

## THREE OFFICIALS FROM DCPC PARTICIPATED IN SEMINAR IN TOKYO

A 'Seminar on the Promotion of Networking among Asian Countries on Anti-Human Trafficking' was held in Tokyo from 29 October to 10 November 2012. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, three officials from the Department of Child Protection and Care (DCPC), the project counterpart, participated in the Seminar.

The Seminar included lectures, discussions and workshops packed into a tight schedule and all the participants actively engaged with each other and made substantial contributions throughout the seminar. The last three days were tailored to meet the needs of the Vietnamese delegation with sessions relating to hotline operations and management. Three Japanese hotlines with different funding and management structures and roles presented their operational methodology and results. The visiting team asked many questions about management, recruitment and training of counsellors, etc.

The information would be useful to plan the Project hotline and develop strategies for common problems such as fake calls. The Child Help Line in Vietnam explained that they put certain phone numbers on the blacklist, when needed, to avoid prank calls. One hotline in Japan said that the counsellors hang up when they realise that the caller is not genuine. Counsellors at another hotline explained that they educate pranksters about the purpose of the hotline and inform them that the call will be cut in 5 minutes. The police hotline in Japan accepts all calls.

After our return to Hanoi, one of the participants, Ms Hai presented her learnings and experiences from the Seminar to the Child Help Line counsellors in Hanoi.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to the organizers and facilitators from JICA Tokyo and National Women's Education Center (NVEC), and JICA Headquarters in Tokyo for their hard work and support.



*Above: 3 DCPC officials listen to a lecture  
Below: Sharing opinions and experiences*

## MISSION TO HA GIANG

A mission to a project pilot province, Ha Giang, which shares the border with China, was completed from 13 to 16 November 2012. The major objectives of the mission were to conduct a working group meeting at the provincial level and assess current technical infrastructure to establish a connecting unit.

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A one-day trip by car brought us to Ha Giang on 13 Nov. On 14 Nov, a Working Group meeting was held at the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) to present and discuss the outline of the Project, the 1<sup>st</sup> year plan and the roles of national and provincial partners. The short-term expert visited the Social Protection Centre for technical assessment and held a discussion with local service providers to prepare a proposal for a hardware system. On 15 Nov, the Chief Advisor of the Project visited a Border Guard station and a Border Guard post near the border with China, and exchanged information and views. A wrap-up meeting was held at DOLISA in the afternoon. The mission reinforced the importance of listening to local partners with in-depth knowledge about the area.

## LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

### Selected news on Anti-TIP in Vietnam !

#### 1 ) Vietnamese Government ratification of UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and accession of Palermo Protocol with reservation (08 July 2012)

The Convention against Transnational Organized Crime was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2000 in the backdrop of an increase in transnational organized crimes in 1990s. The Vietnamese Government signed the convention and the Palermo Protocol in 2000, and ratified the convention and acceded the protocol (with reservation) on 8 July this year. This is another important step in anti-TIP efforts of the government, following the anti-TIP law coming into effect this January. The Japanese Government signed the convention in 2003 and the protocol in 2005, but has not yet ratified the convention.

#### 2) News in numbers

- The number of Vietnamese overseas migrants during Jan-Oct 2012 was 65,183 persons, down by



*Above: View in Ha Giang province (5 km from the border)  
Right: Working Group meeting at DOLISA*

13% during the same period last year. The 3 countries receiving the highest number of Vietnamese migrants are Taiwan (24,553), S Korea (8,989), and Japan (7,006). The Vietnamese government aims to deploy 90,000 migrants this year (VIETOJO, 02 Nov 2012).

- The number of TIP victims in the UK in 2011 is 945 persons, up from the previous year. Nigeria leads with 163 victims, followed by Vietnam with 93 victims (BBC, 18 October 2012).

- The number of Vietnamese women who married Korean men in 2011 is 7,636, surpassing the number of Chinese brides (7,549) for the first time (Chosunilbo, 10 Oct 2012).

## ACTION PLAN

Dec 2012: 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting (Hanoi)

Jan 2013: Joint Coordination Committee  
(Hanoi)



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