizens of the nation.

Article 33 Youth Who Are Detained and under Reformatory

Government organizations, mass organizations and families are responsible for youth who are detained and under reformatory by assisting and providing them with access to reeducation, counseling, awareness raising, policies on livelihood caregiving, treatment, and health rehabilitation, and encouraging them to shift their mindsets to become good citizens of the nation.

**Chapter 3
Lao Youth Development**

Article 34 Lao Youth Development

Lao youth development is an improvement and a shift from old ways to the new change for the better.

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities pay attention to Lao youth development under each category, as stipulated in Article 9 of this law, by providing opportunities, facilitating, and creating enabling conditions to strengthen youth physical and mental wellbeing; developing strong mindset and ideology; enhancing their skills on education, foreign languages, technical researches, sciences,

technology, professions, and culture, so that Lao youth are equipped with knowledge, capacity, ethics, morality, and virtues.

Youth as students; youth as laborers, farmers and craftsmen; disadvantaged youth; youth with disabilities; youth with addiction; and youth who are detained and under reformatory shall comply with Article 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 of this law.

Article 35 Youth as Students

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities develop youth as students in the aspect of physical, emotional, intellectual, attributes, knowledge, capacity, skills, and professional development, in the development youth-adolescence affairs.

Article 36 Youth as Laborers, Farmers and Craftsmen

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities participate in the development of youth as laborers, farmers and craftsmen by providing trainings, study tours, exchange lessons, enhancing knowledge, capacity, expertise in agriculture and handicraft; applying techniques, sciences, technology, [and] new innovations in the development of quality agricultural and handicraft products, to be able to compete with the domestic and international markets.

Article 37 Disadvantaged Youth

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities are responsible for the development of disadvantaged youth by raising awareness, providing education, health promotion, vocational training, information, culture and good

customs traditions, employment, self-development, and income generation for themselves and their families.

Article 38 Youth with Disabilities

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities pay special attention to youth with disabilities by providing them with warmth, awareness raising, equity in education, health promotion, vocational training, and employment, income generation for themselves and their families based on their abilities and practical conditions.

Article 39 Youth with Addiction

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities take ownership in the development of youth with addiction by providing them with health rehabilitation, reeducation, vocational training, and engaging in activities, such as sports, arts, labor work, [and] employment, for them to become good citizens and contribute to the protection and the development of the nation.

Article 40 Youth Who Are Detained and under Reformatory

Government organizations, Lao Front for National Construction, Lao Veterans Federation, mass organizations, civil society organizations, families, individuals, and legal entities are responsible for the development of youth who are detained and under reformatory, by providing them with reeducation, healthcare, enhancing quality of life, providing vocational training and other knowledge as appropriate.

Part IV

Rights, Duties, Obligations and Benefits of Lao Youth

Chapter 1

Rights, Duties and Obligations of Lao Youth

Article 41 Rights of Lao Youth

Lao Youth have the following rights:

1. To elect and to be elected as determined in the constitution and laws;
2. To live, select profession, and operate a business in accordance with laws;
3. Their rights and legitimate interests to be protected in accordance with laws;
4. To receive education, researches, learning, self-development, training, enhancement, and upgrading in different professions;
5. To receive useful information;
6. To exercise other rights as stipulated in laws.

Article 42 Duties of Lao Youth

Lao Youth have following duties:

1. To research, study, train, and improve themselves to become a workforce in all areas of work, and to become a good successor of the nation;
2. To operate in national defense-public security affairs in accordance with laws;
3. To preserve, conserve, enhance-promote culture, good customs and traditions of the nation, and of ethnic groups;
4. To protect the environment, and create activities that benefit society and are not against laws;
5. To operate in sports activities, arts, literature that are not against laws;
6. To be proactive in the combat and prevention of social ill;
7. To perform other duties as stipulated in laws.

