

VIETNAM CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

(With reference to articles 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 of UNCAC)

I. Laws and policies:

In accordance with United Nations convention Against corruption (UNCAC), Vietnam has made great efforts to prevent corruption. A variety of legal documents has been issued and revised, including: Law on Anti-corruption 2005; the National Strategy on Anti-corruption towards 2020; Criminal Code 1999 (revised in 2009); Law on Civil servants; Law on Audit; Law on banking and financial institutions; Enterprise Law; Bidding Law; Government Decree No. 37/2007/NĐ-CP dated 9 March 2007 on asset and income transparency; Government Decree No. 158/2007/NĐ-CP dated 27 October 2007 on rotation of working positions of civil servants; Direction No. 20/2007/CT-TTg of Prime Minister on salary payment through bank accounts; Joint Circular No. 03/2011/TTLT-BNV-TTCP of Ministry of Home Affairs and Government Inspectorate dated 06 May 2011 on rewarding individuals with outstanding achievements in detecting corruption; Codes of conduct for civil servants of each sector...

Together with legal framework improvement, a project on administration reform with focus on administrative procedure simplification has also been implemented.

II. Practices

Effective propaganda programs:

- The Vietnam Innovation Day 2009 (VID 2009), a competition co-organized by the Government Inspectorate of Vietnam and the World Bank Vietnam with the main theme “*More Accountability and Transparency, Less Corruption*” attracted 152 entries from around the country. 25 most creative, feasible and sustainable projects were granted awards. The huge turnout showed public interest in transparency and accountability of public services and operations of the state agencies. At the same time, the Knowledge Exchange Forum held as a side-event of VID 2009 saw various practical experiences and information on anti-corruption shared (see website: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/EASTASIAPACIFICEXT/VIETNAMEXTN/0,,contentMDK:22007886~pagePK:1497618~piPK:217854~theSitePK:387565,0,0.html/>) (http://www.thanhtra.gov.vn/Desktop.aspx/Tin-tuc/Tin-Thanh-Tra/Ngay_sang_tao_Viet_Nam_Hieu_qua_lon_tu_nhung_de_an_nho/)

- Following the model of VID 2009, the Vietnam Anti-Corruption Initiative Program 2011 (VACI 2011), also co-organized by the Government Inspectorate and the World Bank Vietnam, supports innovative ideas to minimize corruption, strengthen transparency and bring a better living environment for people. With the main theme “*Strengthening public integrity and law implementation for effective anti-corruption*”, VACI 2011 identifies and directly supports through Innovation Grants the small, bottom-up, innovative development proposals that deliver results, which can then be scaled up or replicated. It also creates a forum for sharing experience and knowledge on the legal framework of anti-corruption as well as the experience on strengthening public integrity and law implementation for effective anti-corruption. The launching ceremony of VACI 2011 was held on 9th December 2010 (International Anti-corruption Day). The Final Round of the Program’s Competition, the Awarding Ceremony and the side Knowledge Exchange Forum will be organized on 16-17 August, 2011 in Hanoi. Given its effectiveness, the Program is also planned to be conducted in 2013 and 2015 (VACI 2013 and VACI 2015).

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Anti-corruption Education Project:

- With a view to raising awareness of civil servants and students as well as enhancing the role of society in combating corruption, the project “Integrating anti-corruption into training curriculum” ratified by the Prime Minister in 2009 (shortly called as the Project 137) is now underway. A pilot anti-corruption training program will be carried out this year.