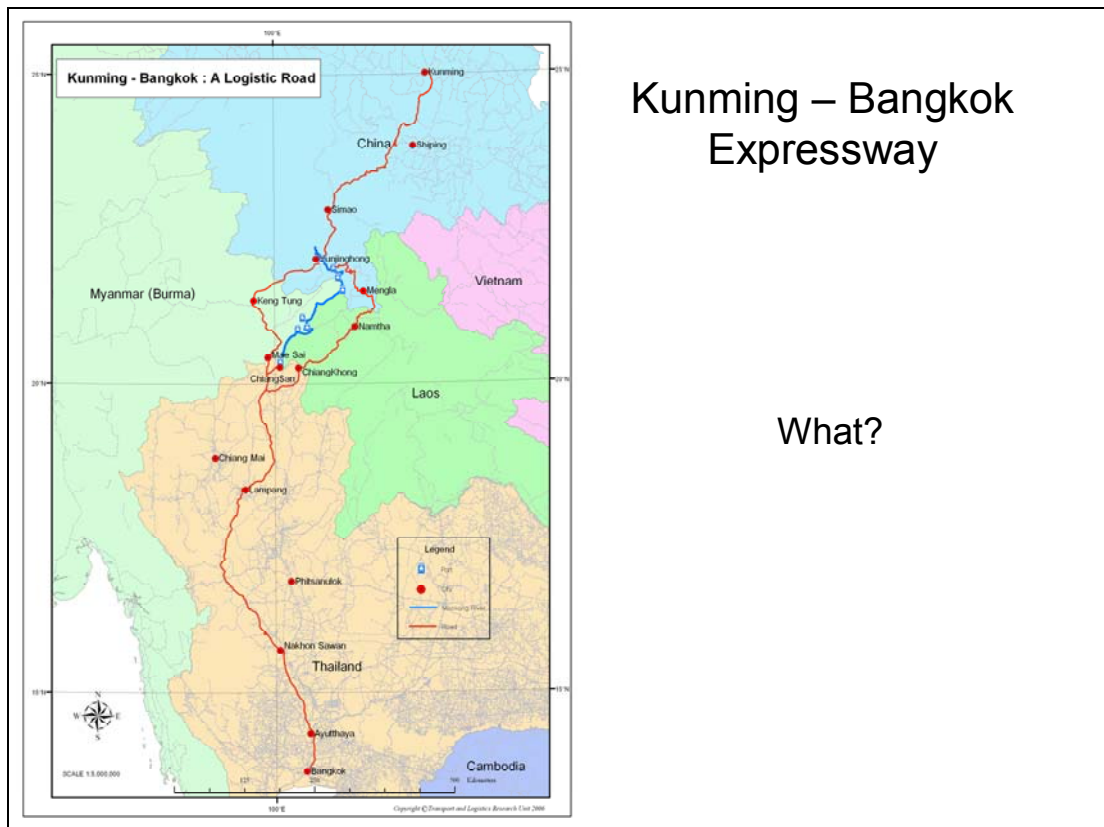


The Phenomenal of Kunming – Bangkok Expressway: Collaboration Perspectives

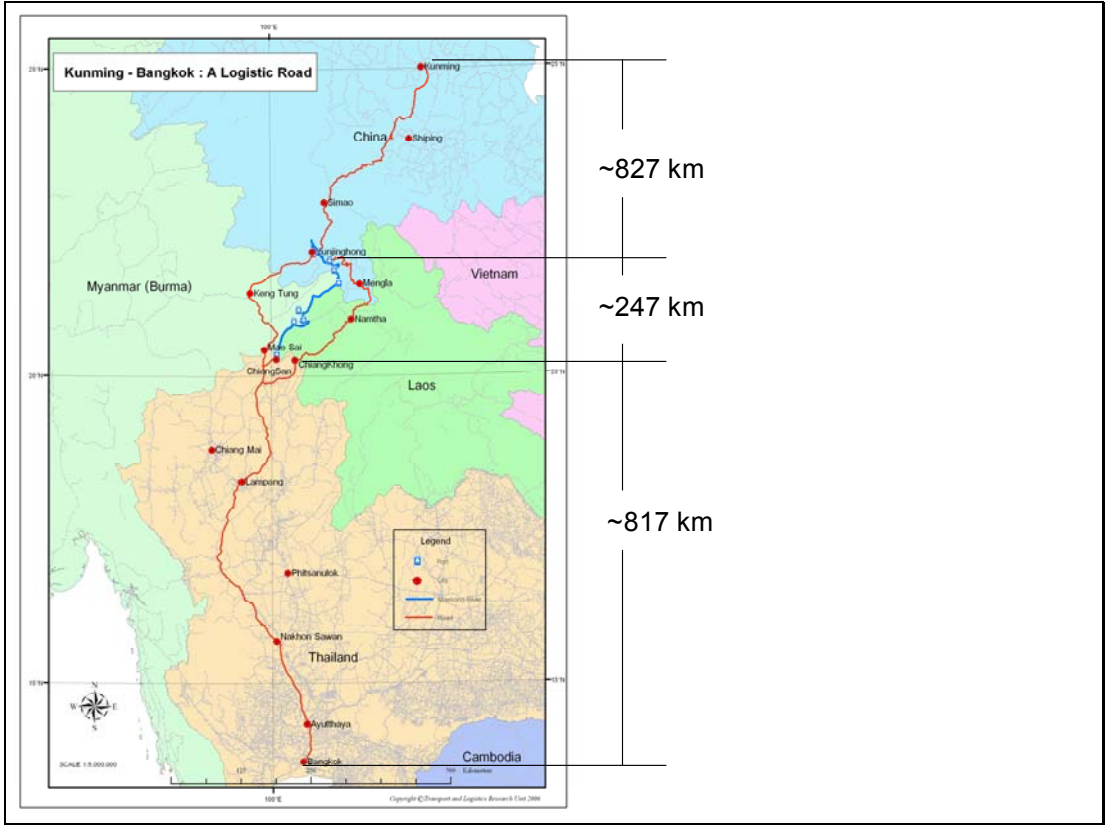
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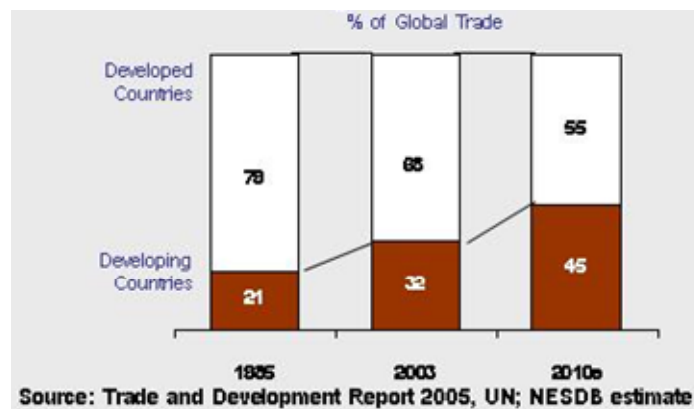
Kunming – Bangkok Expressway

