



**CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE PROGRESS OF PRIME MINISTER'S ORDER
No. 02/PM ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION
MECHANISM IN OPERATING BUSINESS IN THE LAO PDR**

On the 21st of February, The Department of Enterprise Registration and Management (in representing the Ministry of Industry and Commerce) called for participation from private sectors to attend a consultation workshop on the progress of streamlining business startup in Lao PDR pursuant to the Prime Minister's Order No. 02/PM, dated 01 February 2018 on the improvement of regulations and coordination mechanism in operating business in the Lao PDR

The department presented the improvements on business registration. Prior to the PM'S Order No. 02/PM, at least 10 steps were necessary to register a business, 228 days or on average 178 days, lots of payments (in accordance with the law) and out-law payments. The PM's Order No. 02/PM has resulted in "improvements in regulations and measures relating to enterprise registration to facilitate, simple and quick registrations." The registration procedure reduced from 10 steps to 3 steps, from an average 178 days to not more than 30 days and has seen a decrease in payments. During the workshop, the private sector acknowledged the changes implemented by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce at a national and provincial level however they stressed the difficulties of the issuance of the business operating license.

For more information and to better understand the improvements on the registration process click below: