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TABLE 1

ENROLLMENTS BY TYPE OF SCHOOL

1957 and 1959*

TYPE OF SCHOOL	1957		1959	
	NUMBER	ENROLLMENT	NUMBER	ENROLLMENT
Six year primary	84	24,005	95	32,221
Village school (3-year)	752	33,336	948	48,045
Pagoda school	228	7,503	334	9,501
Rural education center	149	6,613	67	4,142
Nursery classes	-	340	6	252
Total	1,213	71,797	1,481	94,555

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

*Does not include private schools.

TABLE 2

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND PUPIL ENROLLMENT*

Year	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils
1915	10	260
1920	28	931
1925	39	1,585
1930	70	3,223
1933	82	7,035
1934	91	7,060
1935	87	6,667
1936	84	6,537
1937	85	6,210
1938	84	6,320
1939	85	6,765
1940	92	7,052
1941	94	7,481
1942	121	7,501
1943	130	9,508
1944	163	11,401
1945	187	14,712
1946	435	32,414
1949	545	36,716
1950	581	38,333
1951	609	33,552
1952	648	35,252
1953	673	41,412
1954	679	33,357
1955	672	46,793
1956	1,137	63,950
1957	1,171	70,495
1958	1,254	81,924
1959	1,481	99,690

*Includes grades 1-6 plus pagoda and private schools for 1957-1959. Complete break-downs for other years are not available.

Sources: Lao Ministry of Education and
R.O. Johnson, A Study of Education in Laos

**TOTAL POPULATION AND NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PUPILS, COMPARED BY PROVINCES 1956 AND 1959**

Province	1956		1959		1956		1959	
	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number
Vientiane	1	13,548	1	21,258	2	187,815	3	196,056
Champassak	2	10,935	3	11,833	5	114,950	4	185,586
Savannakhet	3	9,426	2	13,074	1	221,504	1	253,379
Luang Prabang	4	7,111	4	9,847	4	131,165*	2	246,386*
Khammouane	5	6,915	5	9,074	6	111,971	5	155,519
Xiang Khouang	6	4,358	9	5,484	8	86,728	8	107,644
Sayaboury	7	4,291	6	5,597	7	98,786	7	125,627
Saravane	8	3,828	7	5,588	3	153,448*	6	128,058*
Attapeu	9	2,277	8	2,980	10	43,315	10	48,461
Nam Tha	10	2,146	10	2,725	9	55,720*	9	50,300*

Sources: Lao Ministries of Education and Interior

Note : In 1959 Sam Neua had 5,908 pupils and Phong Saly 1,487.

*These figures appear questionable, although derived from official sources.

TABLE 4

**STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
LAOS, MAY 1959**

Province	Public Schools		No. of Schools	Pagoda Schools		No. of Schools	TOTAL
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
Vientiane	12,349	7,168	113	990	656	39	21,163
Khammouane	6,354	2,332	145	235	119	13	9,040
Savannakhet	5,548	2,438	145	832	219	31	13,037
Champassak	4,408	2,832	113	1,576	917	109	11,813
Saravane	3,220	1,005	65	1,152	211	47	5,588
Attapeu	2,173	788	49	17	12	1	2,980
Luang Prabang	6,625	4,114	148	38	14	1	9,791
Xiang Khouang	4,430	1,027	85	25	2	1	5,484
Sayaboury	3,006	1,531	85	187	73	99	5,597
Sam Neua	3,055	527	49	2,119	207	83	5,908
Nam Tha	2,104	621	59	-	-	-	2,725
Phong Saly	538	349	28	-	-	-	887
TOTAL	60,690	23,722	1,147	7,171	2,430	334	94,013

SOURCE: Lao Ministry of Education

Note : The figures in Table 4 are several months more recent than those in Table 3.

TABLE 5

**NUMBER OF RURAL THREE-YEAR SCHOOLS AND NUMBER OF VILLAGES, COMPARED BY PROVINCES
SCHOOL YEAR 1955-56¹**

Province	Number of Rural Three-Year Schools ²		Number of Villages
	1956	1959	
Nam Tha	44	54	584
Luang Prabang	87	133	1,958
Sayaboury	60	89	523
Xiang Khouang	68	83	940
Vientiane	122	188	785
Khammouane	110	148	887
Savannakhet	141	163	1,100
Saravane	75	108	994
Champassak	206	212	541
Attapeu	49	48	297

¹During 1956 most of the Provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua were not under the control of the royal government, in 1959 there were 54 schools in the former province and 128 in the latter.

