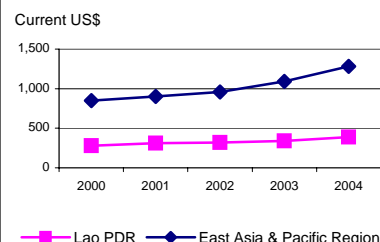


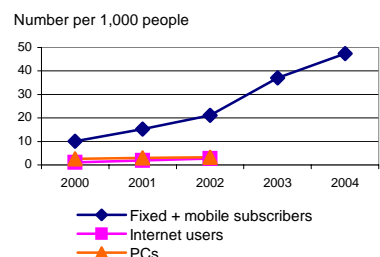
Lao PDR

	<i>Lao PDR</i>		<i>Low-income group</i>	<i>East Asia & Pacific Region</i>
	2000	2004	2004	2004
Economic and social context				
Population, total (millions)	5	6	2,338	1,870
Urban population (% of total population)	19	21	31	41
Poverty (% of population below US\$1 per day)	26.3	..	..	14.9
GNI per capita, Atlas method (current US\$)	280	390	510	1,280
GDP growth, 1995–2000 and 2000–4 (%)	6.1	5.7	5.4	7.5
Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and over)	69	..	61	90
Primary, secondary, tertiary school enrollment (% gross)	57	61	55	68
ICT sector structure				
Separate telecommunications regulator	..	..
Status of main fixed-line operator	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Mixed</i>		
Level of competition: international long distance	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>		
Level of competition: mobile	<i>M</i>	<i>C</i>		
Level of competition: Internet service provider	..	<i>C</i>		
Government prioritization of ICT (scale 1-7)	..	..	..	4.8
ICT sector performance				
<i>Access</i>				
Telephone main lines (per 1,000 people)	8	12	33	194
International voice traffic (minutes per person) ^a	5	..	4	..
Mobile subscribers (per 1,000 people)	2	35	48	248
Population covered by mobile telephony (%)	..	7	43	73
Internet users (per 1,000 people)	1	3	20	75
Personal computers (per 1,000 people)	3	3	8	37
Households with television (%)	30	..	16	80
<i>Quality</i>				
Telephone faults (per 100 main lines per year)	..	..	..	..
Broadband subscribers (per 1,000 people)	0.0	0.0	0.5	13.4
International Internet bandwidth (bits per person)	0	..	3	52
<i>Affordability</i>				
Price basket for fixed line (US\$ per month, residential)	2.9	2.3	6.6	4.5
Price basket for mobile (US\$ per month)	..	2.2	11.6	5.1
Price basket for Internet (US\$ per month)	..	31.9	45.5	19.9
Price of call to United States (US\$ per 3 minutes)	9.20	1.11	1.95	1.20
<i>Institutional efficiency and sustainability</i>				
Total telecommunications revenue (% of GDP)	1.5	1.6	2.3	3.6
Total telephone subscribers per employee	47	85	89	..
Total telecommunications investment (% of revenue)	31.3	40.5	27.8	31.0
<i>ICT applications</i>				
ICT expenditure (% of GDP)	..	..	4.1	5.0
E-government readiness index (scale 0-1)	..	0.06	0.12	0.21
Secure Internet servers (per 1 million people)	..	..	0.3	0.6
Schools connected to the Internet (%)	..	..	..	..

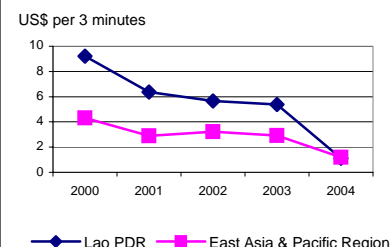
GNI per Capita, Atlas Method, 2000–4



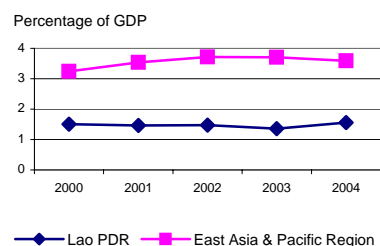
ICT MDG^b Indicators, 2000–4



Price of Call to the United States, 2000–4



Total Telecommunications Revenue, 2000–4



Notes: Figures in italics are for years other than those specified. .. indicates data are not available. C = competition; GDP = gross domestic product; GNI = gross national income; ICT = information and communication technology; M = monopoly; MDG = Millennium Development Goal; P = partial competition; and PCs = personal computers.

a. Outgoing and incoming. b. Millennium Development Goal indicators 47, 48a, and 48b.

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