Article 43 Obligations of Lao Youth

Lao youth have the following obligations:

1. To strictly respect, comply with the constitution and laws;
2. To study, train-improve themselves, pursue vocational education and employment in accordance with laws;
3. To respect, take care of, look after, and assist parents, guardians and families;
4. To respect and assist competent officials, those who served the country, poor people, people with disabilities, older persons, and disadvantaged people;
5. To serve the nation, the people, such as in the area of national defense, public security, socio-economic affairs, and in labor work;
6. To perform other obligations as stipulated in laws.

Chapter 2
Benefits of Lao Youth

Article 44 Non-Material Benefits

Non-materialistic benefits are as follows:

1. To receive training, capacity building, enhancing knowledge, capacity, professional expertise, vocational training, based on practical conditions;
2. To receive honorable titles based on the achievements and new innovations that benefit the protection and development of the nation, and to receive commendations in accordance with regulations;
3. To be considered for a position in public and private sectors, based on their knowledge, capacity and practical conditions;
4. In case of any violations, their rights and legitimate interests are to be protected.

As for Lao youth who are not members of any mass organizations, civil society organizations, if they meet the criteria, standards, and are voluntarily proactive, such

organizations may consider such youth to become their members.

Article 45 Material Benefits

Material benefits are as follows:

1. To receive wages, salary and incentives in accordance with laws;
2. To receive allowances, social welfare, and other benefits in accordance with laws.

Part V
Lao Youth Organizations

Article 46 Lao Youth Organizations

Lao Youth organization is a political and social organization, in which youth work on a voluntary basis, to educate-train, build solidarity, and mobilize Lao youth of all ethnic groups to engage in the mission to protect and develop the nation; to recognize rights and ownership of the nation; [and] to protect the rights and legitimate interests of Lao youth.

Youth organizations consists of:

1. The Central Committee of Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union
2. Lao Youth Federation

Article 47 The Central Committee of Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union

The Central Committee of Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union is one of the mass organizations in political system of the people’s democratic regime under the leadership of the Lao People’s Revolutionary Party. It is an organization of active, outstanding Lao youth who have been mentored through the mass process.

Article 48 Lao Youth Federation

Lao Youth Federation is a civil society organization of Lao youth, which is under the leadership of The Central Committee of Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union. Its organization and movement comply with the constitution, laws and regulations of the Government. It consists of associations, clubs, groups of volunteers, and groups of Lao youth of all ethnic groups. Its membership is on a voluntary basis, regardless of class, religion, beliefs, sex and professions.

The organizational structure of Lao Youth Federation is comprised of three levels as follows:

1. Lao Youth Federation at the central level is approved by the Secretariat Committee of the Party Central Committee. It designates the Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union (Lao Youth Union) to act as a managing, supervising, and leading body, and operates in accordance with the Lao Youth Union’s rules;

2. Lao Youth Federation at the provincial/capital level is approved by the provincial/capital Party’s Committee, by designating the committee of the provincial/capital Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union is designated to act as a managing, supervising, and leading body, and operates in accordance with Lao Youth Union’s rules;

3. Lao Youth Federation at the district/municipality level is approved by district/municipality Party’s Committee, by designating the committee of district/municipality Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union to act as managing, supervising, and leading body, and operates in accordance with Lao Youth Union’s rules;

The organization and movement of the Lao Youth Union at each level is set in specific regulations.

Part VI Prohibitions

Article 49 Prohibitions for Lao Youth

Lao youth are prohibited to conduct as follows:

1. Gather, transport, produce, buy-sell, possess, smuggle, conceal illegal substances, influential substances;
2. Engage in prostitution, disseminate pornography and pornographic contents, gamble; produce, sell, disseminate, use cultural products or having any conducts that are against the good customs/traditions/culture of the nation; engage in early marriage, [and] illegal uses of online social media;
3. Produce, buy-sell, own and possess any kind of arms, explosive materials, toxic substances, for any illegal purposes;
4. Dismantle solidarity among different ethnic, religious groups; cause disturbance, defame, organize gangs, rally and march illegally, cause unrest and disorder in society;
5. Conduct other acts in violation of laws.

