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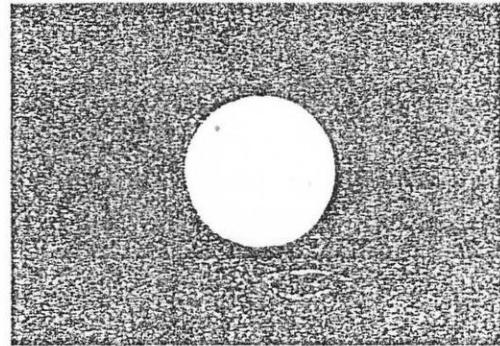
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IN ROMANIZED FORM

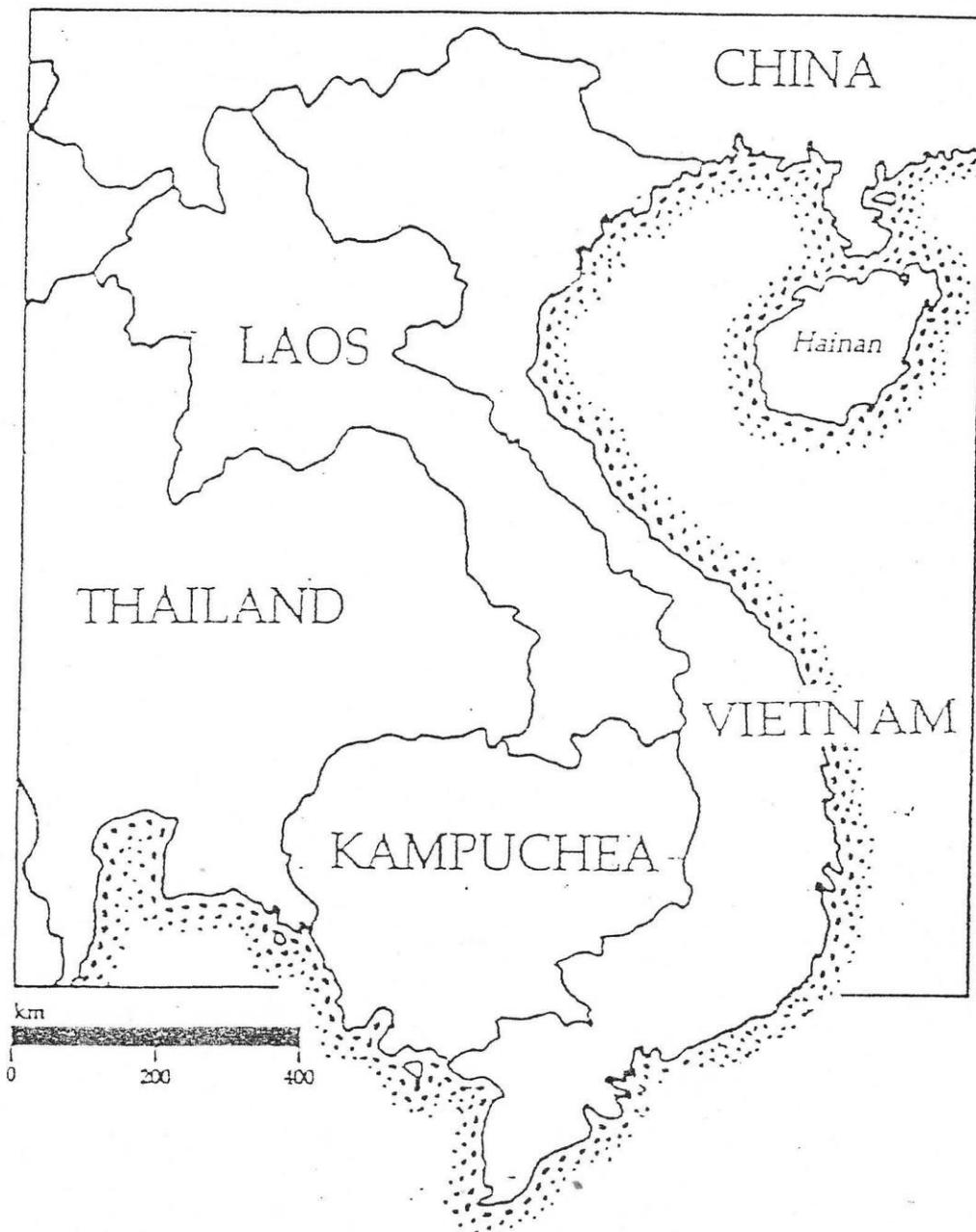
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Contents

Section I of this reference manual is a working list of the primary-, secondary-, and tertiary-level administrative divisions of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. This edition contains 968 place-names, sorted by province & district, in alphabetical order.

