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National Workshop "Policy recommendations and networking on best practice replication"

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The Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN) is one of 5 partners to implement the project Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA) co-funded by the EU and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation, Germany (KAS) implementing in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam. The objective of the project is to replicate of success stories in local governance between cities and municipalities within Southeast Asia.



Currently, the project is on the stage of monitoring and evaluating its implementation. One of the important contents of the project is detecting



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the issues that need to be innovated on mechanisms and policies from which recommending a general policy for the local administrations in urban areas. To exchange and to get agreement on the policy recommendations contents for the project, on 27th April, 2012, the National Workshop on "Policy recommendations and networking on best practice replication" are held in Hanoi.

According to Prof. Nguyen Lan, Secretary General of ACVN "This is a very important workshop within the cities of Vietnam. It should be maintained the sustainability in the replication of best practices. The best thing is to connect the network between the host cities with the central government. In recent years, Vietnam has gained many achievements in local governance. Therefore, the results of the workshop will be studied and researched by related ministries and branches in issuing the coming policies. ACVN is proud to be a part of the process of pushing the good local governance".

At the workshop, some reports of selected cities had been presented from Tra Vinh and Da Nang cities. Many questions and discussion between the participants and representatives from selected cities.

When discussing on how to ensure sustainability for the project, Ms. Susane - Project Director who identified one of the important things in national level is the need for effective legal framework, finalization of policy recommendations. In addition, ACVN will continue to strongly promote best practices, sharing knowledge with members of the Association, maintaining connections with partners from other countries to take advantage of the expertise of good practice to carry out the replication in the strategic plan.

Prof. Vu Thi Vinh, Deputy General Secretary of ACVN have discussed on measures to apply the model of good practice with the sustainability in Vietnam including: Promote the best practice models on websites of the Association, the Association's publications and media; share knowledge through the organization of seminars, training and experience exchange; replicate the best practices and connection with various projects to form a good network.

Participants exchanged views and opinions from related ministries, branched, organizations, universities... on policy recommendations such as proposing the international organizations and ACVN continue to



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support for the cities to implement the project; ACVN will continue to be a bridge to replicate the project; proposing capacity building for local government in the coming time; proposing to improve the legal framework in the future; more decentralization for the local authorities to promote the participation of the community; connecting on-going projects between ministries...

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