

# Laos, Russia strengthen cooperative relations

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During a recent visit to Russia by a delegation from the National Assembly, the legislative body's Vice Chairman, Lieutenant General Souvone Leuangbounmy, met with the Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, Mr Konstantin Kosachev.

Their talks centred on events taking place around the world as well as regional issues.

Mr Souvone and Mr Kosachev also discussed ways to enhance the dynamics of Russian-Lao trade and economic ties, and humanitarian cooperation and assistance in promoting Russian-Lao investment cooperation.

Russian senators expressed an interest in building contacts between relevant committees and their readiness to share their experiences in the legislative field.

Both parties spoke in favour of the further development of Russian-



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Lao inter-parliamentary contacts.

As Mr Kosachev emphasised, Russia and Laos are connected by a long history of friendship and mutual support.

The broad agenda of

their relations is not subject to political conjuncture and is of a specific nature, including the parliamentary dimension, which is based on a common understanding of a just world order, he said.