Section II is a list of these same 968 place-names, arranged in alphabetical order. The INDEX TO LAOS PLACE-NAMES may be used as a locator list -- to identify a particular place-name and to determine its province and district location. The list also provides spelling variants of these same place-names, including some French variants.

An explanation of the romanization system used in this reference manual is provided in Section II.

Introduction

On the following pages is a list of all the provinces and districts of Laos, and most of the communes, as of 1986.

There are 17 provinces, including Vientiane Municipality (which is administered as a province), and these are shown in capital letters. The Lao term for these provinces is

"khoèng" (ຂອງ)

and, in Lao, this term precedes the province name, e.g., BOKEO PROVINCE is "Khoèng Bokèo".

The Lao term for Vientiane Municipality is

"Kamphèng Nakhon Viangchan" (ຄຳພະເງົານະຂອນວຽງຈັນ).

These are the 17 primary administrative divisions of Laos.

There are 109 districts, and these are shown in upper and lower case letters, followed by the word "District". The Lao term for these secondary-level administrative divisions is

"muang" (ມູນຸງ)

and, in Lao, this term precedes the district name, e.g., Nong District is "Muang Nong".

The (five) secondary-level administrative divisions of Vientiane Municipality are also called "muang" in Lao.

The tertiary-level administrative divisions of Laos are known as

"tasèng" (ຕາສີ່ງ)

and, in Lao, this term precedes the commune name, e.g., Hinheup Commune is "Tasèng Hinheup". A Lao "tasèng", or commune, includes an administrative grouping (cluster) of villages.

In French, the province-district-commune terminology corresponds directly with the English terms. The Vientiane Municipality, however, is called the "préfecture de Vientiane" and its five districts are called "arrondissement".

The information provided in this reference manual has been compiled from scattered references in official Lao government publications during the 10-year period 1976 through 1985:

- 1 - Pasasòn (Lao-language daily);
- 2 - Viangchan mai (Lao-language daily);
- 3 - Khaosan Pathét Lao (Lao-language daily);
- 4 - KPL Bulletin Quotidien (French-language daily);
- 5 - KPL News Bulletin (English-language daily).

This edition of this reference manual does not include all tertiary-level divisions ("tasèng").

The romanized spelling system is that of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, and is explained in detail in Section II.

Locating a Place-Name on a Map

In May 1973, the U.S. Department of Defense published

Laos: Official Standard Names Gazetteer,

a 348-page listing of approximately 21,000 entries for places and features in Laos (with map coordinates), based on such entries shown on the Series 1501 map sheets of Laos (1:250,000 scale) and the L7015 Series map sheets (1:50,000 scale). Although the data in these map series was compiled in the 1960s, and this (Second Edition) gazetteer was published prior to the establishment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (December 1975), this publication is useful in locating many places and features in Laos.

The place-names in this gazetteer have been spelled in romanized form, using the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) system for Lao.

The gazetteer is available from

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Lao Romanization System
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NOTES ON THE LAO LANGUAGE AND LAO SCRIPT

The Lao language is derived from the "Tai" language family, which includes the Lao, Thai, Black Tai, and Shan languages. The Tai speakers of Southern China, Northern Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Northern Burma constitute the second-largest and most widespread population, next to the Chinese-speakers, in this area.

Lao is spoken by the 1.5 million ethnic Lao in Laos. (The "Isan" dialect of Lao is spoken by several million more ethnic Lao in Northeastern Thailand.) Lao is also spoken as a second language by most of the non-ethnic Lao minority groups of Laos.

Lao is a tonal language (five tones in the Vientiane dialect), as are all the Tai languages. Spoken Lao cannot be understood by those who speak only Chinese, Vietnamese, Burmese, or Khmer. Indeed, none of these languages are mutually intelligible. Spoken Lao and Thai, however, are closely related. This is particularly evident among the native speakers of Lao and the regional dialects of Northern and Northeastern Thailand.

