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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1st Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day

In the framework of the 1st Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day, the conference on “Autism in Viet Nam: Current Situation and Challenges” took place at Vietnam-Japan Human Resources Cooperation Center Hanoi on 1 April 2016.

The conference was attended by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam), H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee (Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community), Ms. Dang Huynh Mai (Honorable Chairperson, Vietnam Autism Network), Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (Executive Director, APCD), and Mr. Chikahiro Masuda (Senior Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency Viet Nam Office). Over 150 persons who are professionals, teachers, and researchers, representatives of organizations working in the autism field; reporters and parents of persons with autism attended the event.

At the end of the conference, the Vietnam Autism Network – represented by Vietnam Autism Community – proposed the Vietnam Recommendation as a call to action for the Vietnam government and related ministries and departments to improve the current situation of persons with autism.

1st Viet Nam Autism Friendship Games

One of the highlights of the 1st Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day was the 1st Viet Nam Autism Friendship Games on 2 April 2016 at the Hoang Mai Cultural and Sports Center, Hanoi, Vietnam. This event drew more than 2,000 participants from all over Vietnam. Special guests included H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam), H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee (Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community), Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (Executive Director, APCD), Ms. Le Kim Dung (Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam).

The event was the time that persons with autism had a chance to participate in various sports activities including track and field, walking on stilts, tug of war and other art activities. They took part in competitions like true athletes; they all received certifications and the winners were awarded medals in front of all the people present at the stadium. Through this event, persons with autism were given a voice to raise awareness about autism.

KEY OUTCOMES

1. Persons with autism, their parents and supporters in Vietnam were provided with opportunities to participate in various autism-friendly activities in sports, leisure and recreation.
2. It was demonstrated that persons with autism are capable of actively participating in sports, leisure and recreation given the opportunity and appropriate support.
3. Positive relationships among persons with autism, parents and supporters across Vietnam were developed.
4. The rights of persons with autism to participate in sports, leisure and recreation were realized as stipulated in Article 30 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
5. Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day will become an annual event of the autism community.
6. The community will have better knowledge about autism.



Over 2,000 participants including persons with autism, their families and stakeholders

ASEAN to Promote Autism-Friendly Community



H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee
Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN
for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

HANOI, 4 April 2016 – In line with the World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April, the First Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day (VAAD) was celebrated in Hanoi on 1-2 April.

On the first day, the conference called “Autism in Viet Nam: Current Situation and Challenges” was attended by more than 150 participants, including senior government officials as well as persons with autism and their family members, at the Vietnam-Japan Human Resources Cooperation Center (VJCC) in Hanoi.



With around 2,000 persons living with autism, their parents and other family members, teachers and supporters, the Viet Nam Autism Friendship Games was held on the second day at the Cultural and Sports Center. On behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivavatee, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, who witnessed the epoch-making event, expressed his appreciation to the organiser in taking up a leadership role in promoting awareness on autism which according to him links with the core value of ASEAN Community. According to the human rights principles, DSG Vongthep mentioned that “ASEAN will intensify efforts to utilize sports-related activities like this in the next five years as a platform to engage persons with disabilities, including those with autism.”

The organizers and participants responded to one another with their proactive views that VAAD must be one tangible approach to create autism-friendly environment. It was noted that it is a concrete effort towards making persons with autism visible members in the ASEAN Community which strives for the true meaning of togetherness.

The event was organized by the Government of Vietnam through the Ministry of Labour–Invalids and Social Affairs, the Vietnam Autism Network and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Vietnam Federation on Disability, the ASEAN Autism Network and other partners.