²This figure also includes pagoda schools.

Source: Lao Ministry of Education

TABLE 6
ENROLLMENT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BY
PERCENTAGE IN EACH GRADE AND DIVISION BY SEX (1955)

Year	Total Percent	Percent Male	Percent Female
1	56	42	14
2	19	14	5
3	12	9	3
4	6	4.7	1.3
5	4	2.9	0.9
6	3	2.6	0.6
	100		100

Total enrollment 48,798

Source: Education in Laos

Note : In 1956 there were a total of 63,950 pupils of whom 47,828 (75%) were male and 16,122 (25%) were female. The total proportion of girls in all I schools was 25% in 1955, 27% in 1956, and 29% in 1957. In 1959 there were 67,574 (73%) boys and 25,670 (27%) girls enrolled in government elementary schools.

TABLE 7
DEVELOPMENT OF SIX-YEAR SCHOOLS
(1951-1957)

Year	Enrollment	Graduates
1951	5,284	396
1952	6,094	520
1953	6,104	638
1954	6,215	619
1955	6,669	635
1956	8,188	740
1957	10,026	

Source: Lao Ministry of Education

TABLE 8
DEVELOPMENT OF PAGODA SCHOOLS
(1953-1957)*

Year	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils
1953	64	1,705
1954	140	4,481
1955	183	6,240
1956	167	6,808
1957	228	7,503
1959	334	9,601

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

* No data is available for 1958.

TABLE 9

**ENROLLMENT IN ALL PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND
CHINESE SCHOOLS, COMPARED BY PROVINCES (1957-1959)**

Province	Private Schools						No. of Schools 1959	Chinese Schools 1959
	1957 Male	1957 Female	1957 Total:	1959 Male	1959 Female	1959 Total:		
Vientiane	532	349	881	1191	953	2144	5	1455
Khammouane	121	88	209	596	393	989	12	190
Savannakhet	195	102	297	306	178	484	2	451
Champassak	522	318	840	1017	472	1489	7	950
Saravane	12	14	26	52	98	150	2	-
Attapeu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luang Prabang	150	58	208	309	164	473	6	239
Kiang Khouang	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176 ^a
Sayaboury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nam Tha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Neua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 ^a
Phong Saly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90 ^{a,b}

Source: Lao Ministry of Education and Education in Laos, Report of the UNESCO Mission, 1957.

^aPrivate tuition classes.

^bSuspended in 1959.

TABLE 10

**PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PAGODA SCHOOL
ENROLLMENTS COMPARED (1957-1959)**

	1957	1958	1959
Public	60,531	77,013	84,412
Pagoda	7,503	-	7,171
Private	2,461	4,911	5,677
TOTAL:	70,495	81,924	99,690

Source: Lao Ministry of Education

TABLE 11

ATTENDANCE AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS (1957-1959)

	1957	1958	1959
Male	1,532	2,926	3,471
Female	929	2,030	2,206
TOTAL:	2,461	4,911	5,677

Source: Lao Ministry of Education

TABLE 12

ENROLLMENT IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS (1958)

Type	Male	Female	Total
Lao	20	7	27
French Catholic	783	583	1,258
Chinese	1,950	1,308	3,258
Vietnamese	173	132	305
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TOTAL:	2,926	2,030	4,911

Source: Lao Ministry of Education

Note: There are also a number of Protestant Bible schools but these tend to be less formally organized although they do involve teaching literacy.

