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STUDY MISSION ON CODIFICATION, CONSOLIDATION AND LEGAL REFORM
MISSION SCHEDULE

Washington D.C. May 8 - 13, 2010
San Francisco, CA May 13 - 15, 2010

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MISSION PARTICIPANTS:

Mr. Ha Hung Cuong	Minister of Justice (MOJ) – Head of delegation
Mr. Ngo Tu Nam	Deputy Chairman, Law Committee, National Assembly
Mr. Le Thanh Long	General Director, Department of General Affairs on Legislative Development, Ministry of Justice
Mr. Nguyen Khanh Ngoc	Deputy (Acting) General Director, International Relations Dept., Ministry of Justice
Mr. Tran Tien Dung	vice General Director, General Affair Dept. Secretary to the Minister of Justice
Mrs. Nguyen Thi Kim Thoa	Deputy Director, Administrative and Criminal Law Dept., Ministry of Justice
Mr. Tran Van Loi	Senior Expert, Department of General Affairs on Legislative Development, Ministry of Justice
Mr. Nguyen Thai Son	Deputy Director, Legal Dept., the Office of the Government
Mr. Tu Vinh Trung	Partner, Quoc Luat Law Firm

USAID/VIETNAM STAFF ACCOMPANYING THE MISSION:

Mr. Brian Wittnebel	Private Enterprise Officer, USAID/Washington (DC program only)
Mr. Michael Foster	Supervisory Program Officer, USAID/Vietnam (CA program only)
Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy	Economic Growth Program Management Specialist, USAID/Vietnam

USAID/STAR VIETNAM AND VNCI ACCOMPANYING THE MISSION:

Mr. John Bentley	Chief Legal Advisor, USAID/STAR-Vietnam
Mr. Phan Vinh Quang	Deputy Project Director, USAID/STAR-Vietnam
Ms. Phan Cam Tu	Legal Advisor, USAID/STAR-Vietnam
Ms. Vo Thi Lan Phuong	Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI)

U.S. - VIETNAM TRADE COUNCIL SUPPORT TEAM IN WASHINGTON, DC

Ms. Virginia Foote	President, U.S. - Vietnam Trade Council
Mr. Robert Schiffer	Executive Vice President, U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council
Ms. Tran Thi Hong Ha	Senior Program Consultant, U.S. - Vietnam Trade Council
Mr. Joseph House	Program Assistant, U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council

Objective: To study the policy framework and practices on codification, consolidation and legal reform. The Mission wants to learn from the U.S. methodology and experiences in codifying the U.S. federal and state laws and regulations;

To explore opportunities for further cooperation on legal reform programs to support Vietnam to further improve its legal system.

Background: Vietnam has made tremendous and successful efforts to modernize its legal system and accede to the WTO in January 2007 and then to implement its commitments under the WTO Agreements and the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The landmark 2008 Law on Laws sets new standards for transparency in making laws and regulations that, for the first time in Vietnam's history, mandate a 60-day public comment period for all national level laws and regulations and require that all national level laws and regulations must be published in the Official Gazette to be valid. Despite these positive developments, overlapping and contradicting legal provisions, as well as the difficulty in determining which provisions are valid or invalid, remain a problem in Vietnam which significantly hinders development of a modern legal system and implementation of WTO/BTA commitments. With a view to tackle this key problem, the 2008 Law on Laws also mandates codification and consolidation of legal provisions by subject matter. The U.S. federal and state codification and consolidation experiences are highly valuable learning opportunities for Vietnam, and, hence, this Study Mission for the Minister of Justice and concerned officials has been organized.

