

# **Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit**

## **Joint Statement**

*Beijing, China*

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The 2017 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit was held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China on December 20, 2017. \_\_\_\_ media organizations from China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam attended the Summit organized by People's Daily. Through keynote speeches, discussions and other interactions during the summit, we have reached the following consensus.

1. We affirmed that the Lancang-Mekong cooperation mechanism, launched by six countries on the principle of equality and consultation, is a new platform for the sub-regional cooperation committing to safeguard the regional peace and stability, narrow development gaps, and build a community of shared future that features solidarity, mutual assistance, equal-footed consultation, shared benefits and win-win cooperation. The Lancang-Mekong cooperation mechanism is instrumental in leveraging the geographical proximity, cultural affinity and economic complementarity of our six countries, and in generating great domestic development potential. Such a move will also help to inject fresh impetus to development and to betterment of people's lives in Asia as a whole.

2. We agreed to uphold the Lancang-Mekong culture highlighting equal treatment, sincerity, mutual assistance and family-like closeness, to disseminate comprehensive, truthful, accurate, objective and impartial news and information, and to play a constructive role in promoting the synergy of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation mechanism and China's Belt and Road Initiative and in strengthening understanding, mutual trust, cooperation and exchange among people of our six countries.

3. We are committed to further promoting dialogues of various forms, exchange of news products, media personnel and technology, and facilitation of joint interviews among major media organizations under the framework of the Summit. We explore the possibility of holding the Summit by rotating among 6 countries and launching the LMC Media Awards for Excellence. With concerted efforts of all parties, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit will retain its long-lasting vitality and vigor.

4. We believe the Lancang-Mekong Media Summit will become an effective platform for media organizations of all 6 countries to deepen understating, expand consensus, reinforce collaboration and pursue win-win development.

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