TABLE 13

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE AT LUANG PRABANG,
BY SEX AND FATHER'S OCCUPATION (1947-1958)

Activity After Leaving School	MALES												FEMALES						TOTAL	
	A		B		C		D		E		F		A	B	C	D	E	F	#	%
Further Study	27	38.6	28	50.0	34	59.6	12	57.1	14	56	10	41.7	3	6	8	5	7	1	155	45
Dropped Out or Expelled	3	4.3	3	5.4	2	3.5	-	-	1	4	1	4.2	-	2	1	-	1	1	15	4
Teaching	10	14.3	6	10.7	-	-	1	4.8	1	4	2	8.3	5	4	1	3	-	5	38	11
Army	8	11.4	-	-	4	7.0	4	19.0	5	20	2	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	7
Police	4	5.7	3	5.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Jobs	6	8.6	1	1.8	1	1.8	1	4.8	2	8	-	-	3	2	2	-	4	-	22	6
Seeking Employment	1	1.4	2	3.6	2	3.5	-	-	1	4	1	4.2	-	1	-	1	1	-	10	3
Returned Home	11	15.7	13	23.2	14	24.6	3	14.3	1	4	8	33.3	2	8	6	6	2	1	82	24
Total	70		56		57		21		25		24		13	23	18	15	15	8	345	
% of Total		100.0		100.1		100.0		100.0		100		100.0								100

Total Males: 253, or 73%

Total Females: 92, or 27%

Source: Registration records of the College of Luang Prabang.

Note: Complete information is not available on each student so that the totals in Tables 13-15 vary.

Key for Table 13

Fathers' Occupations

- A- farmer, gardener, fisherman
- B- artisan or petty official
- C- merchant
- D- high-ranking official, including "Tiaos" or traditional nobility
- E- professional (teacher, male nurse)
- F- unknown

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TABLE 14

NUMBER OF YEARS OF ATTENDANCE AND CLASS COMPLETED
AT THE LUANG PRABANG COLLEGE
(1947 - 1958)

<u>No. of Years of Attendance</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1	57	23
2	38	21
3	39	24
4	30	19
5	19	8
6	9	--
TOTAL	192	95
<u>Class Completed</u>		
6th	140	73
5th	50	33
4th	31	9
3rd*	52	21
TOTAL	273	136

Source: Register of the Luang Prabang College.

*The 3rd class is the terminal grade.

TABLE 15

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF THE STUDENTS
AT THE LUANG PRABANG COLLEGE
(1947 - 1958)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Luang Prabang Province</u>		
Luang Prabang town	261	138
Villages of Luang Prabang District	40	22
Northern Luang Prabang Province	22	6
<u>Other Provinces</u>		
Nam Tha	11	--
Kiang Khouang	8	1
Sayaboury	16	3
Sam Neua	8	--
Phong Saly	4	1
Vientiane	19	1
Other Provinces and children of French officials	9	--

Source: Register of the College of Luang Prabang.

Note: A number of the places of origin were not clearly identifiable in the records. The relatively high number from Vientiane represents children of government officials originally from Vientiane transferred to posts in Luang Prabang.

TABLE 16

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS BY
GRADES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS
(COLLEGES AND LYCEE)
(1956)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
6	639	38
5	418	24
4	291	16
3	210	12
2,1 and special final year	172	10
TOTAL	1,730 *	

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

Note: The 6th class in the French education system is the lowest grade in secondary school, i.e., 7th grade in American terms.

* The total in this table and table 18 differ slightly because they are for different periods during the same year.

TABLE 17

LYCEE PAVIE ENROLLMENT, LAO AND
OTHER NATIONALITIES COMPARED
(1959)

<u>Grade in Ascending Order</u>	<u>Lao</u>		<u>Other Nationalities</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
4	84	22	34	24
3	96	22	38	24
2	55	7	20	24
1	66	15	26	24
special courses in final year	26	2	17	38

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

Note: The Lycee Pavie in Vientiane is the only complete secondary school in Laos.

TABLE 18

STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
LAOS (1956 AND 1959)

Province	School	1956	April 1959		
			Male	Female	Total
Vientiane	Lyce	656	738	224	962
Vientiane	Normal*	199	190	66	256
Vientiane	Medicine*	---	9	9	18
Vientiane	Dance & Art	---	23	21	44
Vientiane	Trade	40	58	---	58
Vientiane	Law*	---	83	4	87
Savannakhet	College	257	237	26	263
Champassak	College	203	188	51	239
Champassak	Trade	---	34	---	34
Luang Prabang	College	190	116	58	174
Khammouane	College	119	132	19	151
Xieng Khouang	College	92	92	18	110
	TOTAL	1,756	1900	496	2,396

Source: Lao Ministry of Education and Education in Laos, Report of the UNESCO Mission.

