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**SESSION ON SOUTHEAST ASIA:
GMS, IMT-GT, AND BIMP-EAGA EXPERIENCE
THAILAND' EXPERIENCE ON ECD**

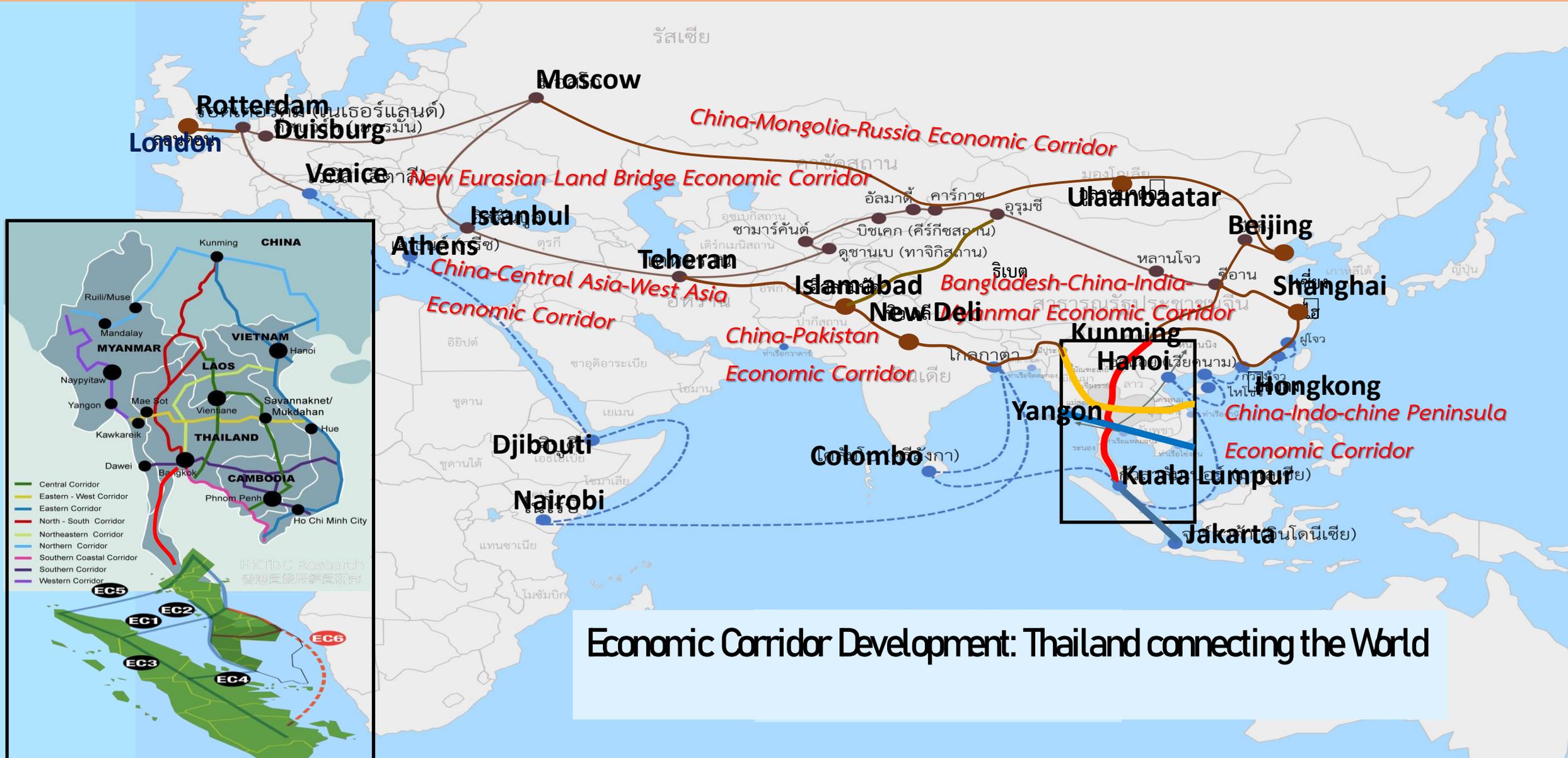
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Visioning of Economic Corridor



THAILAND'S TIMELINE

1982

Eastern Seaboard

- Export Processing Zone
- Major Industrial Zone
- Agricultural Industry Processing Zone

2003

ACMECS

- Sub Regional Corporation
- THA as founding country
- To Mitigate Social Problems by Neighboring Countries

2015

Special Economic Zone

- Sub Regional Corporation
- THA as founding country
- Agricultural Industry Processing Zone
- To Mitigate Social Problems by Neighboring Countries

2018



- Elevate Eastern Seaboard into production base embedded with high technology innovation supported by knowledge based workforce;
- Focus on 10 S-Curve industries.

