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Ms. Rujikorn Saengchantr, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

## Subject: Announcement of the 9<sup>th</sup> Call for the Mekong–ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) Project Expression of Interest (EOI)

Dear Ms. Rujikorn Saengchantr,

I am pleased to inform the announcement of the 9<sup>th</sup> call for the Mekong–ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) project proposals focusing on seven priority areas: (1) Culture and Tourism, (2) Human Resources Development, (3) Agriculture and Rural Development, (4) Infrastructure, (5) Information and Communication Technology (ICT), (6) Environment, and (7) Nontraditional Security Challenges of the Mekong ROK Action Plan 2021-2025. May I kindly request you to disseminate to the Line Ministries representing the 7 (seven) sectors under MKCF and relevant organization namely Universities, Research organization, Think Tank and NGOs representing the aforementioned sectors.

The deadline for submitting an expression of interest (EOI) from interested proponent organizations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) focal point is <u>March 31, 2025</u>, and we expect MOFA to submit the EOIs to Mekong Institute (MI) by <u>April 10, 2025</u>. As informed by RoK MoFA, there will be no extension of the submission deadline.

For your reference, we are attaching, herewith: (1) Announcement for expression of interest (EOI) submission, (2) EOI template, (3) MKCF Management Manual, and (4) Announcement Snapshot. It would be highly appreciated if MOFA could circulate the announcement among the concerned agencies at the earliest possible date.

Should you require any further clarification, please kindly contact Mr. Madhurjya K. Dutta, Director of MKCF at <u>dutta@mekonginstitute.org</u>.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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