The Lao script is a Sanskrit-based script, as are the scripts of Thai, Burmese, and Khmer. The Lao writing system is comprised of an alphabet of 26 consonants and 15 vowels. Lao words are formed by spelling each word, letter by letter. Lao script is, therefore, totally different from the character-symbols ("kanji") -- which represent entire words or names -- used in other Oriental languages, such as Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. The Lao and Thai scripts are near-identical to one another. Neither Lao nor Thai, however, can be read by those who read only the Burmese or Khmer script.

THE ROMANIZATION OF LAO

Some roman alphabet letters, with specific (American) English-language pronunciations, are near-equivalent to some Lao alphabet letters (see the pronunciation guide on page iv). Romanized spellings of Lao words can often approximate the pronunciation in Lao. For example, the pronunciation of the Lao word for "knife" sounds like the English word "meet"; the Lao verb "to think" sounds like the English word "kit"; etc. Some Lao vowels and consonants, however, are very difficult to compare to English, and require detailed explanations for non-Lao speakers. (Similar difficulties are found in romanization systems with specific French-language pronunciations.)

The purpose of using a standard romanization for Laos place-names is to enable all non-Lao persons who use such place-names -- whether it be a report-writer, an analyst, or a data entry operator -- to recognize and verify Laos place-names.

Since there are only 17 Lao provinces and 109 districts, the necessity for precise, romanized spelling is not critical. Indeed, there is "instant recognition" of the provinces, regardless of spelling variations. The need for a standardized spelling of the districts and communes is greater.

The real need for a standardized system of romanization of Laos place-names, and a standard system of word-division of those names, is when the data is to be listed and indexed.

When a system has been established, the researcher is then more able to file, search, and retrieve all records which are indexed for individual Laos place-names.

THE ROMANIZATION SYSTEM FOR LAO
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The BGN/PCGN 1966 System for the transliteration of Laotian is that adopted by the Commission Nationale de Toponymie (CNT), with modification by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

This romanization system is explained in detail on the last five pages of Section II of this handbook.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE
FOR PRONUNCIATING (ROMANIZED) LAOS PLACE-NAMES

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CONSONANTS*

BGN	(USA) English
B	b, as in boy
CH	j, as in jungle
D	d, as in deck
F	f, as in flower
GN	ni, as in onion
H	h, as in hotel
K	k, as in ski
KH	k, as in kite
L	l, as in lion
M	m, as in money
N	n, as in neck
NG	ng, as in singer
P	p, as in spin
PH	p, as in pin
S	s, as in sand
T	t, as in still
TH	t, as in till
V	v, as in violet
X	s, as in sand
Y	y, as in yellow

VOWELS**

BGN	(USA) English
A	a, as in father
AI	i, as in high
AM	um, as in bum
AO	ow, as in cow
EO	a + o, as in bad + toe
ÉO	ayo, as in layover
È	a, as in bad
E	a, as in lake
I	ee, as in bee
IA	ia, as in media
IU	ew, as in few
IEO	eo, as in Leo
Ô	o, as in toe
O	au, as in sauce
OE	u, as in fur
OI	oi, as in oil
OEI	u + i, as in fur, + bee
OU	u, as in true
OUA	oo + a, as in shoo-away
OUI	ewy, as in chewy
OUAY	u-way, as in thru-way

*pronunciation of consonant in initial position; final consonants are pronounced more softly

**pronunciation of long vowel

GENERAL COMPARISONS OF LAO AND THAI ROMANIZATION SYSTEMS

Unlike Thai, there is no "ch" sound (as in "chin") in Lao. Instead, the Lao letter which corresponds to the Thai letter is pronounced as an "S" (as in "sand"), and is represented in romanized form by the letter "X".

The letter representing the "w" sound (as in "water") in Thai is pronounced as a "v" (as in "violet") in Lao. Thus the place-name "Wiang Chai" in Thai becomes "Viang Kai" in Lao. In both languages, the meaning is "Victory City".

There is a consonant in Lao, represented in romanized form by the letters "GN", that has no equivalent in Thai. It is pronounced much like the ñ in the Spanish word "mañana".