*Provide sub-professional training.

TABLE 19

SEX AND ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION OF SECONDARY
STUDENTS (1956 AND 1959)

1956	School	Total		Lao	Vietnamese	French	Total
		Male	Female				
	Lyce Pavie, Vientiane	526	130	545	48	63	656
	College of Luang Prabang	116	74	185	3	2	190
	College of Thakhek	101	18	117	--	2	119
	College of Xieng Khouang	72	20	---	--	--	92
	College of Savannakhet	230	27	254	--	3	257
	College of Pakse	165	38	166	26	11	203
1959		Total		Lao	Foreigners		
		Male	Female		Male	Female	
	Lyce Pavie, Vientiane	731	224	724	155	82	961
	College of Luang Prabang	116	58	---	---	--	174
	College Thakhek	132	19	---	---	--	151
	College Xieng Khouang	92	18	---	---	--	110
	College Savannakhet	237	26	---	---	--	263
	College Pakse	188	51	---	---	--	239

Source: Lao Ministry of Education and Education in Laos, Report of the UNESCO Mission.

TABLE 20

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN LAOS
(1950 - 1956)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Elementary School Certificate (C.E.P.C.)</u>	<u>Completion of 3rd Class at the college (C.E.P.C.)</u>	<u>LYCEE</u>
1950	504	21	--
1951	396	69	--
1952	520	61	--
1953	638	122	--
1954	619	100	5
1955	635	109	27
1956	740	120	27

Sources: Lao Ministry of Education.

Note: In 1956 2,576 took the C.E.P.C. examination and 868 passed and in 1957, 505 out of 1,867 candidates or 28% qualified. There were 20 Lycee graduates in 1957 and 587 pupils who received a C.E.P.C. were admitted to colleges.

TABLE 21
LAOTIAN EDUCATION PERSONNEL BY PROVINCES
1956 and 1958

1956 and 1958														(Seconda Schools) Foreign Teachers	
	a School Inspector		b Advanced Teachers		c Elementary Teachers		d Uncertified Teachers		e Bonze Teachers		Total		1956	1958	
	1956	1958	1956	1958	1956	1958	1956	1958	1956	1958	1956	1958			
Phong Saly					12	3	23	58			35	61			
Nam Tha					34	5	44	87	5		83	92			
Sam Neua					4	6	28	106			32	112			
Kieng Khouang		1			35	8	79	233	1	1	115	243	3		
Luang Prabang		1			49	14	137	311	2	3	188	329	8		
Saysaboury					30	9	90	162	37	7	157	178			
Vientiane	6	17	6	12	98	63	410	588	1	48	521	728	49	5	
Khammouane	1	3			172	14	132	216		15	305	248	6		
Savannakhet		1			95	13	134	238	14	30	243	282	9	1	
Champassak	1	4			49	12	154	223	123	117	327	356	8		
Saravanne		3			32	6	75	120	33	49	140	178			
Attapeu		1			18	5	44	66		1	62	73			
Total	8	31	6	12	626	158	1350	2408	216	271	2208	2880	83	8	

Sources: Lao Ministry of Education; and A Study of Education in Laos.

^aIncludes both Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors of Primary Education.

^bThis category comprises Professeurs Licencié and Professeurs d l'Enseignement, presumably those qualified to teach at the secondary level.

^cThere is some difference in this classification for the two years. In 1956 maîtres primaires and instituteurs élémentaires are included; in 1958 only instituteurs with a diploma from the Ecole Normale in Vientiane are listed.

^dUnder this classification are student and probationary teachers (939 and 415 in 1956). In 1958 there were 1,896 instauris or teachers with only primary education (6 years) and 281 who did not meet this requirement.

^eThese are Buddhist monks who serve as elementary school teachers. Usually their secular training is not very great.

^fFrench personnel limited to the collèges, Lycee, and technical training schools. In 1957 there were 2,133 Lao teachers and 101 French; in 1958 the figures were 2,512 and 114 respectively.