2021

Thailand's Economic Corridors Development

- Elevate SEZs development to connect supply chain effectively;
- There are 4 Economic Corridors developed by their outstanding economic characteristics

Approaches:

- Spatial Development
- Infrastructure Development
- BOI Investment Incentives

Approaches:

- Introduction of "Co-Production Areas"
- Transport Infrastructure Development assisted by NEDA
- Upskill of Labor

Approaches:

- "Burst from Inside"
- Spatial Development
- Transport Infrastructure at border provinces
- Foreign Labor Management

Approaches:

- Spatial Development
- Transport Mega Projects Development
- Environmentally Concerned
- Technology, Innovation Transfer
- Highest Investment Incentives

Approaches:

- Introduction of "Co-Production Areas"
- Transport Infrastructure Development assisted by NEDA
- Upskill of Labor

Establishment of Special Economic Zones in Thailand

Special Economic Zones

10 Border Special Economic Zones

4 Economic Corridors

Continuously operated since 2015

Operations started since 2021



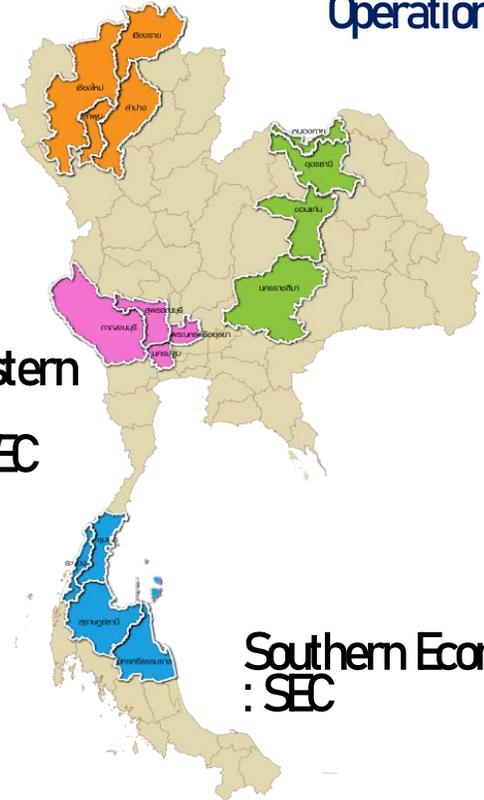
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- ❖ Nakhon Phanom
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- ❖ Trat
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- ❖ Narathiwat

Northern Economic Corridor : NEC – Creative LANNA

Central - Western Economic Corridor : CWEC

Southern Economic Corridor : SEC

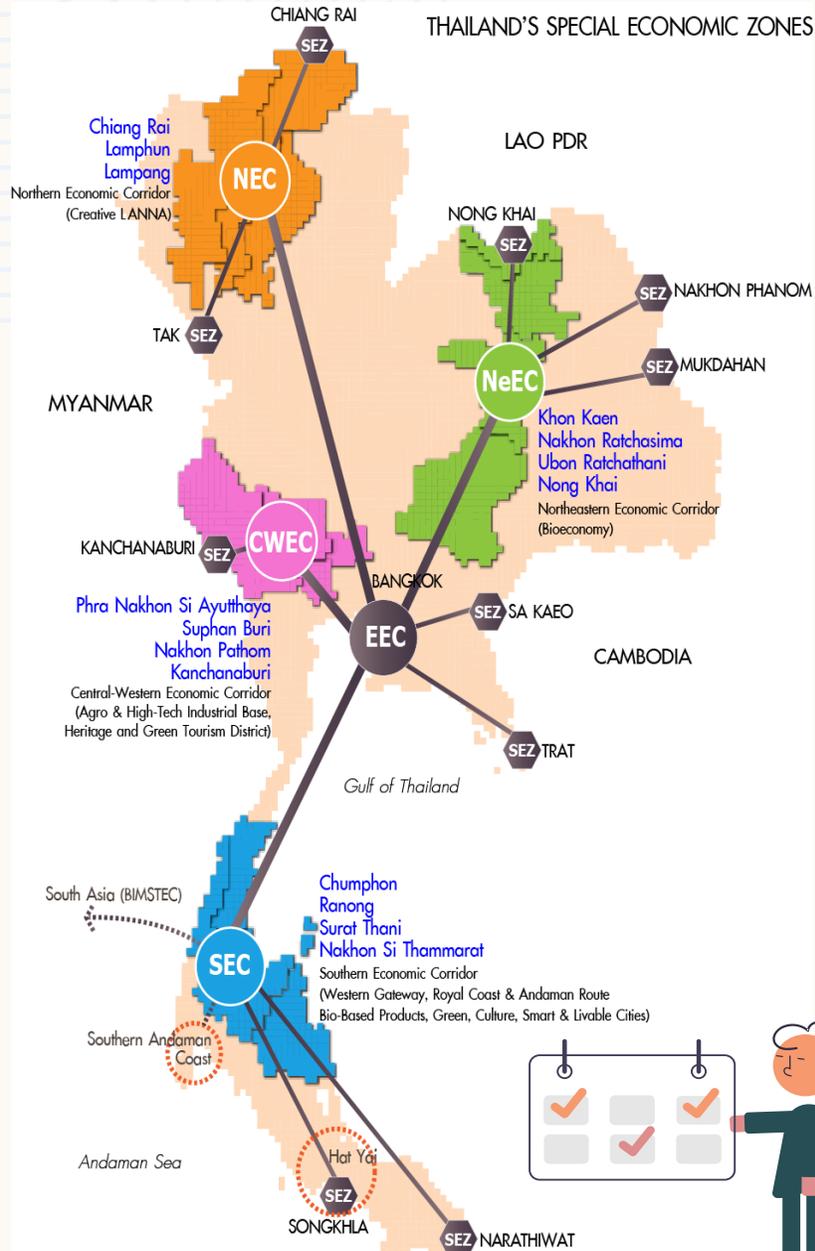
Northeastern Economic Corridor : NeEC – Bioeconomy



