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MEASURES TO CURB ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VIETNAM

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Road Traffic Accidents in Vietnam

- In 2012, Vietnam recorded 35,800 cases of road accidents, reducing about 7,330 cases or 11,99% ; about 9,509 fatalities, a reduction of 1,528 fatalities or 13,84%; and 37,736 injuries, a decrease of 9,477, about 20,07%, as compared with those in 2011.
- ✓ According to national statistics on road vehicles, in 2012, Vietnam had 38 million of road vehicles, including more than 1,9 million of cars.
- ✓ 95% are motorcycles
- ✓ About 7,500 new motorcycle are registered a day
- ✓ More than 500 vehicles are registered a day

■ *Source: NTSC (March,2013)*

Road Traffic Accident Causes

- Traffic safety awareness of road users is limited. 80% of road accidents are related to human errors,
- Road traffic administration, management, driver management is insufficient. It needs to be improved .
- Enforcement is not strong enough. With the promulgation of Decrees No. 34 (2010), 71 (2012), and 171 (2013), the punishment levels increase from 40% to 200%,
- Motorisation speed is increasing rapidly (6% in 2013);
- Engineering development cannot cope with the motorisation speed...

National road safety strategy has been built

- Government approval of the strategy for road traffic safety up to 2020 and Vision 2030 with the goal of reducing from 5 to 10% per annum (Decision 1586/QĐ-CP dated Oct. 2012).
- To achieve the target, the strong solutions and measures should be taken.

Five Pillars Legislation System on Road Safety (Updated)

**Enhancing
RS manage-
- ment**

**Improvement
of road engin-
neering**

**Vehicle
safety**

**Road users
safety**

**Post
Crash care**

**Enhancing
RS manage-
ment**

- Enhancing road traffic management and operations.
- Project to improve the management of road transportation towards modernization and effectiveness for a better transport service while reducing road traffic accidents (Decision No.860/QĐ-BGTVT on 4 April 2013.)

- Instruction No.12/CT-TTg on 23 June, 2013 on the strengthening of measures to curb traffic accidents happened in the transportation activities
- National plan on setting up stations to control over-weighed vehicles on national road system up to 2020 and vision 2030 (Decision No. 1502/QĐ – TTg on 11 October, 2012)
- Decision No.1526/QĐ-BGTVT on 5 June, 2013 to approve the plan setting up stations to control over-weighed vehicles on national road system up to the year 2015

**Improvement
of road engi-
neering**

- Amended Transport Development Strategy up to 2020 and vision 2030 (Decision No. 355/ QĐ-TTg on 25 February, 2013).
- Amended Road Transport Strategy up to 2020 and vision 2030 No.356/ QĐ-TTg on 25 February, 2013.
- Amended plan of transport development of Ho Chi Minh City up to 2020 and after 2020 (Decision No.568/ QĐ-TTg on 8 April, 2013).

**Vehicle
safety**

- Project to control emission from motorcycles participating in traffic circulation at big cities in Viet Nam (Decision No 909/ QĐ-TTg on 17 June, 2010).
- Circular No. 42/2012/TT-BGTVT on the responsibility and treatment of violations in vehicles audit on 16 October, 2012.
- Circular No.56/2012/TT-BGTVT on 27 Dec., 2012 on regulations of technical safety audit and environment protection.

**Road
users
safety**

- Project to improve the quality of training, testing, driving licensing in order to reduce road accidents and traffic congestion (Decision 513/ QĐ-BGTVT on 25 March, 2012)
- Joint Circular between Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transport in working out health criteria of persons who will drive transport vehicles such as cars, buses...

