

**VICE MINISTER NGUYEN VAN CONG'S SPEECH ON THE
LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT CONFERENCE TO EXCHANGE BEST
PRACTICES ON REGULATIONS AND EXPERIENCES IN ASEAN
REGION**

*Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Transport of Vietnam, I warmly welcome distinguished delegates attending the Logistics and Transport Conference to Exchange Best Practices on Regulations and Experiences in ASEAN Region today.

As you know, in line with the trend international integration, the demand for economic cooperation, trade and movement of goods among countries in the world in general and the ASEAN region in particular also increased strongly. This requires the ASEAN member countries to constantly develop the system of transport and logistics and more importantly to work together to build a system of transport and logistics connects closely with each other across the region. To contribute to the implementation of the objectives mentioned above, with funding from the Japan-ASEAN Integration (JAIF), Department of Transportation and Communications of Philippines, Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam, ASEAN Secretariat co-organize the Logistics and Transport Conference to Exchange Best Practices on Regulations and Experiences in ASEAN Region today to create a forum for policy makers, experts, speakers and transport and logistics enterprises of the ASEAN countries and to share experiences and discuss plans to strengthen transport connections and logistics services in the ASEAN region in the near future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In order to implement the plan to establish the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015, transport and logistics connections were identified by ASEAN countries as one of the focused areas. Many policies to facilitate the transport and logistics services in the member states obtained positive results such as deployment of ASEAN logistics integration plan, negotiations to open the service sectors of transport and logistics within the framework of the AFAS commitments package. This not only creates more opportunities for the transport and logistics business of the member countries to expand business, creating fair

competition, bringing many benefits to service users but also contribute to the development and improvement of supply chain systems in the region.

However, in order to achieve integration goals that ASEAN has set, the immediate task for ASEAN member countries would meet not a few difficulties. In addition to the internal problems of the country's resources to develop logistics systems, there are other challenges, such as regional differences in levels of development, the differences in the domestic laws of each country on transport and logistics services, ... I hope that, at this conference, participants can share openly their experiences as well as find solutions to the problems in connection with transportation services and logistics sector on the basis of harmony and benefits to all member countries.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,*

With the close cooperation and support of other ASEAN members, in recent years, Vietnam has actively participated in the integration of transport and logistics sector as an active and responsible member. Along with other countries, Vietnam has so far completed the offer of transport subsectors and logistics package requested by the 9th AFAS commitment package and pledged to complete the 10th commitments Package. We also hope to continue to receive valuable experience sharing, collaboration and support from you to improve transport and logistics services while contributing their own to improve the quality of transport services loading and logistics in the region.

On this occasion, I would like to thank the Department of Transportation and Communications of the Philippines who has completed the project proposal, and working closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry of Transport of Vietnam to host workshop today. I would also like to thank Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund has funded for the organization of this conference and a special thank you to all delegates to attend the conference. I hope that, in addition to attending the conference, you will have a great time in Hanoi - the city for peace.

Finally, wish you good health and success.

Thank you!