

## **Capacity Development on Textile & Garment Industry and Its Sustainability for SMEs of CLMV Countries**

The Capacity Development in Textile & Garment Industry and Its Sustainability for SMEs' within CLMV countries was organized by Thailand Textile Institute from 26 September until 7 October 2022, at Jasmine City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The Capacity Development, which is one of the projects under the ASEAN-Hong Kong FTA Economic and Technical Cooperation Work Programme (AHKFTA ECOTECH Work Programme) endorsed by the AHKFTA Joint Committee in 2022, aimed to update representatives from textile and garment associations in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam (CLMV) on the updates on textile and garment businesses, particularly with the highlight of certain productions or services affected by the COVID-19 crises.

The Capacity Development brought together 22 representatives from garment and textile associations in CLMV countries and experts from Thailand Textile Institute and The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel, to share best practices in sustaining a thriving garment and textile industry during and post-COVID-19 pandemic. The Thailand Textile Institute, as the implementing agency of the project, conducted the Capacity Development in three phases. The first phase was conducting a study to evaluate the current status of the garment industry in CLMV countries, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis on the industry, the second phase was conducting training with theoretical and practical sessions in the entire supply chain and sharing sessions with the experts, and the final phase was creating a platform where the participants can update one another about garment and textile industry development in their country and investment opportunities.

The study of the garment industry in CLMV countries can be accessed [here](#).

During the training, the participants learned about textile product design, textile product management, textile testing, types of raw materials used in the dyeing, printing, and finishing processes, bleaching-dyeing process, textile printing process, textile finishing process, testing after the dyeing, printing, and finishing processes and development of natural fibers. The purpose of the training is to provide knowledge and expertise, upgrade skills, as well as generate the exchange of know-how and experience of each country, leading to connectivity and cooperation to mutually assist each other in jointly developing the sustainable textile and garment industry in ASEAN and Hong Kong, China. Furthermore, the participants had the opportunity to learn best practices from leading textile and garment companies such as BC Weaving Boonchuay Industrial Co. Ltd (Thailand), Luckytex Public Company (Hong Kong, China), and PMQ Hong Kong.

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