**Post
Crash care**

- National planning of transport EMS system up to 2020 and vision 2030 which is issued by Ministry of Transport (Decision 694/ QĐ-BGTVT on 3 April, 2012).
- National strategy of EMS stations along National Express ways System in Viet Nam up to 2020 (Decision No.1203/ QĐ-TTg on 19 July 2013, which is issued by the Government on 19 July, 2013 with the main objectives:

- To complete the EMS system on the provinces which the Expressways pass by
 - To increase EMS capacity building for policemen, transport inspectors, road surveyors, drivers, Red Cross volunteers
 - The period up to 2015: to upgrade 50% of existing EMS stations along the Expressways.
 - To set up a trial EMS regional center
- The period 2016 – 2020:
- To ensure the establishment of an EMS station every 50km of the Expressways
 - To build two more EMS regional centers

Stronger traffic safety management by the Government

A Deputy Prime Minister was appointed as Chairman of the National Traffic Safety committee (NTSC). Two Vice Chairmen come from MOT and MOPS. Minister of Transport is the first Vice Chairman.

- The NTSC members are different representatives from Ministries and Agencies like MOT, MOPS, MOH, MOF, MOJ etc. MOT is the standing institution of NTSC.
- Provincial traffic safety committees of 63 provinces and cities have been strengthened, each with three persons who work fulltime and specializing in the related fields.
- The National Road accident Data Centre is being built under the WB – funded project on Road Safety (VRSP).

Road accidents related to DD in Viet Nam 2012

- Alcohol as a risk factor for road trauma
 - Official reports, 6-8% of crashes associated with alcohol
 - 34% (2003) of road traffic deaths had a BAC above 0.08g/dl
 - Breath testing in hospital ED patients, 60% injured had BAC over 0.05g/dl
 - Blood testing of road traffic injured patients has found between 25%-47% motorcycle riders over the limit.

Legislation for drink driving prevention in Viet Nam

- Road Safety Law 2008
 - Motorcycle riders
 - Reduced BAC threshold from 0.08g/dl blood to 0.05g or BAC 0.25mg/L breath
 - All other vehicles
 - Reduced BAC threshold from 0.08g/dl blood to ZERO
 - Corrected error in previously defined partition rate
 - BAC 40mg/L breath in 2001 law corrected and reduced to 0.25mg
- Decree 34, Decree 71
 - Specifies the penalties applicable for breaches of road safety law
 - Penalties applying to DD in following table

Current penalty legislation (Revised Decree 71)

Offence	Fine (VND)	License suspension	Vehicle	Level	revision 2012
DD driver passenger vehicle	600,000-800,000	60 days (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	None	BAC >0.05g/dl	Fines to increase to 2-3 million, license suspension to reduce to 30 days but introduction of 10 days vehicle impoundment
DD driver passenger vehicle	2-3 million	30 days; 60 days (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	10 days	BAC 0.05-0.08g/dl	Increase fines to 8-10 million VND 60 day license suspension 10 day vehicle impoundment
DD driver passenger vehicle	4-6 million	60 days (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	None	BAC >0.08g/dl	Increase fines to 15-25 million VND
DD driver transport vehicle	400,000-600,000	30 day suspension; 60 day suspension (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	None	BAC >0.05g/dl	Increase fines to 600-800,000, 30 day license suspension 10 days vehicle impoundment
DD driver transport vehicle	1-3 million	60 day suspension (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	10 days	BAC 0.05-0.08g/dl	Increase fines to 2-3 million
DD motorcycle rider	200,000-400,000	60 day suspension (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	None	BAC 0.05-0.08g/dl	Increase fines to 500,000-1 million VND 30 day license suspension 10 day vehicle impoundment.
DD motorcycle rider	500,000-1 million	30 day suspension; 60 day suspension (injury) indefinite if causing serious injury	10 days	BAC >0.08g/dl	Increase fines to 2-3 million VND

Prompt actions to be taken

- To launch the National Traffic Safety Year in each year starting from 2012...2014 and afterwards.
- To implement other different measures to curb traffic accidents, fatalities and injures ;
- To strengthen the relationship among and between Vietnamese partners with foreign stakeholders inside and outside the country;
- To set up networking in road safety among the Asian and European regions./.



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