

## **Annex 1**

### **Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund Project Application Requirements**

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**1. Projects facilitating cooperation in the fields below will be prioritized:**

**(1) Implementing the outcomes of the Leaders' Meeting:** Fully implement the important consensus reached at the Fifth Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting (to be held) and the Tenth Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and to promote the establishment of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation International Secretariat, create Lancang-Mekong Cooperation 2.0, and advance the building of a community with a shared future for Lancang-Mekong countries.

**(2) Deepening integrated development:** Cooperation on regional transportation networks, industrial networks, and energy networks, promote the high-level flow of personnel, capacity, goods, and technology, and carry out policy communication, standard alignment, and capacity training to support the stability and sustainable growth of the regional supply chain.

**(3) Upholding innovative development:** Strengthen cooperation in areas such as the digital economy, artificial intelligence, and technological innovation, and accelerate the application of technology to the real economy. Enhance practical energy cooperation, with a focus on promoting renewable energy cooperation and facilitating cooperation in areas such as Lancang-Mekong Common Electricity Market, regional energy storage, electric vehicles, and photovoltaics.

**(4) Strengthening regional coordinated governance:** Strengthen cooperation on the security of overseas citizens. Conduct joint research,

information sharing, and coordinated actions on pressing issues such as agriculture, water resources, environmental protection, and combating transnational crime. Promote green and low-carbon transformation and strengthen cooperation in sustainable development.

**(5) Closer people-to-people and cultural exchanges:** Cooperation in culture tourism, sports, education, human resources, media and think tank, youth, women, children, protection of cultural relics, traditional Chinese medicine, etc.

2. Projects shall be multilateral in principle and benefit all or most of the LMC member countries. Bilateral projects with sub-regional significance will also be considered. Joint application of multiple countries and projects recommended by the Joint Working Groups of the Priority Areas will be given positive consideration.

3. Projects shall be pragmatic and result-oriented. Practical cooperation projects with remarkable society and economy performance are preferred.

4. Projects shall include publicity and public diplomacy elements in the design, and increase promotion measures in implementation in order to enhance public recognition and exposure of the projects.

5. The enclosed Project Proposal and Budget Proposal template shall be completed with all the information required strictly and clearly. And the Proposal shall fully explain the project background, demonstrate the necessity and feasibility of the project, prepare the implementation plan and budget requirement scientifically so as to ensure the goal precise, the proof adequate, the plan feasible and the budget reasonable.

6. Project proponents should promote the project in strict accordance with the approved plan and submit Project Progress Report or Project Completion Report for the ongoing project or completed project timely, which will influence the project approval in future.