

# The Lao Female Mentorship Program

## Power Your Potential



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### Background

Laotian women have long been active in the Lao society. They are involved in politics, are active in the world of business and drive social transformation and development. At the same time, fewer Laotian girls enrol in schools than boys. Female participation in work life is quite high, with women representing half of the total labour force.

However, more than 64 percent of economically active women and girls are identified as “unpaid family workers”. On average, women only earn two-thirds of what men do, and they are under-represented in decision-making processes and leading positions.

### ECCIL's Approach

Equality and empowerment comes with choices. Inspiring young women has been the topic of a series of events, ECCIL has organized in the past with great success. Its The Lao Female Mentorship Program is the next step of ECCIL's activities to support gender equality and female driven economic and social development.

The Lao Female Mentorship Program is open to any Lao women aged 18 - 35 with the ambition to achieve extraordinary goals. Participants can apply for the program by submitting a short proposal of their goal in life and the intended way to achieve it. A jury of reputable female leaders from the areas of business, science and art will evaluate the submitted proposals and select the most promising ones.

The selected winners will enjoy a variety of substantial benefits provided by the program. All components are directly aiming at the realization of the winners' professional goals:

### Program Benefits

- ✓ Exclusive access to an individually assigned mentor providing advice and experience sharing for a period of 6 months.
- ✓ Based on the individual profile, specific training needs will be identified and a customized training program will be provided and financially covered by the program. Travel costs for trainings which are accessible only outside of Lao PDR will be covered as well within specific limits.
- ✓ Winners will have exclusive access to a specifically designed range of financial services considering typically tight financial scopes of younger adults at the beginning of their careers.



**8.30 am -  
12.00 pm**



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### Agenda

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	Participants arrival and registration
<b>9:00 – 9:10</b>	Opening speech by H.E. Leo Faber, Ambassador – Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to Lao PDR
<b>9:10 – 9:20</b>	Speech by Dr. Christina Seeberg-Elverfeldt, Head of Cooperation German Embassy in Vientiane
<b>9:20 – 9:30</b>	Speech by Ms. Chanthachone Vongsay, President of the Lao's Business Women Association (tbc)
<b>9:30 – 9:40</b>	Speech by Mr. Arnaud Caulier, President of ECCIL & CEO of BFL
<b>9:40 – 9:50</b>	Group picture all participants
<b>9:50 – 10:05</b>	Program introduction by Mr. Philipp Glaeser, ECCIL Director of CSR & International Projects
<b>10:05 – 10:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	Input speech Mentor 1 – Ms. Douangmany Heuangkhamsene, Founder and Managing Director of Herworks.
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	Input speech Mentor 2 – Ms. Manothip Siripaphanh, Founder and Director of Naree handbags.
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Input speech Mentor 3 – Ms. Pathana Panyathip, Founder and Director of Panyathip International School
<b>11:15 – 11:50</b>	Q&A
<b>11:50 – 12:00</b>	Wrapping up