### Indian Food Festival, A Tasty Event We Should Try

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The Indian Food Festival kicked off in Vientiane. This time Government of India has sent Chefs from India to Laos to prepare Indian original cuisines. The writer is sure that most of you are satisfied with the taste of Indian original cuisine, especially those who are interested in a taste of food from the Land of Iord Buddha.

Indian Food Festival is a part of other events of the Festival of India which the Embassy of India in Lao PDR in collaboration of Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of the Lao PDR and Ministry of Culture, Government of India jointly organizing from 9-11 February 2014 at Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane Capital.

Everyday, during the festival, the Indian buffet lunch will be available at Don Chan Palace Hotel and also food counter at National Cultural Hall in the evening.

Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture) of India stated that the 'Festival of India 2014' being organized is composited of many components, in which the Indian Food Festival is specially organized because the Chefs have come directly from five stars executive hotel in India who specialize in cooking Indian original cuisines for Lao people to taste.

The event is attended by H.E. Prof.Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to the Government's Office and President of Lao-India Friendship Association, Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. C. Gururaj Rao, Ambassador of India to Lao PDR and others.

### You Are Most Welcome To The Indian Food Festival

### Vientiane Mai, February 11, 2014

Indian Food Festival which is the part of the Festival of India is being organized by Embassy of India in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This event is being organized to disseminate the arts of cooking Indian cuisine, dance performances and culture to broadly understand the Indian culture.

The inauguration of the Indian Food Festival was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Don Chan Palace Hotel in the presence of His Excellency Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to the Government's Office and President of Lao –India Friendship Association, along with Ministers, Vice Ministers, Ambassadors were also present.

Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary(Culture) of India, being the leader of the festival said that Indian Food Festival would be from 9 to 11 February 2014. There are Chefs from India to cook Indian original cuisine. Apart from the Food Festival the dance performances would be held at National Cultural Hall and Photo Exhibition of the Buddhist sacred sites at Dharma Sabha is about the birthplace, place of attaining enlightenment and nirvana (passed away) of the Lord Buddha.

# Indian Secretary (Culture) Pays a Courtesy Call on the Lao Minister of Foreign Affairs

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**Photos caption**: H.E. Thongloun Sisoulithy, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs receiving H.E. Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary(Culture) of the Republic of India at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His Excellency Thoungloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR was paid a courtesy call by H.E. Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary(Culture) of the Republic of India and his delegation, on February 10, 2012 at Ministry of Foreign Affairs during his visit to participate in the Festival of India being organized in Lao PDR from 9 to 11 February 2014.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed his warmth welcome to Mr. Ravindra Singh who led the Indian delegation to visit Lao PDR and attend the inauguration ceremony of the Festival of India to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Republic Day of India being organized in Vientiane which is a great contribution into the enhancing and strengthening friendly and warmly relations and cooperation between the two countries, Lao PDR and Republic of India. He also expressed his satisfaction in bilateral relations of both the countries that is over 58 years old since both countries jointly established diplomatic relations and since then the cooperation between the two countries has grown.

On this occasion, Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture) of the Republic of India has also expressed his appreciation to His Excellency, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs for his very warm welcome. He mentioned that Festival of India reaffirms the everlasting cooperation and cultural heritage preservation between Laos and India.

On the same day in the morning, Mr. Bouangeun Saphouvong, Vice Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism also received Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture) of the Republic of India and his delegation.

Mr. Bouangeun Saphouvong expressed his congratulation and gave importance to the visit of the Secretary of Culture of India to Lao PDR in connection with participation at the Festival of India in Vientiane, Lao PDR which contributes to enhance and strengthen friendly relations and existing cooperation between Lao PDR and Republic of India to enhance further.

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## Lao Deputy Prime Minister receives Indian Cultural Delegation

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On February 10, 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs received Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture) of India and his delegation during his visit to Laos to participate in the Festival of India to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Republic Day of India.

On this occasion, His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister congratulated and welcomed Mr. Ravindra Singh and his delegation. Dr. Sisoulith mentioned that his visit to Lao PDR will contribute to further promote and enhance friendly and warmly relations and cooperation between the Lao PDR and Republic of India. He also gave his best wishes to the success of the visit of Indian delegation to Lao PDR and Festival of india.

Mr. Ravindra Singh expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister for his warm welcome and shared the objective of his visit with Deputy Prime Minister.

### <u>Deputy Prime Minister receives Indian delegation</u> Vientiane Mai, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

In the evening of February 10, 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR received Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary of Culture, Government of India and his delegation on the occasion of his visit to Lao PDR to participate the Festival of India held in Vientiane by the Embassy of India in Vientiane, Lao PDR from 9 to 11 February.

On the occasion, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed his warm welcome to the visit of Mr. Singh to Lao PDR and his delegation. He hope that his visit will promote and strengthen the longstanding relations and existing cooperation between the two countries, Laos and India. Festival of India being held in Vientiane to showcase the diversity of Indian culture and also exchange of culture and lifestyle, food of Indian people in particular.

At last, Secretary (Culture) of India also expressed his sincere thanks to Deputy Prime Minister for a very warm welcome and shared purpose of his visit to Lao PDR.

### Festival of India

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Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of the Lao PDR jointly with Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Embassy of India in Laos are organizing the Festival of India in Vientiane Capital from 9 to 11 February 2014 in continuation of celebration of the 64th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India. The Inauguration Ceremony of the Festival was held in the evening of February 10, 2014 at National Cultural Hall, Vientiane Capital in presence of H.E. Prof. Dr. Bosengkham Vongdara, Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism of the Lao PDR, H.E. Prof. Dr. Bountiem Phissamay, Minister to the Government's Office and President of the Lao-India Friendship Association, Mr. Ravindra Mr. Secretary(Culture) of India, C.Gururai Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Lao PDR and Venerable monks, Lao public and members of India community in Laos were also attended.

The festival composites of many events; namely, Ramayana Dance, Photos Exhibition of Buddhist Sacred Sites in India, Indian Food Festival, Indian Film Festival, Yoga training classes which is an ancient arts of India as also Mehendi (Henna) by professionals from India.

While speaking at the ceremony Prof. Dr. Bosengkham Vongdara said that this festival held in Vientiane contributes to enhance and strengthen the friendly relations, solidarity and cooperation between the government and people of Laos and India which both countries shared for years and to enhance the traditional relations further.

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