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What is CBTA

(Cross-Border Transport Facilitation Agreement)

- CBTA is a pioneering flagship initiative launched in the late 1990s under the GMS Economic Cooperation Program supported by Asian Development Bank.
- CBTA has six member countries: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam in the Great Mekong Subregion.
- CBTA aims to foster greater economic connectivity through transport and trade facilitation initiatives at GMS border crossings.
- CBTA focuses on improving software connectivity to complement physical connectivity investments by ADB (approximately \$14 billion).