

ANTI-TIP HOTLINE NEWSLETTER

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FLYING TO JAPAN !

A Seminar on Promotion of Networking among Asian Countries on Anti-Human Trafficking will be held in Japan from 28 October to 10 November, with delegations from Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The Vietnam delegation consists of three staff of our counterpart, Department of Child Protection and Care (DCPC).

Vice Director of DCPC, Mr Tien and Director of Centre of Counselling and Communication Service (CCCS/DCPC), Mr Dzung, who is also our Project Manager, will join the seminar from 3 Nov. Ms Hai, Head of Counselling Service Division of CCCS, will participate in the whole programme.

The seminar will present and discuss the anti-TIP work in Japan through lectures, observation visits and information exchanges arranged with governmental agencies such as immigration authorities, the police and relevant ministries, and shelter and hotline operators from the civil society. The last three days from 7 to 10 Nov will have separate sessions and focus on hotline operations in Japan, responding to the Vietnamese delegation's needs.

EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS THE SEMINAR

To our question about their expectations towards the seminar, Mr Tien said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to participate in the seminar in Japan. I'd like to apply what I will learn about hotline operations in Japan to our hotline project. I also look forward to information exchange with the participants from other countries."

Mr Dzung added his comments from the point of view of the Project Manager, saying "I'd like to learn the overall anti-TIP work in Japan, and how a cooperation mechanism is established and functioning to support hotline operations." Ms Hai is especially interested in visits to a call centre and counselling services in Japan. She hopes to talk with counselling staff operating a hotline.

All the project staff here are waiting for their feedback and exciting reports on their return to Vietnam.



Above: Vice Director of DCPC, Mr Tien
Middle: Director of Centre of Counselling and Communication Service, Mr Dzung
Below: Head of Counselling Service Division, Ms Hai

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SHELTER VISIT: PEACE HOUSE

We visited an office and a shelter of Peace House Shelter Project on 5th October. Peace House Project, implemented by the Center for Women and Development which is affiliated to the Vietnam Women's Union, provides nursery, counseling and shelter services. Two shelters under the project give protection and support to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Since the commencement of the project in 2007, the shelters supported 236 women, half of whom were under 18 years old.

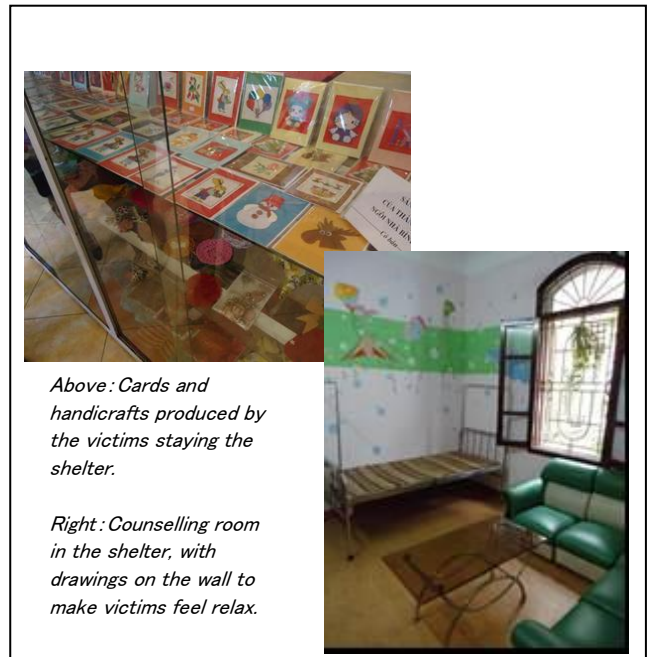
The shelter is located in an ordinary back street and cannot be easily distinguished from other houses and shops. After a tour of the shelter, we had a meeting with the staff to listen about their work. They emphasized the difficulty in building trust of the victims and regaining their mental stability. This reminds us of the long way the human trafficking victims should go, and arduous tasks the shelter staff faces on a daily basis

HANOI AT A GLANCE

National Museum of Fine Arts, Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật Việt Nam

A 5 minute walk from our office brings us to the National Museum of Fine Arts, 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street. The main building has exhibits ranging from pre-historic artefacts to 20th century modern art works. Though it is said that many are not original but copies, the quantity and quality of the exhibits can satisfy art lovers. Annex shows a lot of ceramics and ethnic costumes including those from Ha Giang province, one of the pilot provinces of the project. My favourite is a thousand-armed-Avalokitesvara statue and lacquer paintings, which give me tranquil moments, leaving the bustle of the city behind. It opens from 08:30 to 17:00 every day except for Mondays. Entrance fee is 20,000 VND.

http://vnfam.vn/index.php?option=com_fwgallery&view=gallery&id=38&Itemid=38&lang=en

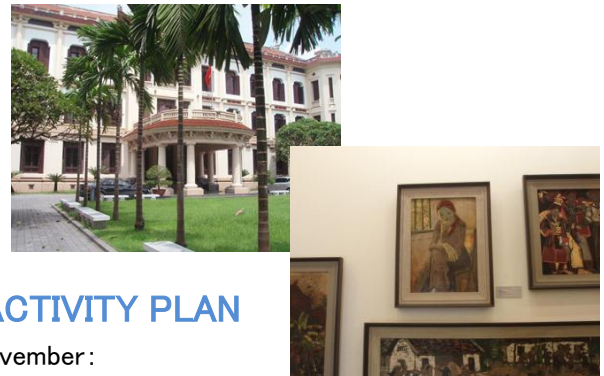


Above: Cards and handicrafts produced by the victims staying the shelter.

Right: Counselling room in the shelter, with drawings on the wall to make victims feel relax.

¹<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1895577,00.html>

Above: the main building Below: lacquer paintings



ACTIVITY PLAN

November:

Seminar on Promotion of Networking among Asian Countries on Anti-TIP in Japan

Short-term expert (system engineering) arrival

Mission to Ha Giang and An Giang provinces

1st Working Group Meeting



Project for the Establishment of anti-Trafficking in Persons Hotline in Vietnam

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