

Joint Media Release

## **Vietnam Athlete Support Personnel Highlighted their Roles and Responsibilities for 2015 Code implementation:**

### **VADA, JADA and SEA RADO delivered on the Second UNESCO National Project on Anti-Doping Awareness and Education**



The Vietnam Anti-Doping Agency (VADA) completed the second national project through the UNESCO Fund Elimination of Doping in Sport and conducted anti-doping education and awareness-raising session for the athletes support personnel with the experts from the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) and the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEA RADO).

Two seminar sessions were held over two-days in both Hanoi and Da Nang respectively, participated by a total of around 70 athlete support personnel from the national federations, provincial sports department, national and provincial training centres and sport universities.

The seminar was aimed to implement the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code at the federations and provincial levels, followed by signing the “Vietnam Anti-Doping Agreement”. JADA has been assisting the development of Vietnamese anti-doping programme since 2012.



In the opening, Dr. Nguyen Van Ly, Director of VADA, emphasised the implementation of 2015 Code and the Vietnam Anti-Doping Agreement, through which the athletes can be protected more in advance with the updated and accurate information on anti-doping rules.

Dr. Mayumi YaYa Yamamoto, Senior Manager of Policy, Strategy & International Relations and Planning & Education, illustrated the global anti-doping movement and explained the World

Anti-Doping Code, as well as the roles and responsibilities of athlete support personnel. Mr. Gobi Nair, Director General of SEA RADO, spoke on the regional effort on the development of anti-doping programme and shared the good practice.

It was the first time for the Vietnamese athletes invited to speak in front of the Vietnamese national and provincial delegates. In Hanoi, Mr. Nguyen Van Lai, who broke the 5,000m SEA Games record in 2015 Singapore after 22-years, spoke on his commitment in clean sport ever since his talent was 'found' in the army when he served as a cook. He emphasised "training hard, competing well – this will give the young athletes good results."



In Da Nang, Mr. Hoang Anh Tuan, who won 56kg weightlifting Silver in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games but tested positive in 2010 World Championships, attended the seminar and spoke about his experience. He emphasised that "Athletes should be liable to what they take. With my experience, I hope to deliver the information on anti-doping after the seminar and I will pass on the information to the young athletes."



The participants were split into the group to discuss the implementation plan at their respective organisation. To provide the points of considerations for the development of programme, first, the Japanese experience on the 2015 Code implementation was shared, especially on the 'Information' and 'Education' Programme and the way priorities and targets are set depending on the age and level of performances.



Highlighting the differences between the rules-based information and the values-based education programmes, JADA's Manga "NINJUDGE" movie clip (which does not rely on the language) was used to transmit the values message in sport.

The participants then discussed their target groups and priorities to develop a programme with a short and long-term plan. The participants then presented from the discussion group and also highlighted the needs and challenges. The



participants stressed their roles and responsibilities and the importance of working with VADA to ensure their athletes and support personnel are well informed of the rules and to promote the clean sport for the Vietnamese society.

The participants are expected to implement the information and education program on anti-doping next year. They will request the assistance from VADA, JADA and SEA RADO on their implementation plan, such as sending the experts or developing the materials.

Dr. Ly mentioned that “This was the second UNESCO Fund seminar in Vietnam along with JADA and SEA RADO. We are aiming to implement the 2015 Code and now that the officials and support personnel of training centre and provincial offices have obtained the updated information, I hope that we can create an anti-doping network after the seminar.”

VADA plans to implement its Action Plan up to 2020, including their plan for 2016 Asian Beach Games. JADA and SEA RADO will continue to assist VADA in the development of its capacity and anti-doping programme.



## **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 programme.

### **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 Sports Agency of Japanese Government (previously 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 Programme. It strives to promote and strengthened a value-based education programme in Japan in view of development of people and society through sport. JADA is delivering PLAY TRUE 2020, Sport for Tomorrow, Tokyo 2020 Games legacy project, and capacity development is one of the central project areas.

<http://www.playtruejapan.org/>

<http://playtrue2020-sp4t.jp/>

### **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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