

PRESS RELEASE

Viet Nam Agencies Enhance Financial Investigation Skills – Training in Hanoi

Hanoi (17 April 2006) – Over the next two weeks the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the World Bank will provide financial investigation training to law enforcement officials in Hanoi.

This cooperative effort by UNODC and the World Bank provides an opportunity for investigators to develop their knowledge and skills in financial investigation and will better equip them to detect and investigate financial crimes, including money laundering. The course has a significant practical focus and is designed upon legal and procedural processes in Viet Nam. It gives participants the opportunity to learn the legislative aspects of financial crime, to understand their powers to investigate money laundering and to improve their ability to conduct searches and undertake interviews / interrogations related to financial crime. The course also aims to address the relationship between police and prosecutors and ensure that high quality information is presented to the courts in cases of money laundering charges.

The course program will feature presenters with specialist knowledge in financial matters and investigation and prosecution of financial crimes, including:

International Financial Investigation Expert;
Adviser from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
Financial Sector Expert; and
Experienced Officials from the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Peoples' Court.

The training materials for the course were developed in cooperation and collaboration with the Ministry of Public Security of Viet Nam, including the Economic Police Department, the Counter Narcotics Police Department, the Border Army and the Police Academy as well as the Supreme Prosecutor's Office.

The UNODC/World Bank Financial Investigation Training Course was opened by Pol. Col. Nguyen Hoa Binh, Deputy Director General, Police General Department, Ministry of Public Security.
