



prevent infectious diseases from spreading internationally.

In August, KT introduced GEPP Ghana to offer similar services in the West African country, enabling its citizens to stay informed while visiting epidemic-prone areas and make real-time reports to health offices when an epidemic erupts. The Ghanaian government can also gauge and monitor a public health crisis based on data collected through the platform.

KT looks forward to continuing its cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Lao PDR and the KOFIH, further contributing to Laos' public health preparedness by using its up-to-date information communication technologies. The telecom giant plans to build a system for the vaccination and immunization records of infants using a fingerprint reader on smartphones.

Meanwhile, at the ceremony, the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, KOFIH and the Ministry of Health of Lao PDR signed a revision to the 2016 Agreement for Strengthening Communicable Diseases Control.

The agreement stipulated the installment of a diagnosis and quarantine system for infectious diseases in Lao PDR that will begin this year. The revision provides for strengthened monitoring, risk evaluation and preparedness; training of epidemiologists and experts in healthcare and epidemic management; support for laboratory diagnosis and management; and consulting for the development of quarantine guidelines. Through the revised agreement, the parties is expected to accelerate its drive for Laos GEPP.