Since the establishment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in December 1975, the "R" consonant has been eliminated. In general, it has been replaced by the "L" letter. Xaignabouri Province is now spelled "Xaignabouli" Province.

The Lao consonant which is pronounced like the "j" in "jungle" is represented in romanized form by the letters "CH". Thus, the capital city of Viengchan is pronounced "Viang-Jan". In French, however, the "j" sound is often rendered as "ti". Thus, the French spelling "Vientiane" came into being.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) romanization system for Lao utilizes accent marks (similar to French), while the Royal Institute of Thailand's (RIT) romanization system for Thai does not use accent marks.

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1.4.	Xamlouang Commune.....	Sam Louang
14.10	Xanakham Commune.....	Sanakham
14.10.	Xanakham District.....	Sanakham
4.10.	Xanasomboun District.....	Sanasomboun, Xanasomboune
1.4.	Xanxai District.....	Sansai
11.4.	Kapôñ Commune.....	Xapone, Sapon, Sapone
12.3.	Xayamongkhoun Commune.....	Sayamongkhoune
4.8.	Xaytai Commune.....	Xay Tay, Saytai, Saytay
	Xé-	Se-
6.5.	Xébangfai Commune.....	Xe Bang Fay, Sebangfay
12.10.	Xébanghiang Commune.....	Xe Bang Hieng, Sebanghieng
12.10.	Xéchôn Commune.....	Xe Chon, Sechon
1.1.	Xékong Commune.....	Xe Kong, Sekong
16.	XEKONG PROVINCE.....	SEKONG
4.10.	Xélabam Commune.....	Xe Labam, Selabam
4.6.	Xénamnoy Commune.....	Xe Nam Noy, Senamnoy
12.5.	Xénô Commune.....	Seno
	Xénô District	
	see: Outhoumphon (Xeno) District	
12.5.	Xénô Nua Commune.....	Seno Neua
12.5.	Xénô Tai Commune.....	Seno Tai
12.10.	Xépôñ Commune.....	Sepon, Tsepon, Tchepone
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	Sepol, Sepone, Seponh	
-	Xiang -	Xieng -

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TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM FOR LAOTIAN
BGN/PCCN 1966 System

The BGN/PCCN 1966 System for the transliteration of Laotian is that adopted by the Commission Nationale de Toponymie (CNT), but with the Vowel Table filled out and the Notes added. These additions make it possible for those who have little or no knowledge of Laotian to apply the system.

A. Consonants

	Laotian Script	Latin Script	
		Initial	Final
1.	ກ	k	k
2.	ຂ	kh	
3.	ງ	kh	
4.	ຈ	ng	ng
5.	ຈ	ch	
6.	ສ	s	
7.	ຊ	x	
8.	ຍ	gn	y
9.	ດ	d	t
10.	ຕ	t	
11.	ທ	th	
12.	ທ	th	
13.	ນ	n	n
14.	ບ	b	p
15.	ປ	p	
16.	ພ	ph	
17.	ຝ	f	
18.	ຫ	ph	
19.	ຫ	f	
20.	ມ	m	m
21.	ຢ	y	

Laotian Script

Latin Script
Initial Final

22.	ສ	r	
23.	ລ	l	
24.	ວ	v	o
25.	ඩ	h	
26.	ං	See Note 6.	
27.	ຫ	h	

B. Vowels

Short Final Short Medial Long Final Long Medial Latin Script

1.	ຂ	ຂຍ	ຂຍ	ຂຍ	a
2.	ົ	ົຍ	ົຍ	ົຍ	i
3.	ີ	ີຍ	ີຍ	ີຍ	u
4.	ູ	ູຍ	ູຍ	ູຍ	ou
5.	ເຂົ	ເຂຍ	ເຂ	ເຂຍ	é
6.	ເໝົ	ເໝຍ	ເໝ	ເໝຍ	è
7.	ິຂົ	ິຍ	ິຂ	ິຍ	ö
8.	ເຂົງ	ເຂົງຍ	ເຂ	ເຂງຍ	o
9.	ເຂົດ	ເຂົດຍ	ເຂດ	ເຂດຍ	oua
10.	ເຂົງ	ເຂົງຍ	ເຂງ	ເຂງຍ	ia
11.	ເຂົດ	ເຂົດຍ	ເຂດ	ເຂດຍ	ua
12.	ເຂົ	ເຂຍ	ເຂ	ເຂຍ	eu
13.	ິຂ		ິຂ		ai
14.	ເຂ				ao
15.	ິ				am

