



LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH UNION (LPRYU)

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The Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LPRYU) is a mass organization in the Lao PDR dedicated to mobilizing young people to contribute to the national development in accordance with the term of reference of the LPRYU as the foundation for all of our activities, the LPRYU committees of all levels take great effort in educating and training the Lao multi-ethnic youth to aspire towards patriotism, revolutionary values, to preserve and enhance our beautiful cultural heritages. Initiate movements of the youth to implement policies, the national socio-economic plans and upholding the law. Establish and strengthen the youth organizations. LPRYU also continuously disseminate historical and informational documents and articles to its youth members. LPRYU has established and strengthen LPRYU committees covering 96% of all primary, secondary and high schools in the country. We have also established rules and regulations in various platforms for our youth members in the effort to protect their legitimate rights and benefits. LPRYU regularly organizes many youth events including arts and literature competitions, celebration of the world children's day and other activities to provide opportunities for them to exchange knowledge, demonstrate talent and self-development.

The Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LPRYU) committee has the role of educating, raise awareness and understanding, encouraging unity and solidarity among the multi-ethnic youth in Laos. LPRYU is an organization with direct influence to organize and lead all youth related activities, and is the representative in protecting the legitimate rights and benefits of the Lao multi-ethnic youth.

LPRYU has observed the implementation of human rights by the Lao PDR throughout the years since the constitution was declared in 1991, the state of Lao PDR is a people's democratic state, which belongs to the people, by the people and for the multi-ethnic people of Lao PDR. The state protects the people's right to freedom and the right to democracy which is inviolable by anyone. The state prohibits all arbitrary acts and threats against the people's dignity, life, physical and mental wellbeing and their assets; the state policies promote unity and equality amongst its various ethnics; every ethnic has the right to preserve, disseminate the traditions and cultures of the respective ethnics and of the nation; the state prohibits all behavioral and acts of ethnical discrimination. The constitution of the Lao PDR also states in Chapter IV regarding the basic rights and obligations of its citizens especially in Article 65: All Lao citizens are equal before the law regardless of gender, social status, education level, and

belief and ethnic. Over the past 40 years the Lao PDR is one of the nations that have implemented human rights well, reflecting in indiscrimination of class (no class oppression). The work of nation building and protection, the Lao PDR and her government has strong endeavor on socio-economic development, especially in the area of infrastructure development, education and public health which are basic conditions favorable for closing the gap between those living in urban and rural areas, the Lao multi-ethnic people living in rural areas do receive development and access to various services enhancing their living conditions.

Suggestions:

1. The Lao government should provide more support for the preservation and elongation of the Lao traditional and cultural heritages that are beneficial and enhancing to the living conditions of the multi-ethnic Lao people.
2. The relevant authorities of the Lao Government should step up the effort to control the sales and distribution of addictive substances in society especially the sales and distribution to the youth and minors which should be eliminated altogether.
3. Although the importance of the LPRYU's work has been widely recognized by the government agencies, LPRYU is still lacking sufficient financial support in order to fully realize its goals, reaching more youth in the remote areas and organize more activities.