- > 1800 km
- ~ 24 hrs
- ~ year 2007-2008
 - Just the matter of time
- 5 min/per, 1 hr/truck
 - ADB agreement



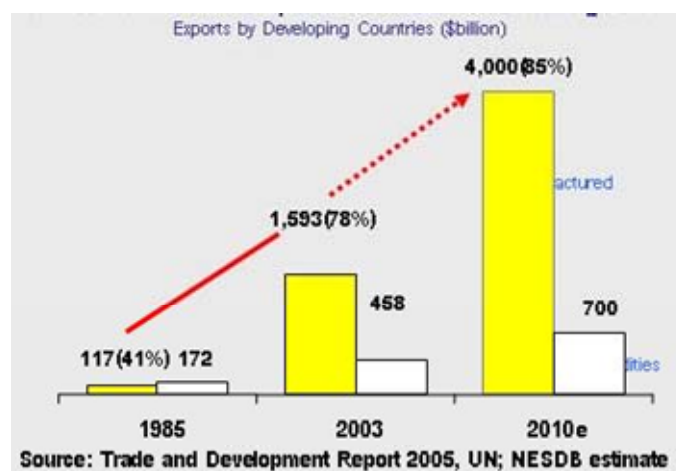
The Big Picture

- The Change of Economic Structure
 - Increase of Developing Countries in Global Trade



