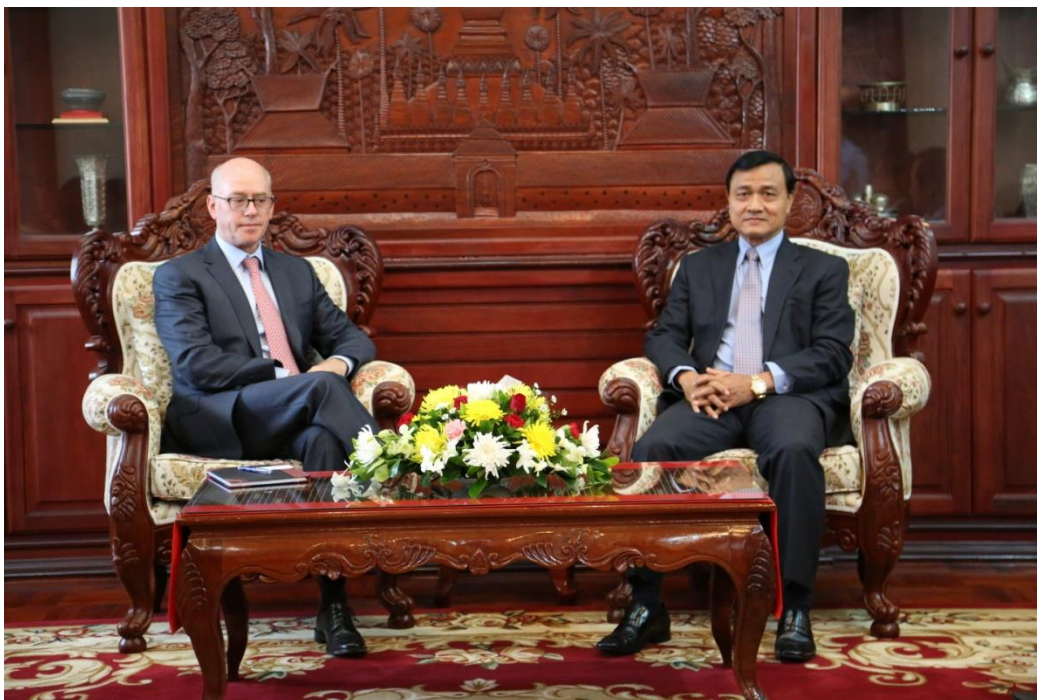




**Governor of the Bank of Lao PDR
received a courtesy visit IMF Country Representative for Lao PDR and Vietnam**



On August 18, 2015 at the Bank of the Lao PDR; Dr. Somphao Phaysith, the governor of the BOL received a courtesy visit from Mr. Jonathan Dunn, on the occasion of being appointed as a new IMF's Resident Representative for Lao PDR and Vietnam.

At the meeting, the governor expressed his sincere welcome for Mr. Dunn's recent appointment and highly values a strong cooperation between IMF and Lao PDR. As after each Article IV Consultation, Lao PDR has received beneficial recommendations in order to maintain the stability of macro and financial environment. Furthermore, the governor praises the IMF's effort for regularly updating its view on macroeconomic situation in Lao PDR to the public, which is an important source for foreign investors to know more about the present economy. In addition, the IMF has also generously support with funds for capacity building of BOL officials on regular basis.

The new IMF country representative expressed his genuine thanks for a warm welcome and assured that he will continuously support Lao PDR in all aspects. Additionally, he also conveyed an offer from the IMF to support Lao PDR with assistance in hosting the ASEAN Financial Ministers and Central Bank governors meeting in the beginning of 2016.

At the end, Governor Phaysith extended the best wishes to Mr. Dunn for good health and success in his current post.



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