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Viet Nam's anti-corruption progresses

1. Progress in developing and completing the legal framework on anti-corruption

Viet Nam is actively developing and completing the legal framework on anti-corruption, continues the enhancement of reviewing and promulgating legal documents to implement measures to prevent and combat corruption. Concrete actions have been done to complete the mechanism of socio-economic management to facilitate a business environment of fair competition and transparency.

Following the Government's Scheme No. 137 to include anti-corruption contents to training and education programs, in June 2013, Viet Nam's Prime Minister issued another direction to promote the delivery of anti-corruption contents in teaching at educational and training institutions from the academic year of 2013-2014.

In March 2013, the State Bank of Viet Nam issued Circular on the special control for credit institutions. Herewith, the State Bank of Viet Nam will publicly list credit institutions subject to special direct control of the State Bank due to their risks of affordability or unsafe operation. The banks under special control may be forced to merge with other healthier credit institutions if they cannot increase charter capital.

Viet Nam is in the process of amending and supplementing several crucial legal documents, directly related to the prevention of corruption, which may include the Constitution, the Law on Land Management, Procurement Law, legislation regulations relating to the management of personal income tax, etc.

The key legal provisions on the prevention of corruption which have been newly issued or will be issued in the coming time are Decree on detailing and guiding the implementation of some articles of the (amended) Anti-corruption Law, the Law on Citizens Receptions, Decree on Assets and income transparency (amended), Decree on the accountability of officials, civil servants, heads of agencies, organizations and units in implementing public duties, etc.

2. Viet Nam Anti-corruption Initiative Program 2013 (VACI 2013)

The Government Inspectorate of Viet Nam in collaboration with the World Bank in Viet Nam co-organized the Anti-corruption Initiative Program to seek and to support the implementation of the initiatives to promote transparency, integrity, accountability and reduce corruption.

VACI 2013 under the theme "Enhancing transparency, integrity and accountability, reduce corruption" consists of two main parts:

- An Innovative Competition - An open competition through a jury process whereby the most innovative and feasible proposals would be selected and awarded start-up fund for implementation to improve transparency, integrity and accountability to reduce corruption.
- Knowledge Exchange - a forum for sharing experience and knowledge on the legal framework of anti-corruption and related issues. The topic of the forum this year was "Information and Communications Technology – Effective tools in fighting corruption"

On 12 June 2013, VACI 2013 awarded the best 24 innovative proposals to honor and support the implementation of these initiatives in the community, contribute to reducing corruption. Winning projects in VACI 2013 are the best among 130 entries submitted by various agencies and organizations, including socio-political organizations, non-governmental organizations, universities, private sector, and local authorities. Winning proposals will have 12 months for implementation. Each winning project will receive a grant up to 300 million VND, based on its proposal to implement the

project in different provinces nationwide. The total amount of award this year is more than VND 6.6 billion.

3. Progresses in implementing the UNCAC

Viet Nam is an active member of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and always fully participates in the meetings under the framework of the Convention. The self-assessment report of Viet Nam and the assessment result of the Convention implementation process in Viet Nam by experts from Lebanon and Italy in 2012 showed that after the ratification of the Convention, Viet Nam has implemented the Convention actively and achieved remarkable results.

In June 2013 Viet Nam has sent experts to assess the UNCAC implementation of Austria and basically completed the assessment process of this country.

In the coming time, Viet Nam will continue to implement the Action plan to implement of the Convention and the Regulation to coordinate implementation of the Convention under the direction of the Prime Minister. According to the draw result at the 4th Session of the Implementation Review Group in Austria, Viet Nam will participate in assessing the implementation of the Convention of China and the Democratic Republic of Congo.