THAILAND'S ECONOMIC CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT



THAILAND'S SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES



Economic Corridors Development Plan

Infrastructure Development

(Infrastructure Subcommittee)

- Plan the development of Infrastructures for transportation, logistics, Digital Infrastructure, Industrial estate and public facilities to support the investment in the economic corridors areas, including linking to other surrounding economic areas

Human resources and Entrepreneurs Development

(Ministry of Labour & Ministry of Commerce)

- Support creating workforce for the targeted activities in the economic corridors areas
- Promote the competitiveness of doing business for the entrepreneurs
- Incubate the local entrepreneurs to upgrade the business by technology and innovation
- Develop the competitiveness of the service provider

Investment Promotion & Facilitation

(Privileges, Designated Area and OSS Subcommittee)

- Provide highest incentives for targeted activities
- Provide the measures to create ecosystem for investment
- Promote the targeted activities in the economic corridors + BCG
- Facilitate investment process e.g. setting One Stop Service center

Industrial Development

(Ministry of Industry)

- Improve the value chain for high-value products and services
- Develop and link the supply chain for products and services
- Support the supply chain management strategy + creating value-added for all linkage process in the supply chain

R&D and Innovation

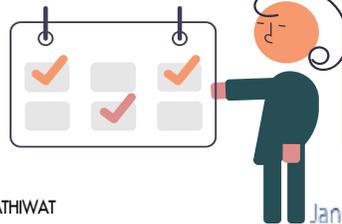
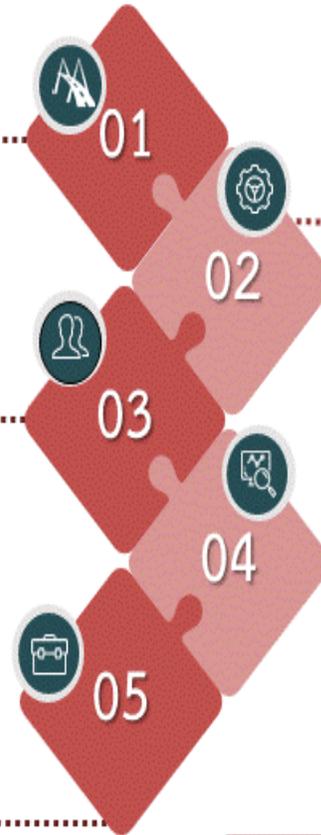
(Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation)

- Elevate value-added for products through R&D
- Support R&D and technology transferring
- Promote knowledge exchange between governments - private sectors - universities - communities
- Develop R&D Center

