



Vietnam Autism Network Recommendations

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We, the representatives of people with autism, their parents, family members, representatives of autism-related clubs and organizations, with more than 70 persons, gathered in Hanoi, Vietnam from 29 to 30 August 2013 to attend the Workshop on the Roadmap for the Establishment of the Vietnam Autism Network (VAN) with the theme “Towards a friendly community for people with Autism”. It was our honor that H.E. Mr. Nguyen Trong Dam, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam, kindly opened and attended the Workshop. The Workshop participants reached consensus and established the Vietnam Autism Network.

In line with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” in Asia and the Pacific, the Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community and the proclaimed ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2011-2020, the ASEAN Strategic Framework for Social Welfare and Development, 2011-2015, the Bandar Seri Begawan Recommendations on Autism and the Law on Persons with Disabilities of Vietnam, we have strived to raise the voice of people with autism, their parents and family members. Our commitment was shared for the establishment of the Vietnam Autism Network throughout the Workshop, with the theme “Act for Autism Now”.

In view of the stated perspectives, the Workshop recommends as follows:

1. Autism should be considered in laws, policies and programs relating to disability and development by the Government of Vietnam;
2. According to the needs of people with autism and their family members, opportunities for education, health care, social welfare, vocational training and employment should be provided to persons with autism in collaboration with experts and professionals on autism;
3. Research on autism should be conducted continuously to support the effective planning, implementation and evaluation of necessary measures;



4. Capacity-building training should be available for people with autism, their parents and other family members, social workers and policy makers to effectively response to their needs;
5. Standardized methods to assess autism and evidence-based interventions should be introduced in Vietnam;
6. In partnerships with the Government of Vietnam through the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and Training, the Vietnam Federation on Disability, other relevant agencies/organizations in Vietnam, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability, the ASEAN Autism Network and other regional/international partners, the Vietnam Autism Network should be strengthened to effectively implement its action plans toward creating favorable environment for people in autism who wish to live in a community independently;

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the organizers: the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam (MoLISA), the Vietnamese Federation on Disability (VFD), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) and the ASEAN Autism Network (AAN). We also appreciate the support from the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) in organization of this Workshop.

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