Dates: May 7th to May 15th, 2010

Proposed Focus of Activities:

- Overview of the U.S. legal, judicial system and U.S. federal and state experiences of codification and consolidation of laws and regulations
- Key elements of successful codification and consolidation based on the U.S. experience
- Laws and regulations enabling codification in Congress, Federal Government and State
- The history and benefits of codification and consolidation to greatly improve consistency, predictability, security and stability of the legal system from the perspective of law makers and law implementation agencies
- Institutional arrangement, methodology and skills for developing the initial code

- Institutional arrangement, methodology and skills for maintaining the code after the first establishment
- Legal validity of the codes.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MAY 7 – HANOI – WASHINGTON, DC

9:00 PM Delegation Group 1 meets at Noi Bai Airport
 11:30 PM Depart for DC via Japan (Flight No JL 752)

SATURDAY, MAY 8 - HANOI - WASHINGTON, DC

3:35 PM Group 1 arrives in Washington IAD Airport
 (Airport pick-up arrange by USAID/STAR)

RON (GROUP 1&2) **CARLYLE SUITES HOTEL**
 1731 New Hampshire Ave., N.W
 Washington, DC 20009
 Tel: 202.518.5006
 Fax: 202.332.1488

9:00 PM Delegation Group 2 meets at Noi Bai Airport
 11:30 PM Depart for DC via Japan (Flight No JL 752)

SUNDAY, MAY 9 – WASHINGTON, DC

10:00 – 5:00 PM Group 1 Free

3:35 PM Group 2 arrives in Washington IAD Airport
 (Airport pick-up arrange by USAID/STAR)

7:00 -9:00 PM WELCOME DINNER

 Venue: Minh Restaurant
 2500 Wilson Blvd
 Arlington, VG 22201
 Tel: 703-525-2828

MONDAY, MAY 10 – WASHINGTON D.C.

8:45 AM Meet at Hotel lobby

9:00 – 11:30 AM OVERVIEW BRIEFING WITH USAID/STAR TEAM
Mr. John Bentley
Ms. Phan Cam Tu
Mr. Phan Vinh Quang

Venue: U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council Office
Suite 300
1025 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: 202-580-6950

11:30 – 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 – 1:45 PM Back to Hotel

2:00 – 4:30 PM OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER (OFR)

Mr. Raymond Mosley, Director Office of the Federal Register
Ms. Amy Bunk, Director of Legal Affairs and Policy
Mr. Jim Wickliffe, Supervisor, Scheduling Unit
Ms. Ann Workey, Chief, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration

(Briefing and discussion on Introduction of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) history and CFR's institutional arrangements by the Director, Managing Editor; Chief Counsel and Codification Unit Chief of the Federal Register; Tour of the National Archives)

Venue: National Archives and Record Administration
8th and Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20439
Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the Archives building
Tel: 202-741-6025 | Fax: 202-741-6012
(Contact: Amy Bunk BB: 202-271-8041 | Fax: 202-741-6012
Email: amy.bunk@nara.gov or abunk@gpo.gov)

5:00 – 6:00 PM MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LE CONG PHUNG (Delegation only)

Embassy of Vietnam
1233 20th Street NW
Washington DC 20016
Tel: 1 202 861 0737
(Contact: Counselor, Head of Political Section

Tel: 202 861 0737 Ext: 230 | Cell: 202 445 527
Email: dzungdang@vietnamembassy.us)

7:00 PM DINNER HOSTED BY AMB. LE CONG PHUNG (Delegation only)

Venue: Malibu restaurant
5715 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA
Tel: 703- 379-0587
Contact: Counselor, Head of Political Section
dzungdang@vietnamembassy.us
Tel: 202 861 0737 Ext: 230/ Cell: 202 445 527

Evening OPEN

TUESDAY, MAY 11 - WASHINGTON, DC

8:30 AM Meet at Hotel Lobby

9:00 – 11:00 AM OFFICE OF LAW REVISION COUNSEL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Raymond W. Kaselonis, Jr., Assistant Counsel

Mr. John F. Wagner Jr., Assistant Counsel

(Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives which maintains the U.S. Code and prepares new Code Titles for enactment by the U.S. Congress into "positive law," whereby the underlying laws are replaced by the Code Title to discuss the concept of positive law codification, the structure and objectives of codification bills for submission to the House Judiciary Committee, and other codification issues)

