



**NSWA+**

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At Lao Digital Week 2024, BIVAC (Lao) Co., Ltd. officially launched the Lao National Single Window A+ (NSWA+) system, introducing a comprehensive and inclusive platform for customs formalities in Lao PDR. This initiative marks a significant step towards streamlining commercial processes and modernizing tax reporting.

**Over the past year, the NSWA+ team has provided training on the system to tax officers and business operators.**

Training on advance customs declaration prior to goods arriving at customs border checkpoints and the introduction of the Lao National Single Window A+ (NSWA+) system has been organized over the past year. This initiative aims to inform international freight forwarders and agents, including those from land, rail, and air freight companies, about their responsibilities for advance customs declaration and the conditions for compliance with the advance customs declaration deadlines.



The training and dissemination program involved government officials and private sector representatives nationwide. Participants engaged in discussions on advance customs declaration procedures and the use of the NSWA+ system, exchanging issues, ideas, and suggestions to ensure improvements and maximize the benefits of the system.





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Lao National Single Window A+ (NSWA+) provided in-kind donations to NK SEEDS, a Lao non-profit organization. The donations will support the NGO Solidarity program, aimed at providing better learning conditions for students in Laos.

**BIVAC (Laos) Co., Ltd., the developer of the Lao National Single Window A+ (NSWA+) system, supports Lao youth at Entrepreneurs Day in Luang Namtha Province.**

BIVAC (Laos) Co., Ltd., Supports Lao Youth on Entrepreneurship Day in Luang Namtha Province



Empowering young minds! We Support young students with the opportunity to connect with successful Lao entrepreneurs. We strongly believe learning, sharing, and acquiring new knowledge is invaluable to unlock your learning potential. We will support more activities supporting Lao youth in the future, follow us to learn more!

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On 19 June 2024, Mr. Stephane Gil, CEO of BIVAC (Laos) Co., Ltd., visited the team and customs officers at Friendship Bridge II and the Savan Logistics International Customs Checkpoints in Savannakhet Province. On 24 June 2024, he continued his visit at the Friendship Bridge IV International Customs Checkpoint in Bokeo Province. The purpose of these visits was to discuss the implementation of the National Single Window A+ (NSWA+) system and to gather feedback on existing challenges. These insights will be used to further develop the system for greater convenience and efficiency.





Additionally, the NSWA+ system aims to enhance the flexibility of goods movement, reduce trade costs, and strengthen domestic trade expansion. It is designed to support the development of a streamlined single-window customs notification system, contributing to the growth of the country's economy and society. The system also ensures readiness for integration with the electronic document notification system under the ASEAN National Single Window framework.

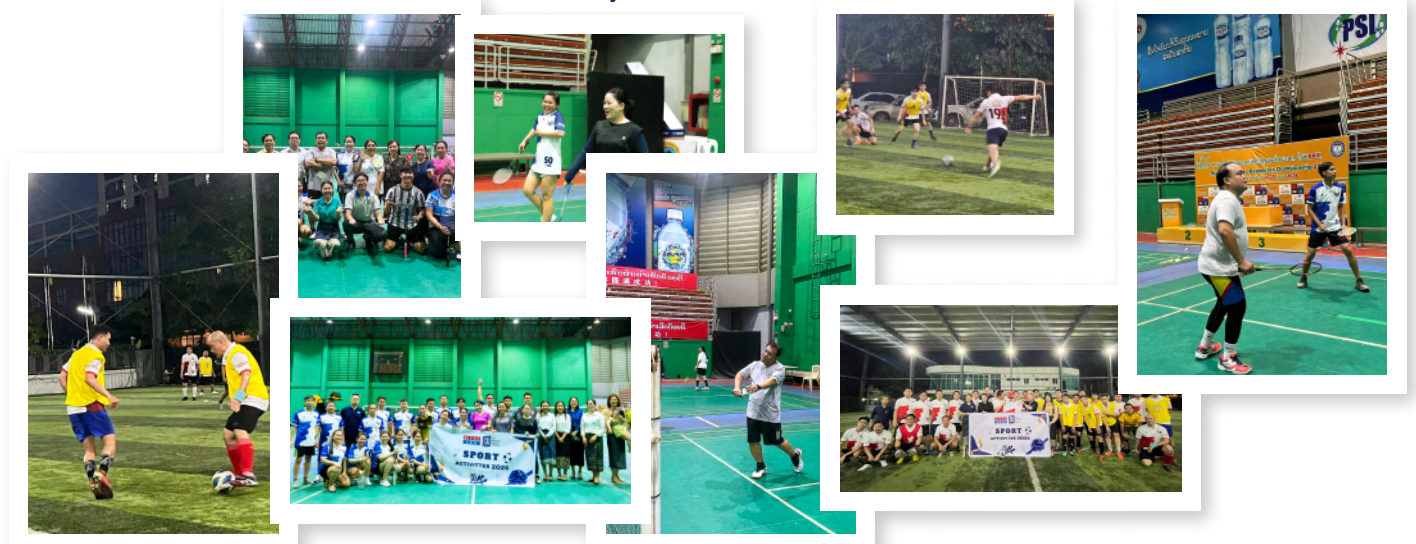


## **BIVAC (Laos) Co., Ltd., successfully organized a sports competition aimed at fostering unity and strengthening relationships with the ministry teams of the government with whom they have collaborated.**



BIVAC (Laos) Co., Ltd., successfully organized a sports competition designed to foster a sense of unity and teamwork among participants. The primary goal was to strengthen relationships between the company and the various ministry teams of the government with whom they regularly collaborate. Sports were chosen as the medium because they encourage camaraderie, mutual respect, and healthy competition, making it an ideal way to build trust and goodwill outside of formal work environments.

By involving government ministry teams, the event served as a platform to reinforce professional partnerships and create a more harmonious working relationship. These interactions, facilitated through an informal setting like a sports competition, allow participants to connect on a personal level, improving communication and collaboration in future projects. It also highlights BIVAC's commitment to supporting a cooperative and collaborative environment, which is critical for the success of joint initiatives.



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The One-Stop Tax Reporting Development Delivery Point aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of customs and trade facilitation, shipment management, and tax risk management.



Carriers or their agents must submit a summary Cargo Manifest Declaration in advance as follows:

### Importation

- Air Transportation: At least 2 hours before the goods arrive at the first international airport.
- Road Transportation: At least 24 hours before the goods arrive at the first international customs border checkpoint.
- Rail Transportation: At least 24 hours before the goods arrive at the first train station.

### Exportation

International carriers or their agents must submit a Cargo Manifest declaration:

- At least 24 hours before the goods arrive at the first customs office or Upon arrival at the first customs office, followed by a detailed declaration within 7 working days, as per the Customs Law.

### International Transit

- For transit shipments, agents can directly proceed with the detailed declaration without a prior Cargo Manifest Declarations.



The plan for 2025 includes further development of the electronic licensing system for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Livestock and Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Additionally, training sessions will be organized for tax officers and operators to ensure the national tax reporting system operates efficiently. These sessions will also provide opportunities for both officers and operators to meet, discuss, and exchange ideas to improve and enhance the system further.