## Wattay Aiport Expansion Expected To Be Completed In June



Lao Airlines plane taxing around at Wattay International Airport (Vientiane, Mar 2, 2018)

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(KPL) The Vientiane International Airport Terminal Expansion Project is expected to be fully completed in June and opened for usual operation in July this year.

The project, implemented under a low-interest loan from the Japanese government, has shown significant progress with some parts already completed and started utilization for international passenger terminal; while domestic terminal is also being rebuilt with larger space and will be more convenient to use, according to Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The expansion project, currently 80 percent completed, is to meet increasing demand of air passengers and ensure Laos is better integrated into regional air service industry, according to Project Manager Sengsanguan Chanthavong.

Wattay airport expansion also includes the increase of jet ways from 3 to six, the equipment of 6 escalators, carousels, and facilities to ensure the airport can better accommodate Boeing 747s.

Once the expansion is fully completed, the airport will be able to accommodate up to 3 million passengers annually from currently merely one million.



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## China Launches Deep Exploration Of Chinese Culture Programme For Int'l Media

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(KPL) Chinese government on 28 February launched a ten-month deep exploration of Chinese culture programme aiming to promote exchanges and deepen cooperation between Chinese and South Asian, Southeast Asian and African media.