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OFFICIAL MEETING OF VICE MINISTER, MOLISA, AND CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE, JICA VIETNAM

On 12 December 2012, the Vice Minister of MOLISA, Mr Doan Mau Diep, met the Chief Representative of JICA Vietnam, Mr Motonori Tsuno.

As the anti-TIP Hotline project is the first JICA technical assistance project with DCPC/MOLISA, the JICA representative paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Minister, who is in charge of DCPC, to confirm mutual cooperation.

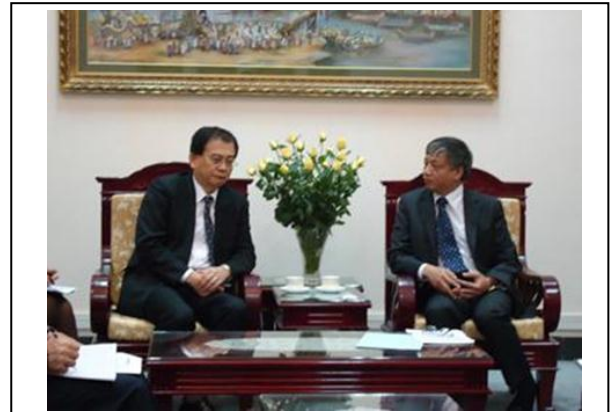
The Vice Minister said, "TIP in Vietnam is a serious and complex issue and the anti-TIP Hotline will be highly useful. Our close relationships with relevant government agencies will support the effective implementation of the project." Mr Tsuno said in response, "Many JICA projects are on infrastructure and economic development; however, we recognize the importance of support to the vulnerable, like in this project. JICA, having country offices in China, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, would also like to bring in a regional perspective to our fight against human trafficking."

With the launch of the Hotline in 2013 in sight, we will strive for strengthened cooperation.

MISSION TO AN GIANG

One week after our return from Ha Giang province along the Chinese border, we visited An Giang, a province on the Cambodian border where the pilot project is being implemented. The objective of this mission was the same as that in Ha Giang — a provincial Working Group meeting and information gathering to identify necessary equipment for the provincial connecting unit.

On November 26, we left Hanoi, by air, and reached Can Tho for a two-hour drive to An Giang centre. The Chief Advisor to the Project visited an NGO, Pacific Links Foundation, which supports TIP victims (protection and repatriation) and at-risk girls (scholarships) and conducts awareness-raising



*Above: Vice Minister, Mr Doan Mau Diep and JICA representative, Mr Tsuno
Below: The meeting*

activities.

On November 27, we had a Working Group meeting at the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) office. The project outline, activity plans, and the management mechanism were presented and discussed. At the Social Work Centre, where the Connecting Unit will be set up, we had a meeting with IT service providers.

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An equipment list was drawn up based on the information and consultation; the list is currently under discussion in Tokyo and Vietnam.

LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

Selected news on Anti-TIP activities in Vietnam

1) International Workshop to Share Counter Human Trafficking Information

This workshop was held in Hanoi on 21 December 2012 by the Ministry of Public Security (MPS), which is responsible for anti-human trafficking measures. Representatives from the MPS and the Departments of Social Evils Prevention and Overseas Labour (MOLISA) made a presentation on the situation and on achievements in 2012, and then Colonel Van Chung (MPS) moderated a Q&A session.

According to the MPS report, in 2012, around 500 cases with 800 offenders and 850 victims were tracked. Of the 800 offenders, 453 were prosecuted and close to 400 were convicted. The number of victims in Vietnam totalled 1,206, including those rescued, repatriated, and those who returned themselves.

2) UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2012

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released the global report this month. It shows trends and characteristics in TIP from 2007 to 2010 with a regional analysis.

Women and girls accounted for 75% of TIP victims during the reporting period. The number of child victims (27%) increased seven percentage points from the last reporting period, 2003–2006. Africa has the highest proportion of child victims, 68%, followed by Southeast and South Asia, with 39%.



*Above: The border (Cambodia lies on the other side of the river)
Right: Working Group meeting at DOLISA*



The UNODC website has links to country profiles. Vietnam has 800 to 900 victims (821 in 2011) every year with over 350 criminals prosecuted in the same period.

Given its clandestine nature and the lack of verifiable data, it is not possible to fully understand the TIP situation. However, the analysis of regional data is highly informative and provides certain characteristics of victims and offenders and the flow of human trafficking. The report is available at the UNODC website:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/glotip.html>

ACTION PLAN

January 2013: 1st Working Group meeting (Hanoi)

Joint Coordination Committee

February 2013: 4th Mekong Regional Workshop

(Thailand)



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