



## 4<sup>TH</sup> MEKONG REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong Regional Workshop on MDT Approach in Protection of Trafficked Persons: Sharing Experiences with Mekong Regional Countries was held from 26 Feb to 1 Mar 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. Four officials from MOLISA (Dr Nguyen Ngoc Toan/Department of Social Protection, Ms Tran Anh Thu/Department of Overseas Labour, Ms Hoang Le Thuy, Department of Child Protection and Care, Mr Pahn Tien Thanh/Department of Social Evils Prevention) represented Vietnam, while the Chief Advisor to the Project was an observer.

This is an activity of the ‘Project on Strengthening Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) for the Protection of Trafficked Persons in Thailand’, to strengthen regional networks by sharing experiences of the MDT approach. The three-day workshop included country reports by delegations from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam on anti-TIP measures and case studies of successful international cooperation, Japan’s anti-trafficking measures and a case of Japan-Thailand joint operation, group discussion, and visits to women and men’s shelters.

The Vietnamese delegates actively participated in the workshop, and asked many questions.



*Above: The Vietnamese delegation in group discussion*

*Below: Group photo with the organizers*

## UPCOMING HOTLINE WORKSHOP

DCPC will organize a workshop on 15 Mar 2013, to share experiences and challenges in hotline operation, and explore ways for effective cooperation. The workshop was planned on the recommendation of Mr Hoang Van Tien, the Vice Director of DCPC, to enable the anti-TIP hotline to learn ways to deal with human trafficking issues from the experiences of other hotlines in Vietnam.

Currently, Child Help Line of DCPC responds to calls related to human trafficking as part of its child protection activity. The police and the Women’s Union also deal with calls on human trafficking on the case

by case basis.

Preparation for the workshop is on-going; we will report the outcomes of the workshop in the next issue.

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## HOTLINE LOGO & CALENDAR 2013

We are very glad to inform you that the anti-TIP hotline now has a logo. After consultation and discussions between a professional designer, MOLISA counterparts and the project team, the logo (seen on the right) was chosen to represent the anti-TIP hotline.

We also collaborated in the production of the annual calendar of DCPC, by including information about the anti-TIP hotline. Just before the Tet holiday, the calendars were distributed to relevant government institutions in Hanoi, An Giang (157 communes) and Ha Giang (157 communes).



Above: Anti-TIP hotline logo. It says 'Anti-trafficking in persons hotline' in Vietnamese. Right: 2013 Calendar. It informs in the middle that the hotline will provide consultation and information regarding trafficking in persons.

## LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM

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

#### 1) International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) introduced in Vietnam

On 26 Feb, an event to launch the International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) in Hanoi was organized by the British Embassy.

ICPC is a new safeguarding measure to prevent child sex abuse by British nationals both in the UK and overseas, managed by the British Police and Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP). It commenced in October 2012 and has now been expanded to Vietnam.

The new initiative will help prevent UK nationals, who would be unsuitable to work with children, from working with children in other countries by informing prospective employers of their criminal records or history of child abuse.

<http://www.acro.police.uk/ICPC/>

#### 2) Decree on implementation of anti-TIP law

The government of Vietnam has issued Decree on Detailing the Implementation Articles of Law on Prevention, Suppression Against Human Trafficking : Decree No.09/2013/ND-CP) on 11 Jan 2013.

The Decree stipulates establishment of support centres for trafficking victims, roles of the police, people's committee, border guard command and DOLISA in victim protection. It will come into effect on 15 April 2013.

## ACTIVITY PLAN

March 2013: Hotline Workshop

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

April 2013: Short-term IEC expert begins work

Baseline survey starts



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

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