

Joint Media Release

VADA's First UNESCO National Project on Anti-Doping Awareness and Education with support from JADA and SEA RADO

The Vietnam Anti-Doping Agency (VADA) completed the first ever anti-doping education and awareness-raising session with the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEA RADO) and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA).

Two Education workshops were held each for two days in both Ho Chi Minh City (South) and Hanoi (North) respectively and attended by a total of 70 participants from the national training centres, sport universities and provincial sport centres. The VADA's education workshop was funded by the UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport, which was the first national project to be implemented in the Southeast Asian region.

The Seminar was opened by Prof Dr Phuong, Vice President of Vietnam Olympic Committee and Director of HoChiMinh City Sports University, and he remarked:

"The training workshops provide a great opportunity not only for the participants but also for those working in the sports field to get more ideas in planning educational programmes in the near future. We hope that there will be more courses in the future to improve awareness on anti-doping".

The Seminar began with Dr. Nguyen Van Ly, Director of VADA, outlining the development of anti-doping programme in Vietnam, followed by Dr. Ninh who explained the overview of the anti-doping programme.



Mr. Gobi Nair, Director General of SEA RADO, spoke on the current issues, development and challenges in anti-doping and also introduced the available resources on anti-doping. Dr. Mayumi YaYa Yamamoto, Senior Manager of Education & Planning then stressed the development of programme for education and information delivery and shared the experiences from Japan.

Participants also had chances to work in groups and discussed the following: their target groups; their roles in sport and with athletes and athletes support personnel; and the possible programme areas that they envisage to develop in short, mid, and long-term. The participants then gave presentations from the discussion sessions and also highlighted the needs and challenges. Participants were very enthusiastic and highlighted the need to have more such sessions and also to work with VADA to ensure their athletes and support personnel are aware of doping issues and on what it takes to have clean athletes



Dr. Ly mentioned that “We are delighted to have the first education workshop in Vietnam along with JADA and SEA RADO. Although this is the first time for Vietnam to hold the education session, we hope to continue developing the programme by keeping the momentum of the participants.”



VADA plans to extend its capacity for education programme and to hold an Outreach Programme at the National Sport Games in December.

About:

Vietnam Anti-Doping Agency (VADA)

Vietnam signed the Copenhagen Declaration in 2004 and The Vietnam Anti-Doping Agency (VADA) was founded in 2011 as the sole responsible body for anti-doping under the General Administration of Sports. VADA's responsibilities include the implementation of anti-doping education and doping control test programmes.

Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA)

The Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) was founded in 2001 as the cooperative effort of all stakeholders in Japan. Supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), JADA endeavours to lead the anti-doping activity with its key activity areas of education, awareness raising, research, doping control and the JADA Sports Pharmacist Program. It strives to promote and strengthened a value-based education programme in Japan in view of development of people and society through sport.

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Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEA RADO)

The Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEA RADO) was established by National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and Government representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam with the assistance of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on 30 November 2006 in Doha, Qatar. The SEA RADO office is currently hosted in Singapore.

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