Source : <http://asean.org/asean-to-promote-autism-friendly-community/>

MESSAGES



Welcome Remarks
H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam
Deputy Minister of Labour-Invalids
and Social Affairs of Vietnam



Special Remarks
H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee
Deputy Secretary - General of ASEAN
for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community



MESSAGES



Opening Message
Mr. Chikahiro Masuda
Senior Representative, Japan International
Cooperation Agency Vietnam Office



Opening Remarks
Ms. Hoang Ngoc Bich
Chairperson, Vietnam Autism Network



PROGRAMME

Autism in Viet Nam: Current Situation and Challenges

1 April 2016 | Vietnam-Japan Human Resources Cooperation Center

13:00 -13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Registration- Performance by Persons with Autism
13:30 -14:00	<p>Item 1: Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam, Deputy Minister, MOLISA- Opening Remarks by Ms. Hoang Ngoc Bich, Chairperson, VAN- Opening Message by Mr. Chikahiro Masuda, Senior Representative, JICA Vietnam- Special Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community- Group Photo
14:00-15:15	<p>Item 2: Presentation: Current Situation and Proposals on Autism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation by the Ministry of Health- Presentation by the Ministry of Education and Training- Presentation by the Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs- Presentation by the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability- Presentation by the Vietnam Autism Network- Q & A
15:15 -15.30	Refreshment Break
15:30 -16:15	<p>Item 3: Voice of Persons with Autism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Timothy Ninomiya, Member, Kitchener Waterloo Asperger Association, Canada- Ms. Pham Nguyen Hanh Chi, Member, VAN- Q & A
16:15 -16:30	<p>Item 4: Hanoi Recommendation on Autism 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To be read by Ms. Huynh Thi My Dung, Vice Chairperson, VAN
16:30 - 17:00	<p>Item 5: Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Closing Remarks by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director, APCD- Closing Remarks by Ms. Dang Huynh Mai, Honorable Chairperson, VAN- Closing Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam, Deputy Minister, MOLISA

PROGRAMME

Autism in Viet Nam: Current Situation and Challenges

1 April 2016 | Vietnam-Japan Human Resources Cooperation Center

07:30 - 08:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Registration- Groupings
08:00 - 08:50	Item 1: Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction by MC Cong To- Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam, Deputy Minister, MOLISA- Opening Remarks by Ms. Hoang Ngoc Bich, Chairperson, VAN- Opening Message by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director, APCD- Special Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
08:50 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of 1st Viet Nam Autism Friendship Games by MC- Song "Be Happy in Another Way"- Oath of Sportsmanship by Mr. Pham Duc Phu, Representative of Persons with Autism- Official Declaration of the Opening by Ms. Dang Huynh Mai, Honorable Chairperson, VAN
09:30 - 11:40	Item 2: Games <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Track and Field (100m Run) & Walking on Stilts- Painting, Coloring, Art Activities

2 April 2016 | Hoang Mai Cultural and Sports Center

11:40 - 12:00	Acknowledgment of Sponsors and Other Supportive Organizations
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break
15:30 - 17:00	Item 4: Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarding of Winners- Closing Message by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director, APCD- Closing Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam, MOLISA- Closing Remarks by Ms. Pham Thi Kim Tam, Vice Chairperson, VAN- Flashmob



1ST VIET NAM AUTISM FRIENDSHIP GAMES WINNERS

1. Walking on Stilts

Age	Category	Medal	Name of Winners
Under 10	Team of 4	Gold	Nguyễn Hoàng Nguyên Nguyễn Tâm Anh Bùi Đức Minh Nguyễn Tuấn Minh
		Silver	Nguyễn Gia Tùng Lê Công Đức Anh Lê Trần Đại Đồng Bùi Đức Anh
		Bronze	Đặng Hải Bình Ngô Tiến Thành Vũ Đình Phúc Đỗ Phạm Nam Khánh

2. Tug of War

Age	Category	Medal	Name of Winners
Under 12	At least 2 Children with Autism	Gold	Đỗ Minh Nhật Trần Văn Hoàng Phạm Thị Thu Phương Đặng Duy
		Silver	Phạm Quang Anh Đặng Hải Bình
		Bronze	Tạ Đông Hải Lê Đức Kiên Hoàng Anh Kiệt Tô Đỗ Hương Giang