Venue: Office of the Law Revision Counsel

U.S. House of Representative

H2-308 Ford HOB

Washington, DC 20525

Tel: 202-226-2419

11:00 – 1:00PM LUNCH

PM *Divide in 2 groups:*

1:30 – 3:30 PM GROUP 1: MEETING WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli

Mr. Bruce Swartz Deputy, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Stewart C. Robinson, Principal Deputy Director

Ms. Rosemary A. Hart, Sepacial Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel

Mr. Brian Hauck, Senior Counsel

Mr. Kevin R. Johns, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy

Ms. Laurence H. Tribe, Senior Counselor for Access to Justice

Tour of the building (2:45-3:15 PM)

(Minister's Group: Meeting at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) on the role of the DOJ in codification and other matters of mutual interest to the MOJ and DOJ)

Venue: U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Conference Room 2216

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530-0001

(Contact: Marchelle P. Moore, Executive Assistant, Criminal Division

Direct: 202-514-2825 | 202-514-2333 | Fax: 202-514-0108

Email: Marchelle.p.moore@usdoj.gov)

1:30 – 3:30 PM

GROUP 2: OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER

(MOJ Codification and Consolidation Drafting Team Editing Group at OFR to see how the process of codification is actually carried out and learn the staffing expertise and supervision arrangements required)

Venue: Suite 700

800 North Capitol Street, NW

Washington DC 20001

Tel: 202-741-6025 /Fax: 202-741-6012

(Contact: Amy Bunk - Director of Legal Affairs and Policy

Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration

BB: 202-271-8041 | Email: amy.bunk@nara.gov or abunk@gpo.gov)

4:00 – 5:00 PM

MEETING WITH HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Mr. George Slover, Congressional Staffer

Office of Senator John Conyers, Jr.

(Will discuss handling of codification bills and parliamentary procedures for their passage and other lawmaking procedures, as well as current legal-judicial reforms in U.S. and Vietnam.)

Venue: 2426 Rayburn H.O.B. (Rayburn House Office Building)
Washington, DC 20515
Tel: 202-225-5126 | Fax: 202-225-0072
(Contact: George Slover or Diana Oo - Tel: 202-225-3951)

Evening OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - WASHINGTON, DC

8:30 AM Meet at Hotel Lobby

9:00 – 11:30 AM MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Mr. Mark Lawyer, Federal Register Liaison Officer
Ms. Amy Bunk, Director of Legal Affairs and Policy
Mr. Jim Wickliffe, Supervisor, Scheduling Unit

(Meeting with a major U.S. federal government agency that drafts regulations for codification in the CFR, including the agency's liaison officer with the Federal Register on the CFR to discuss codification and the CFR from the agency's perspective: How it interact with the OFR in drafting regulations and how the CFR benefits it in its regular work. OFR will host the meeting and participate. DOI does not have conference facilities available for this time.)

Venue: Office of the Federal Register
800 North Capital Street, NW
Suite 700 | Washington, DC 20001
(Contact: Contact: Amy Bunk - Director of Legal Affairs and Policy
Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration
Email: amy.bunk@nara.gov or abunk@gpo.gov |BB: 202-271-8041)

(Note: Lunch will be brought in at 11:00 AM)

12:00 – 1:00 PM MEETING WITH SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Mr. Tim Reiser, Senator Leahy's Foreign Policy

(Meeting to discuss processing of codification bills and parliamentary procedures for their passage and other lawmaking procedures; current legal-judicial reforms in U.S. and Vietnam)

Venue: U.S. Senate

433 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510
(Contact: Tim Reiser Tel: 202-224-3121 | Congressional Switchboard
Email: Tim_Rieser@appro.senate.gov)

1:30 – 3:00 PM MEETING WITH SUPREME COURT

Justice Stephen G. Breyer

(Discussion on organization, jurisdiction and role of the Supreme Court as well as the position and powers of individual Justices.)