Article 50 Prohibitions for Individuals, Legal Entities and Organizations

Individuals, legal entities, and organizations are prohibited to conduct as follows:

1. Take advantage of youth for their own personal gain against the law;
2. obstruct, threaten, do not enable or facilitate, youth in conducting activities that benefit society;
3. deceive and mislead information on narcotic drugs, influential substances, pornographic contents; provide false information; tempt, persuade, bribe, and corrupt youth;
4. protect, ignore, support, encourage youth with misconducts, or are about to commit misconducts;
5. disrespect, do not provide equality, commit labor exploitation, commit sexual exploitation, and commit all forms of violence against youth;

6. use infrastructures for youth cultural, sports, and arts activities for other purposes, which have an implication on youth organizations and youth operations-movement;
7. conduct other acts in violation of laws.

Part VII

Management and Inspection of Lao Youth

Chapter 1

Management of Lao Youth

Article 51 Management Organization of Lao Youth

The Government is the management authority of Lao youth in a centralized and uniform manner nationwide, by designating the Central Committee of Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union to be directly responsible and takes lead in collaborating with ministries, organizations, local authorities, and other stakeholders.

The management organization of Lao youth consists of:

1. Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union
2. Lao Youth Federation
3. Government organizations
4. The organizations of other stakeholders.

Article 52 Rights and Duties of the Central Committee of Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union

In managing Lao youth, the Central Committee of Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union has the following rights and duties:

1. To research, develop policies, strategic plans, laws and other legislations related to Lao youth affairs;
2. To translate policies, strategies, laws on Youth into plans, programs, projects, and implement them;
3. To advocate, disseminate, and advise on policies, strategic plans, laws, and regulations within society;

4. To build solidarity, educate/train/mentor Lao youth of all ethnic groups to have moral attributes, revolutionary qualities, patriotism, devotion to the people's democratic regime; to protect and enhance good cultural heritage and traditions of the nation, of ethnic groups; and to provide essential information to youth;

5. To create youth movements in order to implement national directions, policies, the constitution, laws and socio-economic development plans;

6. To establish youth organizations in all areas of work and sectors where Lao youth belong to; and improve, enhance, and strengthen existing youth organizations;

7. To promote creativity and innovation, research new innovations by Lao youth of all ethnic groups in order to contribute to the socio-economic development;

8. To coordinate with ministries, organizations, and local authorities at each level, including schools and institutions, to manage and develop youth affairs;

9. To protect rights and legitimate interests of youth, adolescents, and young pioneers;

10. To provide comments on national directions, policies, laws, and socio-economic development plans, mainly on issues related to youth, adolescents and young pioneers affairs;

11. To manage the National Lao Youth Federation;

12. To coordinate-cooperate with foreign counterparts as assigned or as permitted;

13. To monitor-inspect the movement of the National Assembly and its members, the Provincial People's Assembly and its members, as stipulated in the constitution and laws;

14. To summarize, report on its own operation to the management;

15. To exercise rights and perform other duties in accordance with laws.

Article 53 Rights and Duties of the Lao Youth Federation

In managing Lao Youth, the Lao Youth Federation has the following rights and duties:

1. To research, advocate, implement the directions, policies, resolutions, Party's Orders, laws, regulations of the Government, and translate them into programs, projects, and activities, to be operated in each period;
2. To build solidarity, educate/train/mentor members and equip them with moral attributes, morality, patriotism, and to know how to protect and enhance good cultural heritage and traditions of the nation; and to combat and prevent social ill among youth;
3. To research, develop, revise legislations related to Lao Youth Federation;
4. To strengthen the organizational structure in order for the organization to operate effectively;
5. To manage, support, monitor, inspect the operations-movement of youth civil society organizations and individuals working in those Lao youth civil society organizations;
6. To provide comments on the Youth and Adolescence Development Plan and other plans related to youth affairs in each period;
7. To recommend its members to be elected in Government organizations and civil society organizations;
8. To create enabling conditions for youth to receive trainings, promote vocational trainings and employability;
9. To mobilize, encourage, support, [and] promote creativity, innovation, and ideas of its members, and of organizations working on youth affairs, and encourage the spirits of dedication of time, energy, ideas, and material contribution to society and the nation;
10. To establish mechanisms to protect rights, legitimate interests, promotion, and development of Lao youth of all ethnic groups;
11. To take lead in coordinating with both local and international organizations, to seek support and assistance as assigned;
12. To manage, execute budget, assistance funds, in a legal and auditable manner;