Others

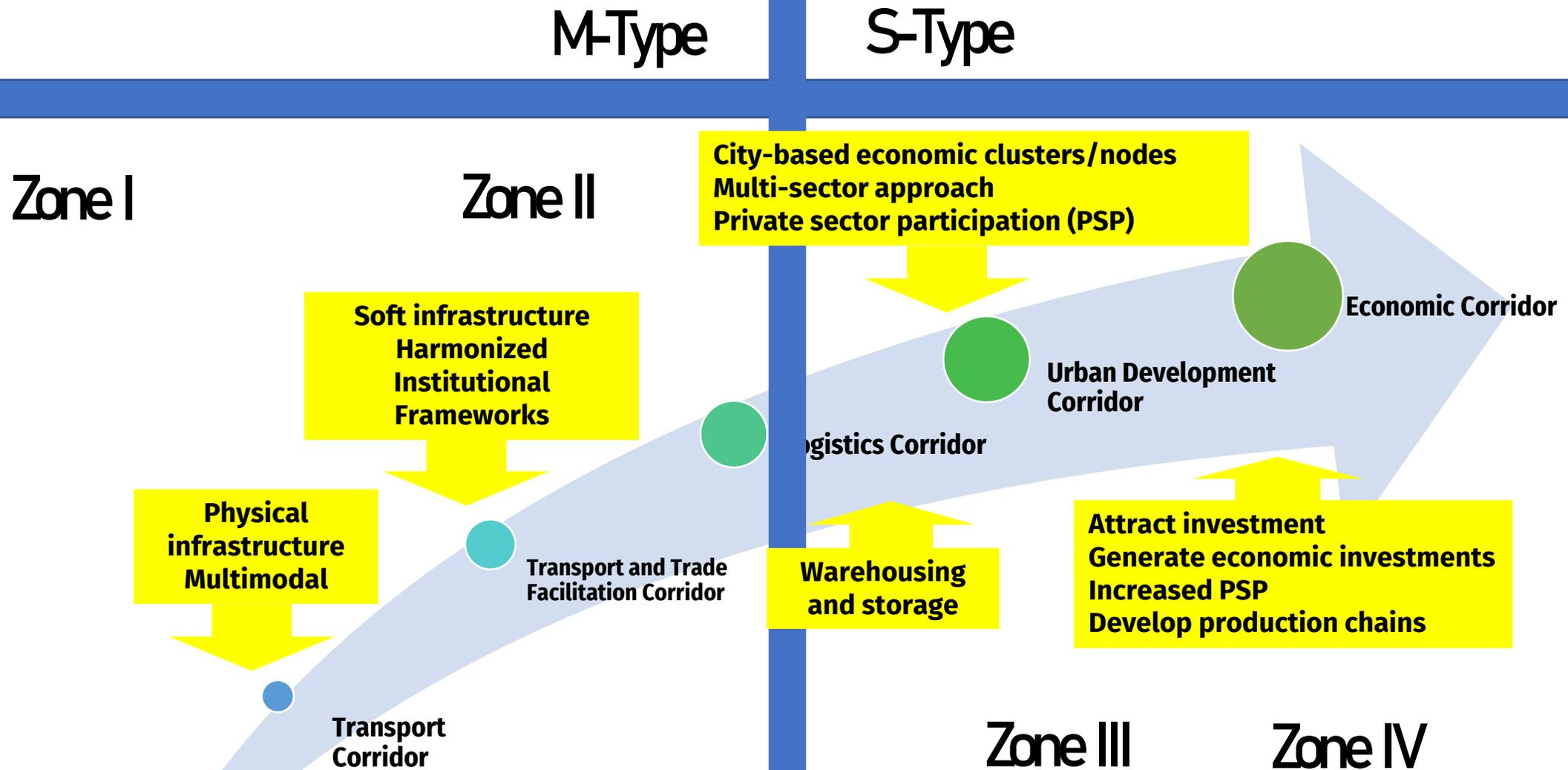
(Relevant Ministries & Institutions)

- Funding support e.g. Funding for R&D, Loan for new entrepreneurs, Loan for SMEs
- Regulations amending for the ease of doing business, including Reforming governments operation system to Digital Government, E-service, Upgrading the regulation for standard of the productions and process



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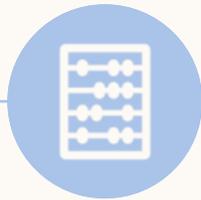
Economic Corridor Development: Stages and Factors by ADB



May have some overlap between the stages

Sources: Banomyong, 2007; Srivastava, 2011; ADB, CAREC 2012

HOW WE GET THERE



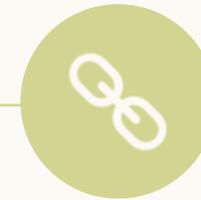
INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT

- EEC should be reshuffled?
- New Establishment of Economic Corridor Office
- Strengthening Local Authority in order to have strong ownership on ECD



IMPLEMENTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

- Speeding up Mega Project Transport Infrastructure
- Focusing on Implementing Infrastructure at Border Areas
- Corporate with Neighboring Countries for Development



EXTENDING SUPPLY CHAIN

- Corporate with SEZs in Neighboring Countries
- Corporate with Neighboring Countries for Development
- Feasibility Study on connecting supply chain in GMS, IMT-GT

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