Venue: Supreme Court of the United States
East Conference Room
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543
(Contact: Toni Daluge - Tel: 202-479-2977 | Email: tdaluge@supremecourt.gov)

Evening: OPEN

THURSDAY, MAY 13 – WASHINGTON, DC – SAN FRANCISCO

9:30 AM Meet at Hotel Lobby

9:00 -10:00 AM MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs: Maria Otero

Venue: U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street NW
Washington DC, 20520
(Contact: Marc Forino – Tel: 202-647-4023 | Cell: 202-436-5209
Email: ForinoM@state.gov)

10:00 – 11:00 MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE (TBD)
Counselor Affairs Department

Venue: U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street NW
Washington DC, 20520
(Contact: Marc Forino – Tel: 202-647-4023 | Cell: 202-436-5209
Email: ForinoM@state.gov)

12:30 - 1:00PM Back to Hotel and check out

1:30 PM Depart to IAD Airport

3:30 PM Depart to San Francisco (Flight No UA 975)

8: 30 PM Arrive in San Francisco International Airport
(Airport pick-up arranged by USVTC)

RON **SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, KIMPTON HOTEL**
450 Powell Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel: 415- 601-9608 | Fax: 415-677-9341
www.sirfrancisdrake.com

FRIDAY, MAY 14 – SAN FRANCISCO, CA

8:30 AM Meet at Hotel Lobby

9:00 – 12:00 AM THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (OAL)
Mr. Michael McNamer, Director of Training for the OAL
Baker & McKenzie LLP.

(Meeting at Baker and McKenzie Office with codification experts from OAL in Sacramento to discuss the establishment and maintenance of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) plus lawyers/end users of the CCR and CFR)

Venue: Baker and McKenzie LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 11 Floors
San Francisco, CA 94111
(Contact: Lothar Determan, Partner | Tel: 415-576-3000
Email: Lothar.Derermann@bakermckenzie.com)

12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH

4:30 – 6:30 PM MEETING WITH CONSULATE GENERAL OF VIETNAM IN SAN FRANCISCO
Consul General Tran Quoc Hung

Venue: 1700 California Street, Suite 430
San Francisco, CA 94109
Tel. 415-922-1577| Fax 415-922-1848

EVENING OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY 15 - SAN FRANCISCO, CA

9:00 AM Depart Hotel to SFO International Airport
12:38 PM Depart for Vietnam via Hong Kong (Flight No UA 869)

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Ha Tran (USVTC)	San Francisco	Mobile: 415-860-1626 VN: (+84)-913-574-202
John Bentley (USAID/STAR) Tu (STAR Vietnam) Quang (STAR Vietnam)		Mobile: 415-568-1343
Hotel in Washington DC	CARLYLE SUITES HOTEL 1731 New Hampshire Ave., N.W Washington, DC 20009	Tel: 202 -518-5006 Fax: 202-332-1488
Embassy of Vietnam in DC	1233 20 th Street NW Washington DC 20016	Tel: 202-861-0737
Boston Coach	Transportation	Tel: 800- 672-7676 Fax: 617-381-7636
Transportation in SF	www.gatewaylimousine.com Boston Coach Sub Contractor	Tel: 650 697 5548
Taxi in Washington	Diamond Yellow	Tel: 202-387-6200 Tel: 202-544-1212
Taxi in San Francisco	Yellow Cabs Luxor Cabs	Tel: 415-333-3333 Tel: 415-282-4141
Hotel in San Francisco	SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, KIMPTON 450 Powell Street San Francisco, CA 94102	Tel: 415-601-9608 Fax: 415-677-9341

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Group 1:

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6 UA 975 13MAY 4 IADSFO HK3 1735 2031 13MAY
7 UA 869 15MAY 6 SFOHKG HK3 1238 1805 16MAY
8 HX 518 16MAY 7 HKGHAN HK3 2205 2305 16MAY

Group 2:

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4 UA 975 C 13MAY 4 IADSFO HK1 1735 2031 13MAY
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