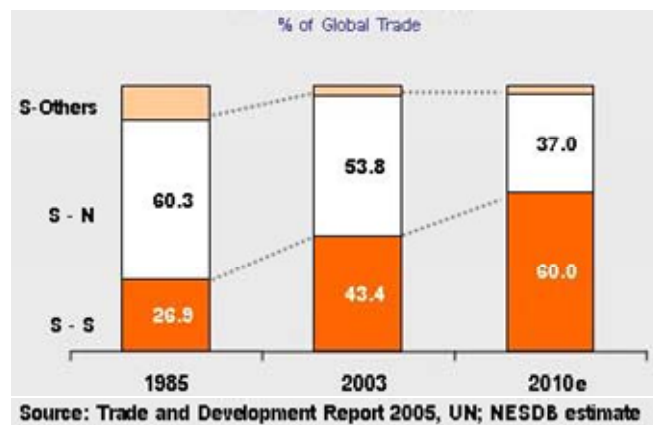
The Big Picture

- The Change of Economic Structure
 - More Manufacturing-Based Products



The Big Picture

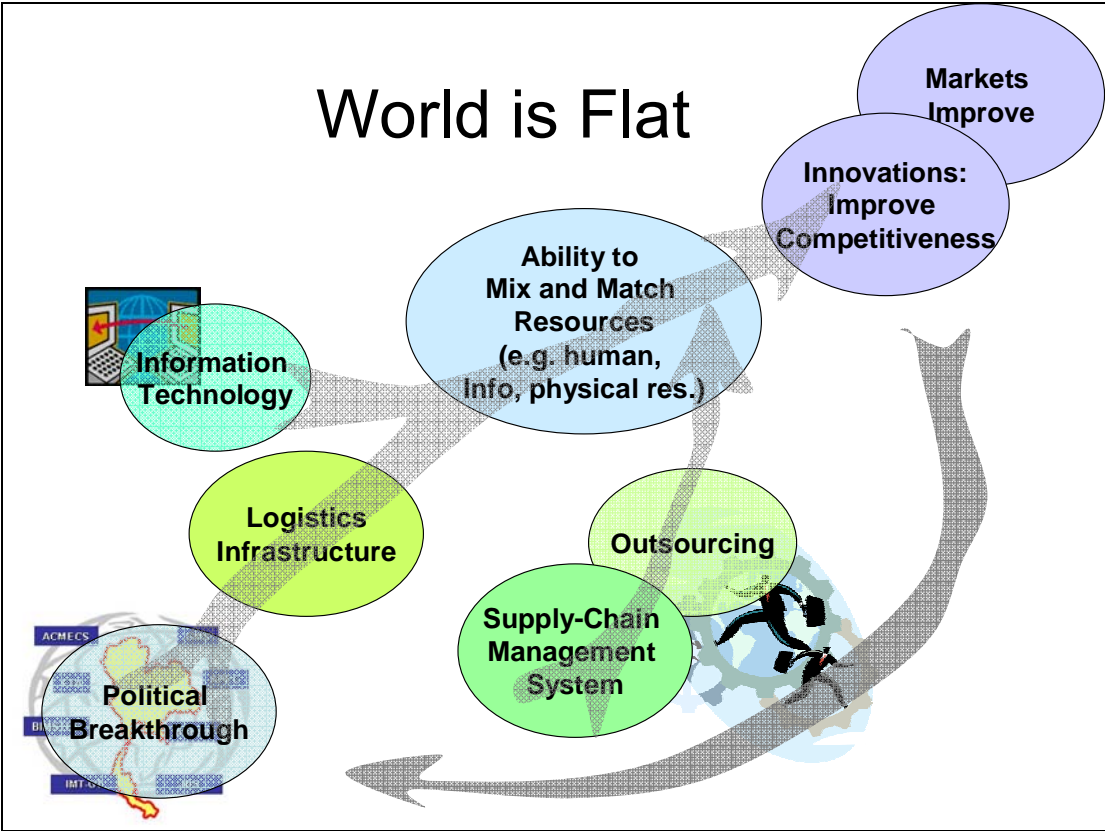
- The Change of Economic Structure
 - More Transactions among developing countries



