

DSS Granted the ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 Laboratory Accreditation Certificate for NEL, NREI, LAO PDR



Department of Science Service (DSS) granted the ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 laboratory accreditation certificate, accreditation no. testing-0132 for National Environment Laboratory (NEL), Environmental Quality Monitoring Center, Natural Resources and Environmental Institute (NREI), LAO PDR, in the scope of COD in wastewater, cadmium, chromium, copper, nickel, and lead in surface water. The granting ceremony was held on the 10th March 2016 at Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, LAO PDR and presided over by Mdm. Bounkham Vorachit, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The certificate was given to Mdm. Sisouphanh Vongdara, Head of NREI by Dr. Suthiweth T. Saengchantara, Director - General of DSS. The ceremony was attended by about 50 honored stakeholders namely management team and the NEL laboratory staff from the Lao PDR's legal regulatory authority.

In conjunction with the ceremony, NREI arranged a special presentation under the title, "Importance and advantage of accredited laboratories" and the presentation was delivered by Mrs. Dusadee Munkwamdee, acting director of Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation (BLA). The purposes are providing stakeholders with an understanding and awareness of the importance of the reliable test results from accredited laboratories. The laboratory accreditation is a measure of the quality and capacity of laboratories to be recognized and a good image of the laboratory. The accreditation provides objective proof that the services are operated completely to ensure the trustworthiness of the test reports both nationally and internationally.