Note: Of 1,686 Lao teachers on whom data was available in 1957; 9% had passed the C.E.P.C. or final examination at the end of the 6th grade of primary school, 55% had simply completed 6 years of primary schooling, 23% had only 3-5 years of primary school and 13% were monks who had no formal secular education.

TABLE 22

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL
STUDYING ABROAD (1953 - 1957)

	<u>France</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>Thailand</u>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Belgium</u>
1953	4	2	--	--	--
1954	3	4	5	--	--
1955	5	2	28	--	1
1956	8	--	12	1	1
1957*	10	5	31	--	1

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

*In addition two students studied in Singapore in 1957.

TABLE 22A

LAO STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD ON
GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (1958)

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>
France	104
Thailand	32
Cambodia	27
India	6
United States	4
Vietnam	3
Burma	1
Total	<u>177</u>

Source: Lao Ministry of Education.

Note: There were 16 women included in this group.

TABLE 23

LAO STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD IN 1957

<u>Countries</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Courses of Study</u>	<u>No.</u>
France	75	Politics and Economics	31
Cambodia	29	Medical School	14
Thailand	27	Law	13
Canada	6	Technical & Engineering Courses	16
South Vietnam	4	Commercial Studies	9
United States	4	Agriculture	3
England	1	Unknown and Others	60
Total	<u>146</u>	Total	<u>146</u>

Source: Education in Laos

TABLE 24

LAO STUDENTS AND TRAINEES ON FRENCH GOVERNMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS (1955 - 1959)^a

COURSE OF STUDY ^b	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	TOTAL ^c
Police	28	30	29	0	0	84
Post, Telephone, Telegraph	3	1	5	5	0	12
Law	1	0	0	0	0	1
Water and Forests	6	2	2	4	0	8
Fine Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sports and Youth	1	0	6	0	0	7
Taxation	8	0	9	3	3	17
Cinema Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1
Customs and Duty	6	14	9	1	0	19
Teachers Training	2	0	0	0	0	2
Political Studies	1	0	0	1	1	2
Commerce	0	0	2	3	3	3
Banking	0	1	0	0	0	1
Registration	0	0	1	1	0	1
Veterinary	0	0	4	3	3	4
Civil Aviation	0	0	2	2	2	2
Science (Montpellier)	0	0	0	1	1	1
Journalism	0	0	0	1	1	1
Agriculture	0	0	0	2	2	2
Hydraulics	0	0	0	0	1	1
Technical Training School for Young Women	0	0	0	1	1	1
Totals:	58	50	71	30	20	171

^a Military training programs not included in this summary

^b Many of these are departments of the Lao government, set up by the French and patterned on French institutions

^c Many individuals have held scholarships for more than one year

Source: French Aid Mission to Laos

TABLE 25

**LAO STUDENTS AND TRAINEES IN FRANCE ON LAO
GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS, 1950 - 1958**

COURSE OF STUDY	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	TOTAL
Dressmaking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Law	1	1	1	2	2	3	8	11	12	12
Science	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	7	7	7
Public Works	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	4
Politics	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	7	7	7
Commerce	0	0	0	0	2	4	10	17	19	19
Domestic Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Teachers Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4
Civil Aviation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
Mining	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Fine Arts	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Medicine	1	1	2	8	9	12	14	14	14	14
Pharmacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Nursing	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Polytechnics	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3
Agriculture	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	7
Midwifery	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	5
Radio	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	6
Technical Training School for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Totals:	3	3	3	16	34	46	64	98	104	104

Source: French Aid Mission to Laos.

TABLE 25 A
BRITISH TRAINING PROGRAM
(1954 - 1960)

- 1954 - One student, six months - Tropical Architecture.
- 1957-1959 - One student, two year course - London School of Economics.
- 1958-1959 - Ten students, nine months - Public Administration Course, University of Manchester.
- 1960 - Ten students, nine months - Public Administration University of Cornwall.

Source: British Embassy, Vientiane.