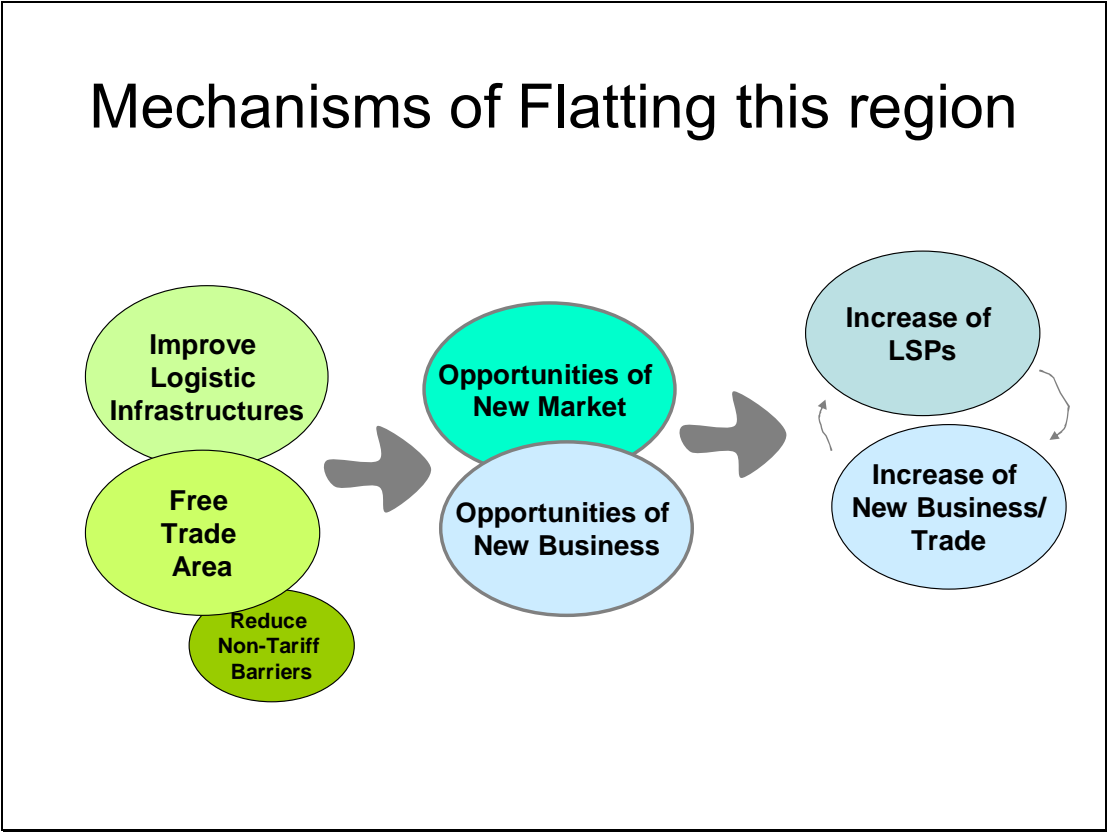
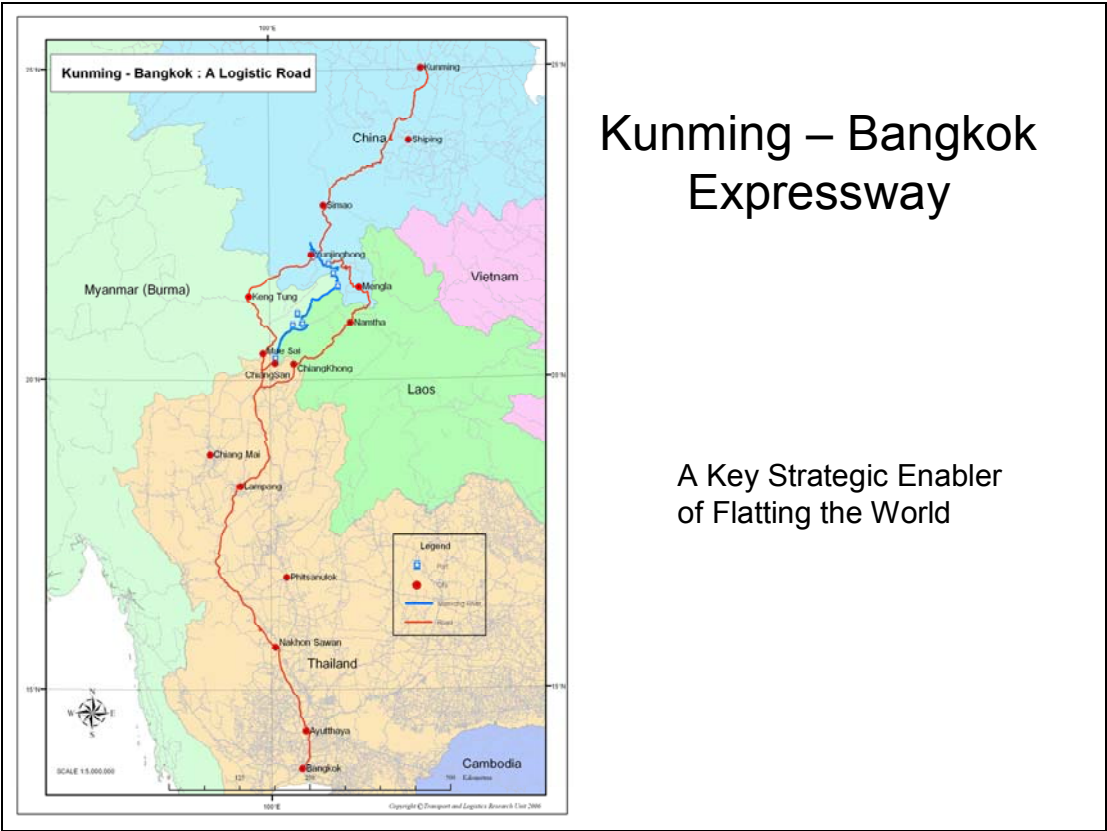
The Big Picture

