

**Speech of THE DEPUTY CHAIRWOMEN OF THE Vietnam
Women's Union (Ms. Truong Thi Khue)
At the TICW-HSF Project Launching and National
Stakeholder Ownership exercise Workshop (26/4/2005)**

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H.E. Mr. Norio Hattori – Ambassador of Japan to Vietnam

Ladies and Gentlemen

Friends

First of all, on behalf of the Chair Board of the Vietnam Women's Union, I would like to convey to you our best wishes for your health and happiness.

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During the past years, the ILO has been collaborating with the VWU in many different activities, including capacity building, awareness raising, gender promotion, job creation for women and children, and strengthening of the WU's collaboration mechanism. These activities have brought about practical benefits for the women and children of Vietnam.

Since 2000, the VWU has participated in the ILO's Sub-Regional Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women and IPEC's Action Program on Prevention of Child Labour. With support from the Government of Japan through the UN Trust Fund for Human Security, we now start the ILO Project on Prevention of Trafficking in Children and Women at community level in Vietnam. We think that the project's interventions are very meaningful and correspond with the VWU's agenda.

On behalf of the Chair Board of the Vietnam Women's Union, I would like to thank Ms. RoseMarie Greve – the Director of ILO Office in Vietnam, the ILO, H.E. Mr. Norio Hattori – the Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam. We promise to provide direction to the Project Management Unit and the 3 project provinces to have successful project implementation and bring the best benefits to the children and women. I hope that we will meet again soon after the workshop to discuss the orientation of the next activities.

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One of the advantages of this project is the participation of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC), the members of which are representatives from the agencies involving in the protection of women's and children's rights, combating trafficking, life skills... We hope that the PAC will have valuable contribution of ideas to the project.

We request those representatives from Tay Ninh, Hau Giang and Can Tho who are present today to report to the People's Committee and the Anti-Trafficking Steering Committee of the of the 3 provinces about the results of the workshop, so that they can develop plans with specific and practical activities and select the target communities based on the criteria set by the project.

At this workshop, I would like the participants to discuss the main causes of trafficking situation in the 3 project provinces and proposed appropriate strategies to solve the problem. We also hope that the result of discussion in this workshop will provide an orientation of activities for the project.

Once again, I would like to wish you all good health and happiness.