13. To establish the Fund to be serve for Lao Youth Federation’s affairs.

14. To summarize, report the operations of youth affairs to the management;

15. To exercise rights and perform other duties as stipulated in laws.

Article 54 Rights and Duties of Government Organizations

In managing Lao youth, the Government organizations have the following rights and duties:

1. To translate policies, strategies, and laws related to youth into plans, programs, projects, and implement them;

2. To advocate, disseminate, and educate-train on policy directions, and laws related to youth;

3. To build, train its own youth employees;

4. To lead, support, monitor, inspect the implementation of policy directions, laws related to youth;

5. To create enabling conditions for youth organizations in order to legally generate income for the operation of its activities;

6. To collect statistics and data related to youth;

7. To coordinate with other stakeholders to create enabling conditions, facilitate youth organizations in its operations-movement in accordance with its own mandate, rights, and duties.

8. To exercise rights and perform other duties as stipulated in laws.

Article 55 Rights and Duties of Others Sectors

Other sectors, such as educational institutions, manufacturing, factories, individuals, legal entities, and families have the rights and duties to coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with the Central Committee of Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union and the Lao Youth Federation, in the management, protection, promotion, and development of Lao youth, and creating enabling conditions and facilitating in accordance with their duties and responsibilities.

Chapter 2

Inspection of Lao Youth

Article 56 Inspection Organization of Lao Youth

The Inspection Organization of Lao youth consists of:

1. Internal inspection organization, which is the same organization as the management organization of Lao youth as stipulated in Article 51 of this law;
2. External inspection organization, which is the National Assembly, Provincial People's Assembly, the State Inspection Authority, the State Inspection Authorities at each level, and the State Audit Organization.

Article 57 Contents of Inspection

The inspection consists of these following key contents:

1. The exercise of rights, performance of duties, responsibilities, and working formats of the management organizations of Lao youth in the protection, promotion, and development of Lao youth;
2. The movement, action, livelihoods, social relations of Lao youth;
3. The operation-movement of Lao youth organizations.

Article 58 Forms of Inspection

The inspection consists of three following forms:

1. Regular inspection refers to a planned inspection, conducted on a regular basis, and with a certain schedule;
2. Inspection with advance notice refers to an inspection in accordance with the agreements, instructions, decisions of the Youth Inspection Committee, and the proposal from the external inspection organization, with an advance notice given to the targeted inspectee;
3. Immediate inspection refers to an urgent inspection, with no advance notice given to the targeted inspectee.

Inspection of Lao youth affairs must strictly abide by laws.

Part VIII

Incentives for Good Performers and Measures against Violators

Article 59 Incentives for Good Performers

Individuals, legal entities, or organizations with outstanding performances in implementing this Law shall be commended or offered other incentives in accordance with regulations.

Article 60 Measures Against Violators

Individuals, legal entities, or organizations who violate this Law are subject to warning, re-education, disciplinary sanctions, fines, civil compensation, or criminal prosecution in accordance with laws.

Part IX

Final Provisions

Article 61 Implementation

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, and the Lao Youth Federation implement this law.

Article 62 Effectiveness

This law shall be effective from the date the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic issues the promulgating

decree and after fifteen days of its publication in the official gazette;

Regulations [and] provisions that contradict this law are hereby repealed.

President of the National Assembly

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