- The World is Flat
 - By Thomas Friedman
 - “Several technological and political forces have converged, and that has produced a global, Web-enabled playing field that allows for multiple forms of collaboration without regard to geography or distance - or soon, even language”



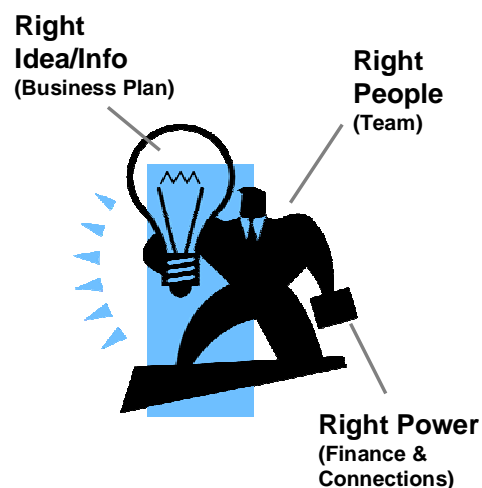


Global View <> Local Focus



Who will get the benefits?

- Everyone?
 - Ans: No
- Then, Who?
 - Ans: Business Elites



How about local people?

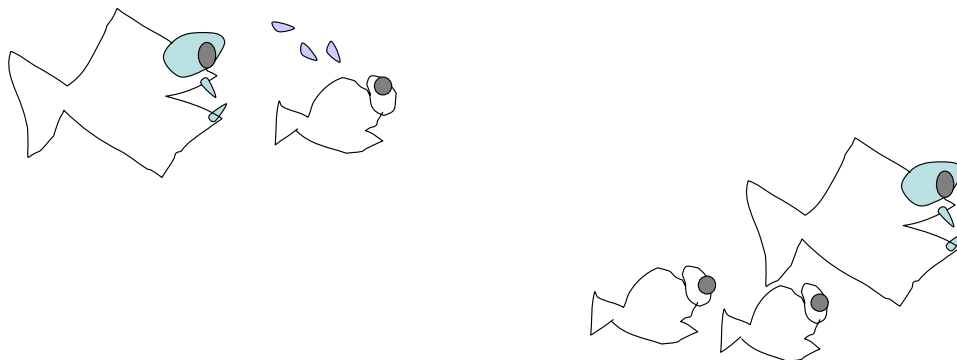
- PROs
 - Wealthier
 - » Incomparable with the investors
 - Better education/opportunities
- CONS
 - Resources depletion
 - Wastes from production
 - Cultural transform
 - » e.g. xxx culture to capitalism
 - Hardly to resist the changes

Summary

- Kunming-Bangkok Expressway + FTA Agreement
- Flattening this region
- Enabling the new business and markets / Innovations
- Elites will get the quick wins, Local will have more convenient life and opportunity
- Natural resources will dramatically be depleted with more environmental problems

Summary (Cont'l)

- In overall, the whole will be wealthier
- In the long-run, the strongest will take over things in some ways.



Next ?

Sustainability