C. Notes

1. In the Vowel-Table, x stands for any consonant, and y stands for any permitted syllable-final consonant (ນ k, ຜ ng, ພ y, ອ t, ວ n, ວ p, ວ m, ອ o).
2. ພ y, in non-initial position, is often found written in a secondary form, ຈ.
3. ສ r, occurs in syllable-final position only in a few foreign words. It is then written ສ, and although unpronounced, is transcribed r, thus: ດຸສ.
4. ອ is transcribed with the letter v only in syllable-initial position, thus: ອຣ vat, ທ້ນວທ thanva, ດະວັງ ravang. When medial ອ is followed by a syllable-final consonant, it is transcribed oua, thus: ຖອກ bouak, ດອຍ douay. When medial ອ is followed in the same syllable by a vowel, it is transcribed o, thus: ຂອກ khoa, ອອກສ khoam, ສອກສ soay, ຄອກສ khoèng. When ອ is in syllable-final position, it is transcribed o, thus: ນາວ nao, ກ້າວ kao, ດ້າວ diao. The sequences ຂອ and ຂອ, however, are transcribed iou.
5. ນ h, before ຜ gn, ວ n, ວ m, ສ r, ອ l, and ອ v, is not transcribed, thus: ແລວງພຮບັງ Louangphrabang, ນາງ gna. ນນ, ນມ, and ນລ are often written as ligatures, thus: ນນ n, ນມ m, ນລ l respectively.
6. ອ, the "vowel-bearer", is used in initial position for syllables beginning with a vowel. When at the beginning of a word, it is not transcribed, thus: ອນ ik. When syllable-initial, but

within a word, it is transcribed by means of a hyphen, thus:

ບ່ານເກົງໄທ Ban Kèng-I.

7. Clusters other than those already mentioned are transcribed in full, even though the second element is silent, thus:

ບໍ່ານວັດຫະໄຊ Ban Vatphraxai, ດີຈິຕງົນ khlitsatian.

8. The only consonants which can end a syllable have been listed in Note 1. When a consonant other than these occurs in syllable-final position, it is transcribed as though preceded by its permitted homorganic syllable-final and followed by the vowel ສ a, thus: ດົກວາ chattava (as though written ດົກຕະວາ), ວິທ່າງຊາດ vitthagnasat (as though written ວິລທະບ່າຊາດ).

The permitted homorganic final corresponding to ຂ kh and ຂ່ kh is ກ a.

The permitted homorganic final corresponding to ທ ch, ທ່ s, ຖ x, ຕ t, ທ th, and ຖ th is ຕ t.

The permitted homorganic final corresponding to ຮ r and ຮ່ l is ນ n.

The permitted homorganic final corresponding to ພ p, ພ່ ph, and ພ້ f is ປ p.

Graphic syllable-final ຖ, however, is transcribed tsa (not txa), thus: ຂ່າຮັສຂ່າການ kharatsakan.

9. The tone-marks are not indicated in transcription, thus: ນ, ນ', ນ'', ນ''', and ນ'''' are all transcribed simply na.

10. The specific element in a geographic name is written, in transcription, as one word, no matter how many meaningful elements it may contain. Generic terms and other distinguishing words modifying the specific element are written separately, and capitalized, thus: ບ້ານເກົ່າທະນາວ່າ ບ້ານເກົ່າທະນາວ່າ Ban Kèngmavo. In one-word name-elements, non-initial syllables beginning with the "vowel-bearer" ດ are transcribed preceded by a hyphen, the syllable-initial vowel being capitalized, thus: ບ້ານເກົ່າທະນາວ່າ ບ້ານເກົ່າທະນາວ່າ Ban Kèng-I.
11. Certain obsolete letters, such as ຕ s, ລ t, ສ t, ລະ tsa, and ຊ l have been omitted from the Table. So also obsolete ligatures of the type ດນ th-n, ດນ th-m, and the diacritic-mark ~ (historically an l) written beneath certain words in order to distinguish them from words otherwise of identical spelling (ສາ pa 'fish', ສາ pa 'forest').