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2. Tug of War

Age	Category	Medal	Name of Winners
Over 12	Team of 8 (Adults included) (1 Adult = 2 Children)	Gold	Lê Phạm Gia Hưng Mai Thanh Tùng Lê Minh Hiếu Trần Đức Bình Đỗ Đức Khôi Trần Minh Anh Trần Hoàng Kim Lê Bích Ngọc
		Silver	Lê Hoài Nam Nguyễn Hoàng Linh Nguyễn Luân Hiếu Nguyễn Đức Nghĩa
		Bronze	Nguyễn Đăng Minh Hiếu Hoàng Long Vũ Đinh Thị Thu Khuê Nguyễn Hải Nguyên Đỗ Bạch Dương Bùi Đức Minh Phạm Quốc An Nguyễn Ngọc Phương Uyên Nguyễn Minh Hoàng Lê Quang Huy Nguyễn Hạnh Chi Phương Anh Trần Anh Quân Nguyễn Trung Hiếu

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3.Track and Field

Age	Category	Medal	Name of Winners
Under 12	Individual Unassisted	Gold	Đỗ Minh Nhật
		Silver	Nguyễn Trường Thắng
		Bronze	Lại Hà Khánh Ngọc
Under 12	Individual Assisted	Gold	Trần Xuân Bảo Long
		Silver	Phùng Gia Khánh
		Bronze	Nguyễn Ngọc Phương Uyên
Over 12	Boy	Gold	Phạm Đức Phú
		Silver	Lê Quang Huy
		Bronze	Trần Đức Bình
Over 12	Girl	Gold	Đinh Thị Thu Khuê
		Silver	Nguyễn Minh Anh
		Bronze	Nguyễn Thị Phương Thảo

LIST OF GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Vietnam Autism Network - Province Representatives

- ◆ Saigon Autism Network
- ◆ Vung Tau Autism Network
- ◆ Danang Autism Network
- ◆ Thanh Hoa Autism Network
- ◆ Nghe An Autism Network
- ◆ Hai Phong Autism Network
- ◆ Quang Ninh Autism Network
- ◆ Bac Ninh Autism Network
- ◆ Thai Nguyen Autism Network
- ◆ Thai Binh Autism Network
- ◆ Vinh Phuc Autism Network

Center for Autism Intervention

- ◆ Anh Sao Mai Kindergarten
- ◆ Center for Counseling and Care for Mental Disorder
- ◆ Nang Mai Kindergarten
- ◆ Albert Einstein Center
- ◆ Happy House Inclusive Kindergarten
- ◆ A. Grand House Classroom
- ◆ Child Integration Education Center
- ◆ Tottochan Kindergarten
- ◆ Esith Kindergarten
- ◆ Myoko Kindergarten
- ◆ Sunrise for Art School
- ◆ Tue Tam Center
- ◆ Anh Duong Center
- ◆ Laboratory Classroom - Vietnam Institute of Educational Science

MEDIA COVERAGE

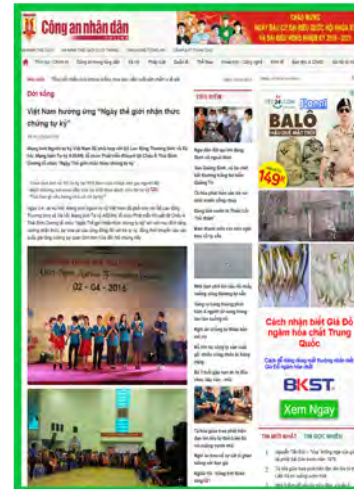
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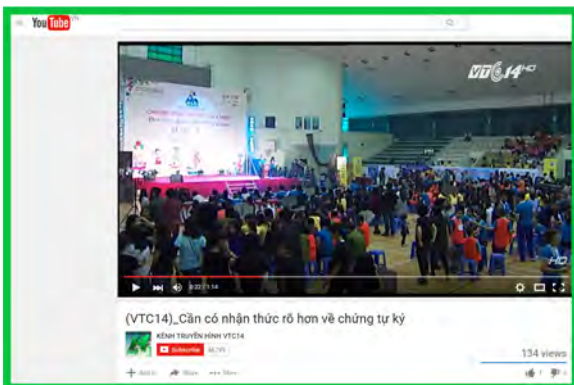
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VIDEOS



Trailer: 1st Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4-lgk6N2GI>



Raising Autism Awareness
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SEqAElitdA>



1st Viet Nam Autism Awareness Day: Memories
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R8rnP7pGFk>

PHOTO GALLERY

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