

Press Release

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Mazda Oil Co., Ltd.

Cocktail Reception Hosted by His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandon of the Lao
People's Democratic Republic
Cocktail Reception
“Presenting the "Laos-Vietnam Pipeline Project"
and Strengthening Economic Ties Between the Two Countries”

Mazda Oil Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Ota-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Takashi Matsuda; hereinafter “the Company”) attended a “Cocktail Reception” held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo to welcome His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandone of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter “Laos”). The Company was represented by President Matsuda and three other executives.

This event was co-hosted by the Lao Investment Promotion and Management Committee, the Lao Embassy in Japan, and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and was held as a special international exchange forum limited to 30 carefully selected Japanese business representatives.



His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandon of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
and participants who took the stage that day

■ Direct Presentation to the Prime Minister: “Laos-Vietnam Pipeline Project”

During the event, we were given the opportunity for our President and CEO, Takashi Matsuda, to deliver a direct presentation on our key project, the “Pipeline Project from Vietnam to Laos,” to His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandone and senior officials of the Lao government.

Within the allotted time, he concisely explained our investment interests and vision, which focus on green energy, logistics, and the construction of seamless energy infrastructure with neighboring countries. This presentation elicited a high level of interest and anticipation from the Lao government.



Takashi Matsuda, President and CEO of Mazda Oil Co., Ltd., delivering a presentation to senior Lao government

■ Presentation of a “1,292-Year-Old Historical Ceramic” as a Commemorative Gift to the Prime Minister

Another highlight of the day was the presentation of a special commemorative gift (a historic commemorative plate) from our company to His Excellency Prime Minister Sonechai Siphandon, who was visiting Japan.

This commemorative gift is a “large plate from China’s Song Dynasty” that President Matsuda personally recovered from a sunken ship while diving to the seabed of the Natuna Sea off the coast of Indonesia in October 2016. It is a masterpiece steeped in historical romance, believed to have likely been part of Marco Polo’s fleet that set sail in 1292, and was presented with the utmost respect and affection, in the hope that it will serve as a bridge to a strong future between Laos and Japan.



Our President and CEO, Takashi Matsuda (right),
shaking hands
with His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandon



Takashi Matsuda (center) and Tetsunobu Ishihama
(right) explaining the large platter to His Excellency
Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandon (left)

■ Future Outlook

At the reception, we engaged in friendly and passionate dialogue with His Excellency the Prime Minister, as well as Ambassador Anpai of Thailand to Japan, whom we had met during our previous visit, in an atmosphere that was both cordial and enthusiastic throughout.



Surrounding His Excellency Prime Minister Sonesai Siphandon (center) are our President and CEO Takashi Matsuda (left) and Director Tetsunobu Ishihama (right)

Taking this valuable opportunity as a starting point, we will further deepen our collaboration with the Lao Embassy in Japan and the Lao government. We are committed to working as one to advance our business with the aim of realizing pipeline projects in Laos at the earliest possible date and contributing to sustainable economic development in the ASEAN region.

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