TABLE 26

LAO TECHNICIANS SENT ABROAD FOR TRAINING BY THE AMERICAN AID
MISSION IN LAOS IN 1959*

<u>Field of Activity</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>	<u>Type of Training</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Location</u>
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (23)				
<u>Agricultural Extension</u>				
	2	Agric. Ext. Conference	2 wks.	Taipei
	1	Rural Youth Workshop	2 wks.	Tokyo
	4	Philippine Agric. Ext.	1 yr.	Manila
<u>Livestock and Poultry</u>				
	2	Livestock Management	4 mos.	Bangkok
	4	Poultry Management	6 mos.	Bangkok
	5	Livestock Improvement	2 wks.	Tokyo
<u>Crop Development</u>				
	1	Irrigation Techniques	1 yr.	Bangkok
	3	Agronomy	1 yr.	Bangkok
<u>Development of Forest Resources</u>				
	1	Forest Management Tour	3 mos.	USA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION (43)				
<u>Malaria Eradication</u>				
	21	Malaria Control Center	6 mos.	Chiengmai (Thailand)
<u>Sub-professional Health Training</u>				
	2	Rural Health	6 mos.	USA
	10	Nurses' Training (Male)	1 yr.	Choulbury (Thailand)
	10	Observation Tour	1 wk.	Bangkok
EDUCATION (69)				
<u>Teacher Training</u>				
	12	Advanced Teacher Training	1 yr.	Bangkok
	15	Rural School Development	1 yr.	Ubol (Thailand)
	10	Technical Skills	1 yr.	Bangkok
	5	Elementary Educ. & Music	10 mos.	Bangkok
	6	Administrative Personnel	1 1/2 mos.	Bangkok
	6	Administrative Staff	1 wk.	Phom Penh
	10	Special Leadership	5 wks.	Manila
	2	Rural Education	1 yr.	USA
	3	Handicraft Skills	10 mos.	Manila
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (63)				
<u>Civilian Police</u>				
	15	Paramilitary Subjects	2 mos.	Manila
	3	Fingerprint Techniques	3 mos.	Saigon
	15	Criminal Investigation	2 mos.	Kuala Lumpur
	2	Police School Management	2 mos.	Singapore
	1	Personnel Management	2 mos.	Kuala Lumpur
	10	Radio Communications	1 1/4 mos.	Korat (Thailand)
	3	Criminal Investigation	2 mos.	Manila
	3	Observation Tour	10 days	Saigon
	2	Weapons Maintenance	3 mos.	Bangkok
	4	Fire Fighting	4 mos.	Bangkok
	2	Police Photography	3 mos.	Bangkok
	3	Training Facilities Tour	3 wks.	Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur Jakarta

Source: USOM/Laos Training Office Participant Status Report, June 30, 1959,
pp 2 - 12.

*Of a total of 198 Lao technicians participating in the 1959 program, 5 received training in the United States.

TABLE 27

COMPARATIVE DATA ON EDUCATION IN LAOS
AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Country	Year	Percentage of total population in 5-14 age group	Percentage of total population enrolled in primary, secondary, and technical schools	Percentage of total population in primary schools only	No. of pupils per teacher	Percentage of literate population 15 years and over
Burma	1950	23-25	2.1	1.9	50	45-50
	1955	23-25	7.1	6.1	(1953)	(1950)
Cambodia	1952	22-27	4.6	4.5	39	15-20
	1954	22-27	-	5.9	(1954)	(1950)
Thailand	1951	24-27	16.1	15.2	35	52
	1955	24-27	16.4	14.6	(1955)	(1947)
Philippines	1951	25-27	19.8	18.7	43	60
	1954	25-27	19.1	16.1	(1952)	(1951)
France	1950	12.3	12.5	9.7	24	96.4
	1954	15.3	14.7	11.4	(1951)	(1946)
United States	1950	16.3	18.9	14.6	32	97.5
	1955	18.4	22.2	17.6	(1951)	(1952)
Laos	1950	22-27	3.0	2.9	36	15-20
	1955	22-27	4.6	4.5	(1955)	(1950)

Source: Report on the World Social Situation, p. 83

Note: The above figures for Laos appear optimistic, according to the Lao Plan de Developpement Economique et Social, p. 43. Based on a population of 2,000,000 with 74,608 elementary students in 1958, the latter amount to 3.7% of the total population; the secondary enrollment of 2,404 amounted to 0.1%. One source estimates that there are 400,000 potential pupils in Laos.

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Note: For a summary of current data see the International Yearbook of Education, Vols. XXI and XXII